

**Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions asked at Council  
24 October 2019**

1.	<p><b>Councillor C A Holley</b></p> <p><b>In relation to Minute 92 – “Councillor Questions” – Question 1</b></p> <p>Can you please share the Terms of Reference of the Grant for the Palace Theatre and does the grant relating to the Palace Theatre include the land around the Palace Theatre or only the Palace Theatre itself.</p> <p><b>Response of the Leader</b></p> <p>I can confirm that the grant is only applicable to the redevelopment of the Palace Theatre building itself. We are yet to see the terms and conditions for the grant award as this will only be available upon full approval.</p> <p>Welsh Government Ministers are considering a Brexit stimulus grant and Town and City grant which may be usable in the wider area in and around The Palace.</p>
2.	<p><b>Councillor J W Jones</b></p> <p><b>In relation to Minute 92 – “Councillor Questions” – Question 2</b></p> <p>The response shows that 2 suppliers have gone into administration since April 2018. What financial cost has this had on the Authority.</p> <p><b>Response of the Leader</b></p> <p>The schemes affected by the two contractors who have gone into administration have not yet been completed. Arrangements have been made by the Council to engage alternative contractors following detailed consideration of options available and their financial implications.</p> <p>All contract awards to complete these schemes comply with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules and where permitted, detail of the respective awards and their financial implications have been published.</p> <p>However the full cost of the schemes and the financial impact on the Council, if any, will not be known until such time as the schemes are complete, any defects are corrected, third party claims are settled and claims are made against the administrators and/or any performance bonds.”</p> <p>It is also important to state that the Council acted swiftly and decisively in procuring replacement contactors in both instances which will have minimised both costs and any disruption to residents and tenants of the council. In addition it has also worked with the new contactors to protect the supply chain and payments as far as had been possible</p>