
QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER – PREPARATION FOR RETIREMENT OF A MARGATE GP

To: **Council – 15 October 2015**

By: **Committee Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: **The Leader of the Council will receive a question from a Member of Council in relation to the retirement of a Margate GP.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Wells, Leader of the Council, has been received from Councillor Johnston in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

“The announcement last March by Dr Rahman of his intended retirement at the end of September has led to 2,000 patients needing to find a new GP.

What actions have you taken through the Health and Well Being Board, CCG and especially NHS England to ensure our residents will be properly served?”

- 1.2 Council Procedure Rule 14.2 states that a Member of the Council may ask

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee

a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district.

- 1.3 Council Procedure Rule 14.6 states that an answer may take the form of:

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated within three working days to the questioner.

- 1.4 A Member may, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.7, ask one supplementary question without notice to the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

- 1.5 The questioner shall have two minutes for the initial question and one minute for the supplementary question and the respondent shall have five minutes for the initial reply and two minutes for the supplementary reply. (Council Procedure Rule 14.8 refers)

2.0 Corporate Implications

2.1 Financial

2.1.1 None arising at this stage

2.2 Legal

2.2.1 None arising at this stage

2.3 Corporate

2.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.

2.4 Equity and Equalities

2.4.1 None arising at this stage

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 This report is for information.

4.0 Decision Making Process

4.1 This report is for information.

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	n/a
Legal	n/a
Communications	n/a