

**COUNCIL MEETING – 4 SEPTEMBER 2019
 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.40**

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
3/19	Alexander Cook	Cllr High	I would be interested to learn what your personal take is on the proposed HAT trial as the councils Thematic Lead for Drugs
4/19	Alexander Law	The Mayor	There is no research evidence to support the Mayor’s assertion that “domestic violence is a massive effect of [drug addiction]”, as per his 15th August Channel 4 interview. Middlesbrough has the 2nd highest rate of domestic abuse in the UK, it’s perplexing then, to learn from a Gazette article dated 16th August, that the Mayor & Deputy Mayor’s intentions are to combine services for substance misuse, homelessness, domestic abuse & sexual violence, justified in the name of a predicted saving of £400,000. Research suggests women, who are the victims in almost 80% of recorded incidents in our town, are less likely to access domestic violence services when combined with other provisions. Can the Mayor confirm that a comprehensive impact assessment will be carried out before making cuts to these indispensable, life-or-death services?”
5/19	John Kabuye	Cllr Cooper	"What intervention plans or early support services have been offered to the families prior and after taking their children into foster care. Often these parents go off the rail to the extent of resorting to drug use due to depression in order to cope. Also, what are the statistics of looked after children in Middlesbrough by ethnicity to date?"