

COUNCIL 19 APRIL 2007

QUESTIONS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

QUESTION 1

**TO: Councillor Frances Cartwright
Portfolio: Organisational Development & Housing.**

Do you think that it is a fair council policy that only residents that are on a warden scheme pay a contribution of approx £4 per week towards the running costs of local community centres, and how do you envisage that the Council will approach the problem in the future as there are diminishing numbers contributing towards these community centre costs because new council residents do not join the warden scheme, so how should community centers be funded in the future? In anticipation of a constructive reply to a constructive question, thank you.

Councillor Ian Selby

REPLY: COUNCILLOR MRS CARTWRIGHT

This council chose to offer de-designation to residents as a direct response to the changing needs of our residents in supported housing and the acceptance that the council had an obligation to house and support tenants with other vulnerabilities than just age.

Other districts in Lincolnshire are faced with similar difficulties and problems brought about by changes introduced through the Supporting People program and naturally this does pose future problems as you have identified in how we fund the community centers in the future. This is just one of the tricky issues which the Tenancy Services and DSP Working Group will be discussing after the election.