

10. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

NOTE: Questions and answers to them cannot, by the Constitution, take longer than 3 minutes.

(1) Question to the Board Member, Leisure (Councillor Van Coulter) from Nigel Gibson

Action following submission of petition

At the last Council meeting, a petition with 1,666 signatures concerning university building in Roger Dudman way and the view across Port Meadow was rightly supported by Council, who immediately responded by instituting an enquiry, and now, we hear, discussions with the University to remedy the situation. Why did Council not respond with similar speed and decisiveness when a 12,000 signature petition to keep Temple Cowley Pools open, affecting the health and well-being of thousands of people across Oxford, was presented to council?

(2) Question to the Board Member, Leisure (Councillor Van Coulter) from Sarah Lasenby

Fusion Leisure Contract

At the last Full Council meeting a question was asked by Nigel Gibson concerning the payments to Fusion Lifestyle as the information then available did not add up. But the answer given did not answer this question in anyway as far as I could see. This really shocked me as the Council has a policy to make information publicly open and transparent. In this case it did not happen.

I am confused; did the Councillor or whoever constructed the answer for him, not agree with the policy of openness or with the Contract or what? Please could I have an answer to the question this time? Can you please publish a breakdown by Leisure Centre and by year of the payments to Fusion Lifestyle up to the end of this financial year? You show the totals and I should be grateful if you could show how these are made up.

(3) Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Bob Price) from Jane Alexander

Ethical Procurement

At the last Full Council meeting, there was a motion proposed by Cllr Hollick that was out of time for debate. It asked council to enforce an ethical procurement approach by not using suppliers operating tax avoidance schemes. Will the Leader of the Council endorse this approach, and instruct the Chief Executive to

cancel the contract with Fusion Lifestyle who operate a tax avoidance scheme through its charitable status?