

Member Questions

Questions to the Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture, and Leisure. (to be asked by Cllr David Coggins-Cogan):

1. When should Council anticipate the submission of a business plan for Gwella (the wholly-owned trading company which is delivering leisure and library services on behalf of Flintshire county Council)?
2. Will the Cabinet Member have sight of the business plan before it is available for Members to inspect?
3. Does the absence of a current business plan help or hinder Gwella's ability to secure outside funding from trusts and foundations?
4. Prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Aura (the well-regarded and successful employee-owned charitable company which previously ran the County's leisure and library services) attended OSCs annually. Can the Cabinet Member confirm that she expects Gwella's leadership to attend OSCs annually?
5. Is the Cabinet Member able to confirm any costs (to date) of the rebranding?
6. As there was no approved budget for rebranding (and assuming additional costs have been incurred), which budget has been cut to pay for the unforeseen cost of rebranding?
7. Whilst loans to wholly-owned organisations are approved by Full Council, can the Cabinet Member confirm that she will not recommend Council approves any loans to Gwella whilst it is operating without a business plan?
8. Can the Cabinet Member confirm that Gwella's operating costs (e.g. utilities) are broadly similar to Aura's last year? Or has there been any significant savings or higher costs?