Item 4:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 14 March 2024.

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

A. Question submitted by Peter Tompkins to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement:

"Can you advise what measures have been put in place to help planning officers avoid potential conflicts of interest? For example conflicts of interest may arise where officers have involvment across the various functions of providing pre-app advice, policy making, enforcement action and decision-making on applications."

B. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Regeneration:

"With the LRIE regeneration once again at a standstill has the money spent on consultants been a waste of money?"

C. Question submitted by Richard Garvie to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council:

"As Leader of the Council, how many times has Councillor Dillon met with Thames Water Management to discuss the many issues with sewage in rivers, drains and homes in the district?"

D. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Regeneration:

"With the realisation that there is a lack of infrastructure on the LRIE would it be true to say that there are no plans on the table that can realistically take the project forward?"

E. Question submitted by Richard Garvie to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council:

"Given the situation surrounding the sabbatical, it is clear the Lib Dems intend to run the Council simply by having the elected Leader of the Council - Lee Dillon - not turn up. How many meetings is he allowed to miss before he must resign his seat on the Council?"

F. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Regeneration:

"Regarding the 2023 Winter Groundwater monitoring on the LRIE carried out by Geo-Environmental. What has been done to address the excessively high pollution readings? What impact will this survey have on the viability of regenerating the LRIE?"

G. Question submitted by Richard Garvie to the Portfolio Holder for Deputy Leader; Strategy, Communications, Governance and Transformation:

"Does the Council feel Cllr Dillon is delivering value for money by collecting his Councillor allowance and Special Responsibility allowance but having not attended a meeting of the full council since December?"