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The following papers have been added to the agenda for the above meeting.

They were not available for publication with the rest of the agenda.

Yours sincerely

Damian Roberts

Chief Executive

SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

Questions from Members of the Public 3 - 4 To answer questions, if any, received under Council Procedure Rule 10 (Paragraph 3 of the Public Speaking Procedure Rules). Questions from Councillors 5 - 6

To deal with questions, if any, received under Council Procedure Rule 11.



Council 23 February 2022 Item 7 - Questions from Members of the Public

The following question has been submitted in accordance with Part 4 Section E of the Council's Constitution

Mr Singh has asked the following question of the Business & Transformation Portfolio Holder

"Camberley Sikh Association has been meeting at the IGC since 2010 for monthly prayers and social gatherings. It's an ideal place where the Sikh Community meet, pray and share our Guru's vegetarian communal food prepared at the Centre's kitchen facilities. The Guru's communal meal is an essential part of the Sikh Religion's practice and must be observed and sustained as part of the Sikh Guru's teachings.

Lately, problems with the kitchen's fume extraction system have left us unable to prepare the monthly religious Communal Meal for the congregation. Without this, monthly prayers are not complete and the Sikh Community feel very hurt and disappointed.

Please can you restore the faulty extraction system so we can continue to observe and sustain our religious practices and beliefs."

The Business & Transformation Portfolio Holder has provided the following response:

"The Council has obtained quotes for the essential works needed in order to bring the kitchen at Camberley Theatre to a safe and usable standard. These works include the removal and replacement of existing canopy and improvements to the ventilation extract system in the kitchen. A number of options have been considered including changing from gas to electric and even relocating the kitchen devices with costs being between £17,500 - £25,000.

The Theatre does not have the commercial or practical need for a kitchen of this nature, especially since the catering element of the business ceased in 2016. The Theatre does not earn income from hiring the kitchen to any hirers and there is no commercial demand for a space of this nature.

We have, this week, uncovered a further issue with the electrical points in the kitchen which we are investigating. This could incur further cost to the renovation of this area.

We are sympathetic to the challenges and difficulties this causes the CSA and are working with them to look at alternative venues in the borough to support the excellent work they provide the community. As the CSA (or any other hirer) do not pay rent for the kitchen we are not in a position to make such a significant investment into this space."



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Procedure Rule 11 - Questions from Councillors

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Sharon Galliford under Procedure Rule 11:

To the Business & Transformation Portfolio Holder

"Following a Freedom of Information request to Surrey County Council by a Green colleague of mine, it has come to my attention that 10 buildings in Surrey Heath have recently been assessed for cladding risk. Whilst we are not on the list for requiring further work to be undertaken at this stage, can you assure me that the Council is aware of this situation and will be keeping it under consistent review? Thank you."

Response from the Portfolio Holder:

"Officers from within the Council's Home Solutions Team have been liaising with colleagues at Surrey County Council Fire & Rescue in relation to their assessment of 10 buildings you have referred to. Our Housing Officers are required to provide data to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) through a dedicated national database which requires the Council to provide data on:

- The full postal address
- The Tenure
- The Owner
- The Developer
- The Managing Agent
- The Building height up to the floor of the top storey
- The number of storeys

Councillor Galliford is correct, these buildings do not require remedial work as they are not considered to pose a risk to the health, safety or welfare of the residents and none are over the required height to be classified as a high rise building (18 meters up to the floor of the top storey or over 7 storeys)

If there was any concern from Surrey Fire and Rescue, regarding unsafe cladding or any other safety risk at these buildings officers can conduct a Housing Health & Safety Rating System Assessment on the building in question, the outcome of which would determine the most appropriate course of action. If formal action is required officers can serve formal improvement notices. Failure to comply with such a notice would be a criminal offence and the Council could then prosecute for non-compliance and/or do the works in default and recharge costs as appropriate. Equally Surrey Fire and Rescue have a duty to take their own action should they find any deficiency in fire safety."

