

16 OCTOBER 2024

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 4.27

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
02/2024	Councillor Wilson	Mayor Cooke	<p>Spider Park was part of the original Colmore Ave play scheme . Spider Park was meant to get new equipment and the overall Colmore Ave scheme was allocated a budget of £63,431. However, Mayor Cooke you split the £63,000 between Newham Grange leisure farm & the Regeneration Events team. At the time you said that the Colmore Ave play scheme would get the full amount back and that Spider Park would be upgraded. There are no facilities for teenagers in Brambles Farm. Spider Park was to be upgraded with facilities suitable for teenagers including an ‘all steel teenage shelter’, a teq ball table and lastly a rubbish bin. Also included in the scheme was for the Boro wall to be rebuilt , defunct equipment removed, and the CCTV and street lighting upgraded.</p> <p>Could I be told when you will fulfil the commitment you made?</p>
03/2024	Councillor Mason	Councillor Furness	<p>It is with great sadness that that it would appear that ‘The Wired Lobby’ based at Captain Cook Square has recently entered administration with claims of some £923,000 lodged against it. According to sources as much as £400,000 of which is owed to Middlesbrough Council. With this in mind can the executive member confirm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What type of legal charge was placed over the loan/grant which was given by Middlesbrough Council?2. That this legal charge was correctly registered?

			<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. How many other legal (and equitable) charges exist over the assets of this company?4. What company owned 'The Wired Lobby' and when was it incorporated?5. Why was such a loan/grant approved by council officers given the business assets amount to roughly £20,000?6. What risk assessments were undertaken by the Council to ensure that this loan/grant could be approved?7. What steps are being taken to recover the roughly £400,000 owed to Middlesbrough Council?8. How many other businesses have been lent money by Middlesbrough Council whose total assets are less than the loans/grants given where these loans/grants remain outstanding?
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