MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 25 JANUARY 2021

AGENDA ITEM 7

QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

1) *Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor Anne Welburn Ward Member for Cherry Willingham*

"Leader - The Rural Economy in Lincolnshire needs a comprehensive national-level rural strategy, to be delivered locally via communities, councils, and businesses to ensure that no resident or business should be disadvantaged unreasonably by their rural location.

The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) provided money for projects to improve agriculture, the environment and rural life. It supported Schemes that improved the environment; increased the productivity of farming and forestry; or which grew the rural economy.

I understand that the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) is now closed, because it is a European Fund, part of the 2014-2020 programme and this programme is ending.

Please could the Leader advise if there have been any positive developments in this area, is the government still hoping to deliver a fairer funding scheme for rural areas? And what funding, if any will replace the RDPE?

Thank you"

2) *Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor Trevor Young, Leader of the Opposition and Ward Member for the Gainsborough South West Ward*

"Leader - Have Lincolnshire Police ' Shut Up Shop ' in Gainsborough during this Covid Pandemic?

This might sound flippant but this is what some of the residents of the Gainsborough South West Ward are saying.

During the Pandemic there has been a 'spike' in theft, burglaries and crime yet a lack of police response.

Some residents have reported 20-30 different thefts from their properties leaving

them living in complete fear.

Residents duly pay a high precept towards Policing and should be able to feel safe in their own homes.

Why is it in parts of West Lindsey we receive such a poor service from the Police?

Are Gainsborough Residents less deserving than other parts of Lincolnshire regarding Crime & Disorder.

Thank you"