

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR GREENSLADE**  
**Re: Barnstaple Town Council and Advertising on the Highway**

Both myself and Councillor Mathews have received complaints from Barnstaple Town Council about the lack of replies to their correspondence addressed to the Chief Executive and the Head of Highways regarding advertising on the highway, the item withdrawn at a previous Cabinet Meeting.

Will the Leader please say when Barnstaple Town Council will receive an answer.

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HART**

We recognised the work carried out in some areas by other Authorities, including Barnstaple Town Council, this is something that we wish to explore further. This is why we asked that the report was withdrawn and requested that Officers gave this matter further consideration.

A letter has now been sent to the Town Council.

**2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR GREENSLADE**  
**Re: Publishing of Correspondence and Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Reporting.**

Can Councillor Leadbetter confirm that his verbal commitment given at the last Cabinet Meeting to publish his email reply to me in the public domain at the upcoming Cabinet Meeting?

Will he also confirm that his further verbal commitment to make a report to the Health Scrutiny Committee covering all memo's of understanding and agreements in place with the NHS will be made in a timely manner?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR LEADBETTER**

A copy of the response is appended to these questions and, accordingly, will be published with the minutes.

The scrutiny work programme and its scheduling of items is a matter for the committee itself and officers will make agreements available as reasonably requested.

**Message on behalf of Cllr Andrew Leadbetter**

Dear Cllr Greenslade,

I hope the following additional response provides you with the clarity that you have requested.

We have Partnership Agreements in place with NHS organisations dating back to 2004, these are called Section 75 agreements and they provide for the delivery of mental health services and learning disability services. These are signed annually. We also have the Better Care Fund Partnership Framework Agreement and Better Care Fund Plan both of which have been through the nationally determined governance route of the local Health and Wellbeing Board. The BCF is the only mandatory policy to facilitate integration.

We also have a number of Memoranda of Understanding that set out how we work together with NHS providers across Devon for the delivery of integrated adult health and social care services. These have been in place since 2011 and are signed annually.

Finally, we have a Memorandum of Understanding across the organisations of the STP. This document is not a Partnership Agreement, but I believe this might be the document that you are referring to. This document was signed in 2016 and sets out how we will work together constructively as a system to deliver the duty to cooperate that is placed on health and social care within The Care Act. The MoU goes no further than that, it does not propose the creation of a Devon ACO or in any way change the current governance of health and social care in Devon, it simply sets out an existing duty in the context of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership.

Regards,

Cllr Andrew Leadbetter