

## MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 2 July 2018

### AGENDA ITEM 7

#### QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

**1) Question to Cllr Sheila Bibb, Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee, from Councillor Trevor Young**

“Could the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committee please explain why after nearly two years since the implementation of the Selective Licensing Scheme for the Gainsborough SW Ward there are still over 70 private rented properties unlicensed and nearly 100 licences still be processed?”

Does the Chairman agree that the scheme has also failed in its objective to reduce anti-social behaviour and please explain why some of the unlicensed properties in the ward are being used as drug farms, causing concern amongst residents. You will recall I have also raised the issues of drugs in the ward in the past.”

**2) Question to Cllr Jeff Summers, Leader of the Council, from Councillor Chris Darcel**

Re Letter from a business rates payer.

“I believe all councillors received a copy of the letter concerning business rate changes from a rate payer, and it came as quite a surprise to me.

Can the Leader please inform Councillors just what is the law on business rates for charities and any recent changes in the Law that may have happened?

It is a concern to me that I now find out those negotiations with this particular rate payer have been ongoing for a year. I would have thought any changes to the rate regulations should first be discussed by the Prosperous Communities Committee and the Full Council before businesses are approached.

For all I know the charges may be valid although the rate payer would seem to think otherwise. But we should know.

Can the Leader please give me the assurance that any changes will receive full council scrutiny before they are introduced?

Thank you”