

## **QUESTION TO COUNCIL – 16 MAY 2012**

### **QUESTION 1 from Councillors G Merry, M Simon and J Weatherill**

#### **Sprinkler Systems in New Properties**

In view of the recent highly successful sprinkler demonstration, conducted by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Services in conjunction with Wulvern Housing, is this Council prepared to follow the lead taken by the Welsh assembly in asking all developers to consider fitting all new properties with sprinkler systems when finalising the new Local Plan 2015 -2030.

### **QUESTION 2 from Councillor S Hogben**

#### **Maintaining Confidentiality**

The leak of a confidential report that was considered in private by the meeting of the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> April is regrettable. The maintenance of confidentiality, however, must depend on more than the integrity of officers and members.

It has been drawn to my attention that in the past the Committee Suite at Westfields and the Council Chamber at Crewe were equipped with microphones and other devices to facilitate live broadcasts of council meetings held there. Other locations may have been similarly equipped. Can users of such council premises be assured that this equipment has been removed, and that the proceedings of private meetings held in these locations, including councillor briefings and political group meetings, are not being monitored remotely by third parties who may not be subject to appropriate codes of conduct?"