

### 3 September 2015 – Responses to Supplementary Questions

#### Questions on Notice

From Cllr Thornton - supplementary question to the Chairman of Planning Committee

*"Thank you for those figures. I should point out that it's not the Council that has lost this money £625,000, £88,000 that's £700,000 - it's the public who have been disadvantaged. They've lost potential affordable housing, they've lost public open spaces. I don't think that RDC is flush with money to be able to let this slip. It seem that the slavish adherence to ministerial statements and officers' advice has cost the public considerably and should we not deal with that advice in the Chamber with detailed questioning and exploration of possible responses to perhaps avoid this loss in future?"*

Written response:

*"Councillor Thornton's question is based on the benefit of hindsight.*

*I do not agree that Members have made a decision on the basis of a slavish adherence to ministerial statements and officers' advice.*

*Members had due regard to ministerial statements and officers' advice in the decision making process."*

From Cllr Clark - supplementary question to the Chairman of Planning Committee

*"On the basis that tonight he was unaware of the Planning costs of the sale of Wentworth Street car park and that it is a rough estimate of those costs - has cost the people of Ryedale in excess of £500,000 - on that basis what has he done about that because if he's not considering his position then how is he going to improve his performance in future?"*

Written response:

*"The question on notice did not specify planning costs .*

*If the question on notice had specified planning costs then an answer would have been forthcoming on that basis.*

*The action I have taken is to ensure that information about planning costs has been supplied in writing.*

*The question put about the Chairman of the Planning Committee considering his position has already been answered . I have nothing further to add to the reply that has been given."*

## Questions on the Leader's Statement

From Cllr Clark

"Could the Leader of Council please inform me, so that I can inform Councillor Joy Andrews, of the total planning cost involved in the process towards the sale of Wentworth Street car park?"

Written response:

### **"Fees incurred by Council acting in its capacity as a Local Planning Authority**

The consultants fees prior to the Planning Committee meeting on 29 March 2012 were as follows:

#### **11/12. Application:- Payment of £12,994 made to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for Planning Consultancy.**

The consultants fees prior to the Planning Committee meeting on 24 April 2014 are as follows:

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
<i>England &amp; Lyle</i>	<i>13/14</i>	<i>8,000</i>
<i>England &amp; Lyle</i>	<i>14/15</i>	<i>7,500</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,500</b>

Fees for commercial retail advice in relation to planning application ref: 11/00927/MOUT

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
<i>13/14</i>	<i>10,000</i>

*Legal fees for Wentworth Street Car Park Malton*

*Barristers fees for David Manley QC - £31,000.00 plus VAT*

*Sharpe Pritchard- Solicitors - £17,234.50 plus VAT."*