



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Agenda Item 12 Strategy and Resources Committee

Member Questions

QUESTIONS FROM	QUESTIONS TO
Councillor Debbie Young	Councillor Steve Lydon
1. What is the full time equivalent staff at Stroud District Council, how many vacancies are there and in what services?	1. FTE: 337.26 There are currently the following number of vacancies, all of which are either being advertised or are at interview stage a. 4 vacancies in Community & Facilities b. 10 vacancies in Tenant Services c. 3 vacancies in Development Services d. 5 vacancies in ICT e. 1 vacancy in the Canal Team
2. What was it in 2015/16?	2. FTE: 347.62 There were 90 recruitments in 2016 (this includes all recruitment activity including Apprentices, secondments, re-designs and casual appointments). There were 83 recruitments in 2015 (this includes all recruitment activity including Apprentices, secondments, re-designs and casual appointments).
3. What was it in 2014/15?	3. FTE: 359.84 There were 92 recruitments in 2014 (this includes all recruitment activity including Apprentices, secondments, re-designs and casual appointments).

Councillor Norman Kay	Councillor Steve Lydon
<p>1. It was distressing to hear the report into children's services in Gloucestershire, the catalogue of serious failures to protect children and young people of this District, of poor leadership and children placed at risk as a result. What steps can be taken to express our concerns to the County Council?</p>	<p>1. Steps have already been taken. The Chief Executive and I sent a letter last month expressing concern and offering the Council's help and support to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of Gloucestershire County Council • Chief Executive of Gloucestershire County Council • Police and Crime Commissioner • Chief Constable* • Independent Chair of Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board* <p>*indicates a reply</p> <p>All members were sent copies of correspondence on the 26th June. I resent these to Cllr Kay earlier this week before he lodged these questions.</p> <p>I understand we are the only district council to have written in such terms, though I know Cheltenham BC has also raised the matter with the County Council.</p> <p>At the Community Services & Licensing Committee on the 27th June, the Chair, Cllr Steve Robinson, made a statement about the action he intended taking in his capacity as a county councillor.</p>
<p>2. If the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee covers this remit can we ask our representative to raise it and seek clear information on what steps will be taken urgently to improve matters?</p>	<p>2. The Children Scrutiny Committee is the appropriate GCC committee. The issue was raised at its meeting today (13/07/17). Last week, at a GCC special council meeting, a full and urgent investigation into the whole organisation's management culture was approved as well as further work covering the Council's improvement plan.</p> <p>Cllr Karen McKeown, the Council's representative on the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel, will be raising the matter at the next Panel meeting.</p>
<p>3. If not within its remit, will the leader or deputy leader undertake to raise it directly and report back with an explanation for these failures together with actions to ensure our children are protected in the future?</p>	<p>See above.</p>