

Questions for the Executive Member for Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee B – 13th October 2009

(1) What assessment has he made of the opportunity for creative use of open spaces on council estates? For example: Open space related activities such as community gardens, orchard planting, allotments etc.

(2) What is his response to the recent review of leaseholder services? (The Chair declares an interest as a leaseholder)

(3) Does the council aspire to meet the decent homes standard?

(4) Does he place a higher priority on security measures and insulation measures on estates rather than other elements of decent homes?

(5) Does he believe that selling street properties is an appropriate way of raising money for the decent homes programme?

(6) How many direct offers of housing and how many offers are made through home search for the last three years, could we have the percentage and actual figures please?

(7) Can he set out the programme of insulation on C.H.P and council estates?

(8) (From Scrutiny Sub Committee C) For a considerable period of time you were engaged in auditing community halls in the borough. What is the current position on that?