

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 24 JUNE 2021

Question 3

Mr M Willmont, Hereford

To: cabinet member, commissioning, procurement and assets

Will the appropriate Cabinet Member explain why the Council continues to pay for scaffolding at the above [Jacobs Court, Commercial Road] privately owned building, how much it has cost to date, when it will end and will we get the money back?

Response

Jacobs Court has a long convoluted history. It has been approx. 10 years since the structure was deemed dangerous and scaffold erected, to protect the structure and glazing, which has remained in situ ever since.

Due to their historically being no resident management company the tower and communal areas fell to the crown. Due to concerns over the deterioration of the scaffold and the health and safety requirements monthly scaffold inspections were commissioned in 2015 at a cost of £400 + vat pcm ((£400x 12) 6years = £28k.)

There is a charge on the property in relation to the dangerous structure and the initial cost of the scaffold erection of (£32 890 + vat) which we hope to use as a mechanism to recoup the ongoing expenditure.

We are now currently in talks with the newly reformed residents management company to try and resolve this, which we hope will finally end the ongoing costs.