



Coventry City Council

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## **Council Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

**Booklet 3**

Questions

1.	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Taylor</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION</b></p> <p>Given this Council's all party support in opposition to post office privatisation would the leader inquire as to why this has not been vigorously supported by Coventry MPs in the House of Commons?</p>	
2.	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Townshend</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Foster</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Would the Deputy Leader of the Council confirm the precise amount of legal costs by way of costs, vat, and disbursements, including Counsels and Leading Counsels fees that the City Council has incurred in the five municipal years preceding the date of this request in connection with the issue of Single Status including but not limited to the proceedings to date in the Employment Tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal?</p> <p>Would the Deputy Leader of the Council confirm what such costs amount to when applied to each household in the City?</p> <p>Would the Deputy Leader of the Council state what provision or advice as to the amount of provision has been given to the Conservative administration by way of further legal costs by way of costs, vat, and disbursements, including Counsels fees and Leading Counsels fees, analysed by way of advice or an opinion on the merits of an appeal against the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, the referral back of the cross-appeal to the Employment Tribunal for further consideration and determination, and further Employment Tribunal cases and or the work preparatory thereto in connection with the determination of compensation for individual Applicants?</p> <p>Would the Deputy Leader of the Council confirm what such further costs provision amounts to when applied to each household in the City?</p> <p>Would the Deputy Leader of the Council confirm whether or not the Council has sought or received any advice or opinion from its external Solicitors and or Council and or Leading Council on the merits or otherwise on any appeal against the recent decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal in relation to the cases determined arising out of Single Status, and, if so, when will he be bringing any such matters to full Council for determination, and, if not, why not?</p>	

3.	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Foster</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>How many Whitefriars tenants currently receive a 100% contribution from Housing Benefit towards their rent, and how many receive 75% to 100%, 50% to 75%, 25% to 50%, and less than 25%?</p>	
4.	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Cliffe</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>After a large number of elderly residents, a number with mobility needs, attended a recent planning meeting they had to stay much longer than expected because an officer covering another item had this brought forward because he had to leave early.          Could Councillor Cliffe impress upon officers in his department that this situation should not re-occur in future?</p>	
5.	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Lee</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Would Councillor Lee give the latest figures on Coventry Homefinder broken down into bands?</p>	
6.	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Given recent issues raised regarding the processing of residents parking permits and people complaining of getting penalty notices because of this issue would she advise whether or not the processing of permits has speeded up?</p>	

7.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Ridge**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Whether he is satisfied with the system of a single annual report from Council nominees to major outside bodies, such as Whitefriars Housing Group?

8.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Skinner**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Whether the recently announced rent and service charge increases, of up to 8% and 5.5% respectively, were discretionary or mandatory for the Whitefriars Board?

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**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Skinner**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

On what date did the Whitefriars Board consider the decision to implement rent and service charges of up to 8% and 5.5% respectively and how did the 6 Council nominees vote on that decision?