## **REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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### QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

### 1. BROCKHILL S106

The following Question to the Leader has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 8 by Ms Pattie Hill:

- *"1. Can the Leader explain, in this time of austerity and cost cutting she expects the Brockhill Estate to be fully "adopted", thus releasing almost £750,000 of section 106 monies which can be used within the community?*
- 2. Can she also explain why this matter which was close to being resolved in June 2009 has not been finalised?"

#### 2. HOUSING PROBLEMS

The following Question to the Leader has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 8 by Mr Luke Stephens:

"Does the leader of the council agree with the deputy leader (of the Council) as stated at a recent Council Executive meeting that Redditch housing problems are caused by selfish people staying in council houses when they no longer need them. If so which tenants would get kicked out first would it be based on a time limit ie a fixed term tenancy or maybe means tested - if you earn too much money or drive a decent car you automatically lose your home. Which ever mechanism you use to select those for eviction how does this approach fit in with building sustainable communities and a big society"

#### 3. SOCIAL CARE

The following Question to the Leader has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 8 by Mr Neal Stote:

"As the White Paper regarding health, if it were adopted, could well put pressure on local councils to be a more active partner in providing social care in the community, with a move to community care and a move away from what is unfairly described as 'Hotel Beds' within the NHS, I would like to ask the following:

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In 2007 the Government put in place a directive that 152 local Councils should aim to pay out 30% of the budget used for people needing social care in the form of a personal budget.

I would assume that RBC is one such Council. This policy was supported by the Alliance and taken as part of their policy after the May General election. Is the Leader aware of this government directive?

- Is RBC one of the local Councils affected by the directive?
- Have RBC put in place a strategy to encompass all the implications of the directive?
- How near are we as a Council heading towards meeting the 30% target the directive has imposed?

How much funding is 30% of the social care budget? "