

QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.11

Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Bob Price) from Sarah Lasenby(to be taken under the first part of the agenda item 6).

Item 15 – petition to Council

Will Bob Price the Leader of the Council ask the Lord Mayor to intervene if any of the Councillors who speak in favour of the motion for debate [Save Temple Cowley Pools] then vote against that motion?

This has happened in the past and seems most undemocratic. It also appears as if Councillors are not interested in the views of these very large numbers of the public who want to keep the leisure centre. These specially include those from Rose Hill, Wood Farm and Cowley who will lose out if the leisure complex is not saved.

The voters are relying on fair and transparent processes and expect them to be used. What we have seen is voting by Councillors from the Groups in line with pre-agreed decisions rather than considering the facts and the issues that the public want debated and then voting in the way indicated by those facts.

Response

The Lord Mayor has no constitutional power to direct the way that members vote on these issues. Such a restriction would be ultra vires.

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