

Questions

1. Question by Sarah Lasenby - salary of any interim CEO

Question to the Leader, Councillor Price

I am asking that the salary of the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) should be reassessed. This is specially because of the considerable increase in austerity and shortage of money to run some services; eg youth services in the bigger estates over the Easter Break and other things.

Will the Council consider reducing the salary not only of the interim CEO but of the regular one when appointed?

For Oxford to pay a CEO nearly as much as the Nation's Prime Minister seems to me to be very unfortunate if not disgraceful. So this is an opportunity to reduce the level of remuneration. Please take it and let me know what you decided.

Response

A formal response will be supplied in writing after the meeting.

Verbal response from Councillor Price, Leader of the Council.

Thank you for your question. The comparison between the two is not sensible because the 'salary' of the Prime Minister does not include all the extra payments of allowances and benefits the post attracts. The approach to paying senior staff salaries is as set out in the pay policy, considered and agreed earlier in this agenda, and this is the basis on which we will set the salary.

