

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 22 MAY 2009

Question from Mr J Cannell, Dilwyn, Hereford

I understand that the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and all Directors of Herefordshire Council and Herefordshire NHS PCT attended a 72 hour conference at the Priory Hotel, Stretton Sugwas, over the three days April 29 – May 1 inclusive.

- 7.1 *Did the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet approve the conference?*
- 7.1.2 *In terms of salaries alone, how much total gross salary will be paid to those attending the three day event?*
- 7.1.3 *In terms of catering, room hire, accommodation and other facilities, how much did the three day event cost the council taxpayer, inclusive of VAT?*
- 7.1.4 *Do the bills include any provision for alcohol and is there a council policy concerning the consumption of alcohol whilst on council business?*

A stated goal of the Council's 'deep partnership' with the PCT has been cost savings. In ascertaining how successful that has been:

- 7.2 *What was the total combined cost of all basic gross salaries paid to the former Chief Executive and Directors of Herefordshire Council in the twelve month period immediately prior to the appointment of Chris Bull?*
- 7.2.1 *What was the total combined cost of all basic gross salaries paid to the former Chief Executive and Directors of Herefordshire PCT in the twelve month period immediately prior to the appointment of Chris Bull?*
- 7.2.2 *In the year ending December 31 2009, what is the total projected basic gross salaries (including fees paid to interim appointees) of the current Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive, the Assistant Chief Executives and all the Directors of the combined organisation?*