
QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – DICKENS HOUSE MUSEUM

To: **Council – 25 February 2016**

By: **Committee Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Viking**

Summary: **The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Financial Services and Estates to receive a question from a member of the public in relation to Dickens House Museum.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Townend, as Cabinet Member for Financial Services and Estates, has been received from Mr Jeff Kirkpatrick:

“Last July Cllr. Townend expected a report to Cabinet by this January regarding the future of the museum. A £50,000 bequest has not been accepted by Council six years after first offered to a previous Leisure Officer and others since, including the previous Leader. Why no action on both items?”

- 1.2 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.7, the Chairman will invite the questioner to put their question to the Member named in the notice. If the questioner is not present, the question shall not be put and shall be answered in writing.
- 1.3 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.8, if the Member to whom the question is directed is present they will provide an oral answer. If that Member is not present, the question will be answered by the Leader or another Member nominated by the Leader for the purpose unless it is inappropriate for the Leader to give an oral answer or to nominate another Member to give an oral answer, in which case the question will be dealt with by a written answer.
- 1.4 The total time devoted to questions shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

2.0 Corporate Implications

2.1 Financial

- 2.1.1 None arising directly from this report

2.2 Legal

- 2.2.1 None arising directly from this report

2.3 Corporate

2.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.

2.4 Equity and Equalities

2.4.1 None arising directly from this report.

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

None	
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

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