

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 20TH MARCH 2018****PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question</b>
1.	Louise Crook Cambridgeshire resident, parent, teacher and employee of Cambridgeshire County Council	Councillor Simon Bywater Chairman of Children and Young People Policy and Service Committee	The County affirms the value of CREDS and has no criticism of the service. Why then in light of the current political climate of negative attitudes towards immigration and refugees and an increase in hate crime, withdraw support and funding, when schools are a key element/part of the community. Where such a programme is required, could the Leader of the County Council please explain how the County Council will secure the financial backing of the need for equality and diversity services in our county?
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2.	Ms Nicky Massey Cambridge Resident	Councillor Steve Count, Leader of the Council	<p>At the last County Council meeting 6th February it was decided that our council tax will rise a total of 4.99%, raising 7.5Million, to help plug a 4.3million hole in the conservative county council budget. The remaining £3.2 million will be put into a smoothing reserve.</p> <p>Would Councillor Count agree that by doing so while at the same time making so called saving by putting a charge on Library computers which will only affect the vulnerable and those in need, at the same time as having huge holes in our roads and in Abbey ward in particular on our pavements making them unsafe for pedestrians. In addition to the fact our street lighting especially in Abbey ward has been cut back and is so</p>

			poor that it is encouraging anti social behavior, would Councillor count agree that saving for a raining day when it is pouring already is a bad and negligent plan.
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3.	Ms Carla McQueen Cambridge Resident	Councillor Simon Bywater Chairman of Children and Young People Policy and Service Committee	Can Councillor Count restore the funding for Brownsfield community centre Tuesday evening Youth Group in order to provide our teenagers a focus here in East Chesterton. This will help reduce the anti social behaviour we as a community have been facing over the last 12 months. Furthermore does Councillor Count agree it is important to give our teenagers a positive focus and to show them we care?
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4.	Mr Baiju Varkey Cambridge Resident	Councillor Steve Count, Leader of the Council	In view of the severe financial difficulties that Northamptonshire County Council now face and the consequences of that on LGSS, will you not be more well advised to use the existing infrastructure at Shire Hall to run the LGSS core and statutory functions from those premises? Especially in the light of the emerging new lines of co-operation with Peterborough (an authority with which Cambridgeshire County Council shares a Chief Exec.), and indeed the new Combined Authority?

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