

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

Question 1

From: Councillor Jeremy Milln, central ward

To: Cabinet Member, commissioning, procurement and assets

Paragraph 36 of the report for agenda item 8 reads: ‘Since 2015/6 the council has invested over £678k at the Town Hall campus.

How, by reference to a breakdown in the form of a table identifying the works, supplier or contractor, amount and date, has this investment been applied?

Response

Thank you for your question, the table below provides the breakdown of the £678k.

Summary of Capital works at Town Hall									
Cost centre	Description	Supplier	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
CM7180	Town Hal Improvement Works	Integral	365,855.85						365,855.85
CM7245	Stone Work Repair	Integral			14,954.00				14,954.00
CM6032	Stonework Repairs & associated works	Stone Edge Ltd				135,217.87	101,894.86		237,112.73
CM6032	Stonework Repairs & associated works	Internal Recharges for Staff Time or Fees					6,507.83		6,507.83
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	Hoople Ltd		4,575.27					4,575.27
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	Wyehost Ltd		260.00	130.00				390.00
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	Westcom Business Communications Ltd		640.00					640.00
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	Mercia Radiotelephones Ltd		100.00					100.00
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	Internal Recharges for Staff Time or Fees		171.00			7,163.80	324.09	7,658.89
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	Altdigital Networks Ltd		209.00	1.00				210.00
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	BBLP					56,072.98	- 22,904.50	33,168.48
CM6032	Boiler & other capital works	Integral		7,453.31					7,453.31
			365,855.85	13,408.58	14,825.00	135,217.87	171,639.47	- 22,580.41	678,366.36

Supplementary question

Thank you for your response.

I accept ‘stonework’ is mentioned (although the Town Hall is largely brick & terracotta) and ‘boiler’ (which with how many people does it take to change a lightbulb efficiency is attended by no less than eight contractors), but the response doesn’t answer my original question which was for a breakdown identifying the works. The words ‘improvement’, ‘associated’ and ‘capital’ are not identifiers of the works. Can you provide this information please?

Response

The cabinet member confirmed that the requested information would be provided.

Question 2

From: Councillor Helen I’Anson,

To: Cabinet Member, commissioning, procurement and assets

I understand that the St.Owen’s St. house next to Shire Hall, which is the operational base for Your Voice Matters, is for sale. Can you guarantee that no potential sale will

proceed until a suitable alternative premises is secured for Your Voice Matters and our Herefordshire young people?

Response

Thank you for your question. The Programme Management Office (PMO) and Property Services are working with Children's Services to establish an accommodation brief for Post 16 services to determine the right location and facilities required to deliver an outstanding service. This will be completed during October. What property need is highlighted as a result of this review will determine the next course of action.

Supplementary question

Are we looking at a potentially similar situation to the one that we face in Ledbury? Here our young people were evicted from their drop-in centre in 2019 and still have nowhere where they can meet, despite there being a building built as a youth centre by Herefordshire Council in Ledbury and yet it is currently unavailable to our Ledbury youth. So my question again is 'is the centre in St Owen Street for sale, why is it for sale and if so why was a suitable location not found to house Your Voice Matters before this decision was made?'. Also, bearing in mind the young have lost the services of no wrong door in Hereford and why is the review being undertaken only now?

Response from cabinet member, commissioning, procurement and assets

The cabinet member confirmed that the property is not currently for sale. Conversations are ongoing with children's services to make sure that the accommodation for young people satisfies all requirements. Your Voice Matters will be contacted to clarify the situation.

In relation to Ledbury, the cabinet member is aware of the situation and will follow up with the ward member to find out the latest position.