COUNTY COUNCIL – 11TH DECEMBER 2018

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Mr Mike Mason	Councillor Josh Schumann Chairman of Staffing and Appeals Committee	 I refer Council Schumann to:- (a) My Letter to all members dated 19th March 2018 with reference to conflict of interests of the former Monitoring Officer, (b) The live stream U Tube recording of the 16th October Meeting of Council and (c) The inaccurate and incomplete minute 109 of that meeting, which does not record the important discussion about potential conflict of interest relating to an employee of LGSS Law Ltd. and his undertaking to members to observe due process. Will he now arrange to publish a comprehensive statement concerning the circumstances and reasons for Mr. Baker's sudden and, as yet, unexplained departure, together with the reasons for the inordinate delay by the Committee to recommend to Council the appointment of a replacement Monitoring Officer?
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	Councillor Josh Schumann Chairman of Staffing and Appeals Committee	Mr Mike Mason	The response will be available after the meeting on 11 December 2018.

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2.	Councillor Rod Cantrill Cambridge City Councillor	Councillor Steve Count Leader of the Council and Chairman of General Purposes Committee	As the County Council's representative on the Combined Authority and the portfolio holder for fiscal strategy could Councillor Count comment on the events of week commencing 26th November regarding the financial position and outlook of the Combined Authority?
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	Councillor Steve Count Leader of the Council and Chairman of General Purposes Committee	Councillor Rod Cantrill Cambridge City Councillor	The response will be available after the meeting on 11 December 2018.
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3.	Mr Andrew Rowson	Councillor Steve Count Leader of the Council and Chairman of General Purposes Committee	In March 2017, in a written answer to a question from former councillor Mike Mason, Councillor Count gave a figure of £28,000 per hour as the cost to this authority in lost productivity alone whenever there was a system wide IT failure. At the time there were around 20 such lost hours per month. Lost productivity as a direct result of issues with ERP Gold are a relevant cost to offset against LGSS' savings target for 2018/19. This financial year LGSS is facing many well publicised problems: • the troubled ERP Gold implementation, including many instances of access denial to IT systems, • reputational damage from LGSS suppliers going unpaid, • LGSS services for finance and democratic services being repatriated to Northamptonshire County Council, • the performance and reputational problems facing LGSS Law, • and the recent verdict of the Northamptonshire County Council Commissioners on ERP Gold's ability to produce accurate or reliable information. These are the very risks factors Members were told in February would jeopardise the £706,000 LGSS Business Case savings (Ref D/R.6.999).

		Is Councillor Count confident that LGSS will meet its savings target in 2018/19, and if it looks likely to fall well short, what is the future of LGSS at this county council?
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