Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 1 March 2012

Questions Under Standing Order A13

Question (1) by Councillor Pountney to the Executive Lead for Business Planning and Governance – Councillor Pritchard	Can you advise me by how many FTE positions the Councils staffing levels have been reduced over the last 3 years, and how many of these reductions resulted in some form of redundancy.
Question (2) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport – Councillor Excell	As the council only director on the Riviera International Conference Centre please can you inform the council what new initiatives you will be suggesting in order to cut costs?
Question (3) by Councillor Darling to the Executive Lead for Strategic Planning, Housing and Energy - Councillor Thomas (D)	Months ago I was led to believe that the Local Authority planned to start consultation on the Core Strategy, a key component of the Local Development Framework. in January 2012. Can you please explain why this delay has occurred? As it results in the evidence reducing in validity due to the passage of time and the Council exposing its self to inappropriate development.
Question (4) by Councillor Cowell to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration – Mayor Oliver	During recent debates in a variety of places you and some of your colleagues have referred to the number of jobs involved at the RICC. Numbers of anything between 90 and 200 have been quoted. Can you confirm how many full-time and part-time staff there are currently at the Centre and how many casual staff (in terms of equivalent full-time) have been engaged in the past 12 months?
Question (5) by Councillor Cowell to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport – Councillor Excell	In light of the Portas Report in to our nation's town centres and the recent controversy over parking meters and higher fees, will the Mayor accept that a thorough review of Parking fees and strategy should be an integral part of the work being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Planning Forums? And does he agree with me that this important piece of work, that should include an assessment on both the possible financial impact upon car parking income and the economic benefit to trade, could form part of immediate plans for town centre regeneration?