

# COUNCIL

## **7. LEADER'S QUESTIONS**

The following questions for the Leader have been received in accordance with Standing Order 8A:-

1. Question submitted by Mr C T Wareing:  
"Planning & Development"

*" Planning means sensible anticipation. The Offensive against the unforeseen. He/she who plans well seldom fails.*

*Would the Leader of the Council accept my submission that to contemplate the proposed Abbey Stadium Development, together with a huge expansion of housing provision within the Redditch Area, before giving detailed consideration to the Ways and Means of providing an infrastructure to support such massive developments, is the height of folly, as well as a negation of Civic Duty? "*

2. Question submitted by Cllr J Brunner:  
"Budget Overspends"

*"In light of current budget constraints, would the Leader of the Council agree with me that the Council did in fact overspend on its 2006/7 budget and this was only alleviated by a change in treatment of Capital Charges?*

*The Council's Constitution clearly lays down a process to be followed if any budget overspend exceeds £1,000.*

*Could he please inform this Council of the following;*

*1. Which budgets were overspent by more than £1,000 where the correct procedures as laid down in Council's Constitution were not followed?*

*2. List all the departments that have not followed the proper procedures as laid out in the Council's Constitution.*

*3. What action has or is to be taken where the correct procedures were not followed?*

*4. Could he advise what steps are being taken to ensure that the Council's Constitution is followed in 2007/8 ?"*

3. Question submitted by Cllr C MacMillan  
"Council Funding"

*"It is normal for officially recognised Charities to give an overall estimate of what proportion of the donations it receives is spent on overheads and administration and what proportion is spent on front line services.*

*Could the Leader of the Council give a similar breakdown of the Council's funding. Funding includes all monies the Council receives from all sources.*

*As some of our funding is dedicated to specific activities, could the Leader of the Council also give an indication of what percentage of our Council Tax is consumed by overheads and administration and how both of the above proportions have changed over the last 3 years?"*