

CABINET – 16TH AUGUST 2018

ITEM 5 QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE 10.7

(i) Cllr Snartt – Cabinet 16th August 2018 Item 7 Model of Local Government in Leicestershire

Although the Policy Justification and Previous Decisions stated in Part A of the Cabinet Report 16th August 2018 does in some ways meet the objectives of the Corporate Plan, I believe that the recommendation in Part A of the Model of Local Government in Leicestershire falls short of the Council's commitment to our residents. Customer First, we put the customer at the heart of everything we do. I ask Cabinet to consider widening the recommendation to put the residents of Charnwood at the forefront of any changes to the structure of Local Government in Leicestershire.

In light of our commitment through the Corporate Plan, would Cabinet agree to amend the recommendation? That the Council adopts a collaborative approach with other Local Authorities in Leicestershire to examine what may be the best way of delivering local services for the residents of the **Borough of Charnwood**, the County and in the wider context of the East Midlands region.

The Leader, or his nominee, will respond:

Councillor Snartt is absolutely correct that this Council puts the customer at the heart of everything we do. The recommendation in item 7 was drafted to reflect exactly what had been agreed by District Council Leaders across Leicestershire in their joint statement issued on 27th July.

Cabinet will take Councillor Snartt's observations into account when considering this matter later on the agenda.

(ii) Cllr Jukes – HMO Licensing

I look forward to the presentation of the research results by Professor Smith and Andreas Colura on the 20th of August.

Will the Leader/Deputy Leader confirm that, working with the appropriate Lead Member, he will investigate the possibilities of licensing across Charnwood Borough?

The Leader, or his nominee, will respond:

We are all very much looking forward to Professor Smith's presentation on his findings, following three years of study which the Council supported through £21k funding.

The objective of the study was to help identify Houses in Multiple Occupation by sharing data to produce a database, analyse the results of the mapping and study the impact of Houses in Multiple Occupation on the Borough in terms of dynamics and trends. This will then assist the Council in the formation of Planning Policies.

The Council are taking forward the implementation of the expansion of the Mandatory Houses in Multiple Occupation Scheme, letters have been sent to owners of all Houses in Multiple Occupation that now fall under the expanded Scheme to apply for a licence. Further letters will be sent out in August and September to remind owners to make an application for a licence and those that fail to apply for a licence by the 1st October 2018 will be reminded that they will be committing a criminal offence from that date.

The evidence will be used to help inform future policies. This will include a range of possibilities including the various licensing schemes available for HMO's, and any proposals will be brought to a future Cabinet.