

**Public Question Time – Council 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Deadline for submission of questions is noon on 13<sup>th</sup> February**

	<b>Name of person asking question</b>	<b>Time and date question sent</b>	<b>Details of question</b>	<b>Supplementary questions</b>
1	Jane Bellis	15.41, 9/2/18	Why doesn't Flintshire CC spend to the full SSA level as most other councils in Wales do – I believe there is around 97% spent so I would like to know where the other 3% goes?	1 Can the council spend 50% of its reserves to bridge the funding gap for 18/19? We are all very aware of FCC's assets as we can see the empty buildings and land and know that 2/3rds of County hall are unoccupied. 2 Can the council withdraw from GWE as many heads feel that this does not provide value for money at all and the large figures spent here could be delegated to schools as a priority. 3 Can we increase our council tax by 10% to protect our schools and other council services (although this would be detrimental to a lot of families including my own who are already struggling to make ends meet I feel that it is our collective responsibility to work together to try and offset the massive amount of mis-spending that has gone on from UK Government right the way to individual County Councils)

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2	Jane Heywood	17.46, 9/2/18	Is all of the monies received put into our schools or is some money kept aside?	What is the council doing to make sure that our children are not failed?
3	Joanne Davies	17.51, 9/2/18	If the council reserves only 97% of your SSA is spent will now be used to help save jobs in our local schools during these budget cuts of 2018/19?	
4	Carla Tellett	18.19, 9/2/18	Recent information on budget cuts that will affect Education services have suggested that for many years FCC has been delegated SSA for education of which it needed to allocate 100% to education but it hasn't, it has only allocated 97% - where is the remainder and can it not be used to reduce the shortfall caused by budget cuts?	
5	Sarita Birks	18.47, 9/2/18	Why has our council never spent the full 100% that they were meant to on education and where this 3% has been going all this time, and do they plan to use their reserves to fund our schools shortfall for 2018/19?	
6	Sarah Davies	19.51, 9/2/18	Why has Flintshire County Council only spent 97% of the SSA on education and where has the remaining 3% been spent?	Does the council plan to use the reserves to plug the real term reduction facing our schools and if not why ?
7	Helen Wall	22.17 9/2/18	In the light of the ever increasing budget constraints on our schools and the proposed cash flat settlement to schools for 2018/19, why does Flintshire not spend the recommended Standard Spending Assessment amount on education outlined by the Welsh Assembly Government as the majority of other Local Authorities in Wales do?	

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8	Jody Murphy	7.51 10/2/18	Why is it that our schools and the future of our children are facing such crisis when the whole 100% of the budget for education is not being used? Money is wasted on things like the costs of an empty county hall yet our children's education is hanging in the balance.	
9	Dr R K Parsonage	8.40, 10/2/18	Over the past 10 years, how much money has been pledged to schools in Flintshire by developers under the Section 106 agreements? Has Flintshire received the whole amount, and if not, why not?	1 What exactly has this money been spent on, and in which specific areas? 2 How many hours of statutory education is the local authority legally obliged to provide to primary aged school pupils between 5 and 11 years per week?
10	Name redacted	23.56, 11/2/18	Your policy states that the provision you have agreed will be subject to change in response to the individual's needs. Could you therefore confirm that if your proposed budget cuts are passed my daughter will not have her one to one hours reduced on the basis of this financial decision, if her individual needs have not changed?	

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11	Jan Young	3.46 12/2/18	Why do Flintshire only spend 97% of their SSA Grant?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do they spend the other 3%?</li> <li>2. Why are Flintshire children and schools the poorest funded year on year?</li> <li>3. Can Flintshire release reserves or sell some of their assets?</li> <li>4. How can we ask the Welsh Assembly Government to release more money when Flintshire don't spend their full SSA?</li> </ol>
12	Kirsty Roberts	14.52, 12/2/18	I would like to ask why our council has never spent the full 100% they were meant to on education and where this 3% has been going all this time, and do they plan to use their reserve to fund our schools shortfall for 2018/19	