

# **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**26 February 2020**

## **Council Questions**

### **1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment received from Councillor Price:**

"Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's currently charges residents £31 each for new recycling bins. This charge is levied if someone moves to a new home where there are no bins provided, or if they currently have a smaller 140 litre bin and want and are entitled to a larger 240 litre bin. Can the portfolio holder please confirm the total revenue generated from this charge in the last year?"

#### **Response:**

"A charge of £31 per bin is currently levied for a new or replacement wheeled bin, be it for general rubbish, recycling or organic waste, in 2018-19 this charge was £30.75 per bin. In 2018-19, £14,833 of income was generated through fees levied for new or replacement bins. In 2019-20 to date, we have generated £12,828.50 through these charges.

The charge levied to customers reflects the costs incurred by the Council in regards to supply and delivery of a bin. In December, the Council made a decision to alter the way it will in future collect paper from homes. From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, residents will be able to place paper in their grey bin rather than presenting it in a reusable bag as they do now. As a result of these changes, we have committed to provide a free of charge larger recycling bin to those properties who regularly fill their existing bin, ensuring that as a result of these changes we are not financially inconveniencing residents."

### **2. Question to the Leader of the Council received from Councillor Price:**

"Can we please have an update on the progress of the consultation regarding the proposed changes to Leek Trestle Market, as promised at the January 2020 Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel?"

#### **Response:**

"We are now at the stage of looking at the design and costing of the proposed new stalls. The consultation process will then follow normal procedures, such as meeting with existing traders, possible new traders, reports to Cabinet, relevant scrutiny panels etc."

**3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Communities received from Councillor Atkins:**

“What repairs to the roof and other areas are being carried out at the Daisy Haye development in Leek? What are the costs and are they covered by the builders’ warranty? What compensation may adversely affected residents claim and from whom?”

**Response:**

“Following the issue of the roof at Daisy Haye being raised by Cllr Atkins at an Overview & Scrutiny meeting last year I raised the issue at the Ascent Board and as a result the Board gets regular updates on progress.

Problems associated with the roof covering at Daisy Haye have been experienced since its handover from the contractor. Whilst ensuring the welfare and safety of individual residents is maintained, YHG is also continuing to communicate with the on-site care provider, HICA to ensure the maintenance of care provision more generally.

A structural investigation was completed in line with the requirements of insurers and a scheme to rectify the issues was agreed. The works include the complete replacement of the roof. The tender was completed for the main contractor and work has commenced on site. A temporary roof structure will be erected over the building as the roof is replaced.

Arrangements have been made to decant residents while work to the roof is undertaken above their apartments. This is phased and limited to the top floor residents.

The other issues with regard to the costs and compensation are matters of a confidential nature but if there are any specific questions from residents then I am more than happy to take them up with Your Housing in order to get them a response .”