

EXECUTIVE MEETING

7th September 2011

WRITTEN QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

From Mr Harold Barker of the Leader of the Council

- 1) Current investigations are revealing serious incompetence and possible financial irregularities in the running of St Mary Cray Village Hall. These have been long-standing issues. Why were they not spotted and dealt with earlier by the Trustees?
- 2) When will the Cray's community get back its rightful access to the Village Hall? In particular, when will the community be able to use the facilities and equipment in the office, provided at public expense? And when will local organisations be able to use and hire the hall?

Reply:

I cannot comment on what the Trustees should or should not have done. The Council only appoints 4 Trustees to the Management Committee and beyond that does not have any legal ability to manage the Trust which is an independent legal body regulated by the Charity Commission. I hesitate to say but I suggest your first question might be more productively addressed to former and long standing Trustees. However, as a recently appointed Trustee I am working, as hard as possible, with my colleagues to deal with the situation and reach a suitable outcome that will be acceptable to all parties concerned and see the hall accessible to the whole community.