

**COUNCIL MEETING – 30 NOVEMBER 2016**

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

**COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.8**

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
1/16	Cllr Lawton	Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport	<p>How much of the £500,000 Arts Council, Grant is being used to improve the fabric of the CCBM?</p> <p>I understand from the curator that over £400,000 of that grant has been spent on educational, audio visual aids and exhibits which leaves less than £100,000 left for structural and fabric spend. Would you please provide me with the accurate breakdown figures for this spending?</p>
2/16	Cllr Lawton	Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration	<p>In your “ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT” of 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016.</p> <p>You state that there 1,500 more companies registered in Tees Valley compared to a year ago. Good news for the region, but how many of those companies are set up in Middlesbrough and also how many companies have closed in the Boro, and how much has the business rate contribution to the council coffers increased or decreased. It’s that information that permits a more accurate assessment and analysis of the economic progress in our town rather than just the presenting of a gross figure for the region.</p>
3/16	Cllr Lawton	Executive Member for Communities and Public Health	<p>In your point 1. “MENS HEALTH” of your report of 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016</p> <p>You state that “THE LAST 18 MONTHS HAVE SEEN SOME INNOVATIVE FORWARD PROGRESS WITH MENS HEALTH IN MIDDLESBROUGH”. What are the before and after figures to support that claim.</p> <p>If you have no figures then how can make such an unsubstantiated claim. Do you think you could find some figures to support your claims and then email them to me and any other cllr who might want to view them?</p>

4/16	Cllr Lawton	The Mayor	Mayor Budd, did you receive external legal advice regarding the councils options over the sale of the TAD Centre and if so, did you follow that advice and pass that advice on to the appropriate committee considering the sale and discuss this advice with any other cllrs prior to going to committee.
5/16	Cllr Lawton	The Mayor	At the last council meeting, Mayor Budd stated that it was simple arithmetic supporting the sale of Cleveland Craft Centre to the successful bidder. Has this sale started paying dividends to the council treasury?
6/16	Cllr Rathmell	The Mayor	In the love Middlesbrough magazine the Craft Centre facts state 1. Sold for £50,000, 2. Highest legitimate bid was £75,000 and 3. A further financial return in the form of business rates at £17,000 per annum. I put it to you that the facts are that the leasehold sold for £50,000 not the building, legitimate highest bid was £110,000 in tender round one with no good reason to reject this offer and there have been no business rates paid since sold.
7/16	Cllr Rathmell	The Mayor	In the Love Middlesbrough Magazine it states that Acklam Hall was valued at £1 million in 2008 would you confirm that the document you refer to is not actually a valuation but an asset record sheet and does not constitute a professional RICS standard valuation as required by law?
8/16	Cllr Rathmell	The Mayor	Mayor Budd at the last full council meeting you stated that for fraud to occur everyone from the top to the bottom had to be involved when referring to officers and members. On 14 <sup>th</sup> November a contracts manager from Lancashire County Council was jailed for defrauding the council of over a £1 million, there were no other defendants or persons on trial. Do you still stand by your statement?
9/16	Cllr Rathmell	The Mayor	You state as fact, that it was sold on the basis that the purchaser is investing £800,000 to improve the TAD Centre, yet at scrutiny minutes stated the figure was just £300,000 can you tell me which is right?
10/16	Cllr Rathmell	The Mayor	Can the Mayor confirm that further investigations have commenced in to the sale of The TAD Centre, Acklam Hall and The Cleveland Craft Centre. A simple yes or no answer will suffice?