

COUNCIL 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

COUNCILLOR Q&A – ITEM 11

M	01	Question from:	Cllr Robin Moss
What is the number of any current disputes where the council believes that a stay will be permanent (& so property value becomes part of the assessment) while the person or family believe the stay will only be temporary?			
Answer from:			Cllr Vic Pritchard
<i>There are no current cases where the Authority believes the client stay is permanent but the family believe the stay is temporary which involve ownership of a property and the inclusion or disregard of this in a financial assessment. In past instances where the client circumstances have changed and they have moved back home the financial assessment is adjusted and properties will be disregarded in accordance with the Care Act charging policy.</i>			
M	02	Question from:	Cllr Robin Moss
A property will be discounted for assessment when a spouse or partner is still residing in the property. A property will also be discounted when another (wider) family member who is either disabled or over 60 is in residence. Are there any current disputes around 'qualifying' residences?			
Answer from:			Cllr Vic Pritchard
<i>There are no current cases in dispute in respect of qualifying residency.</i>			
M	03	Question from	Cllr Robin Moss
Has the circumstance ever occurred where someone would have been able to return 'home' except that the property has had to be sold?			
Answer from:			Cllr Vic Pritchard
<i>There are to our knowledge no cases where the property has been sold and the client has therefore been unable to move out of residential/nursing care as they have no home to go to. Clients with properties have the option to enter into a deferred payment arrangement so mitigates the necessity for sale.</i>			

M	04	Question from:	Cllr Steve Hedges
<p>Which of the public and voluntary organisations currently offering services at the Bath One Stop Shop will continue to offer services at the 'Bath Library and Information Centre'?</p> <p>Specifically, will the Avon and Somerset Police have an Enquiry Desk in the Bath Library and Information Centre?</p>			
Answer from:			Cllr Karen Warrington
<p>The public and voluntary organisations that offer a service from the One Stop Shop continually change, depending on demand and the resources of the organisations. But it is anticipated that organisations such as Citizens Advice, Bristol Credit Union and Reach will continue to offer services in the new Bath Library and Information Centre space when it is complete, but Avon and Somerset Police will not have an Enquiry Desk or a presence in this location.</p>			
M	05	Question from:	Cllr Richard Samuel
<p>How many fixed penalty notices for littering have been issued in the two months since the Council adopted the maximum level of fine and how many notices were issued in the previous twelve months?</p> <p>How many fixed penalty notices for fly tipping have been issued in the last twelve months?</p>			
Answer from:			Cllr Bob Goodman
<p><i>[The below response was provided within 5 working days of the meeting.]</i></p> <p><i>37 fixed penalty notices for littering have been issued in the two months since the Council adopted the maximum level of fine.</i></p> <p><i>6 notices were issued in the previous twelve months.</i></p> <p><i>11 fixed penalty notices for fly tipping have been issued in the last twelve months.</i></p> <p><i>The Council has increased its enforcement capabilities by the use of CCTV and dashcam evidence, hence the increased number of FPN's issued this year.</i></p>			