

Item 7 – to consider any questions by Members under paragraph 19.3 Part 2 (The Council and District Council Members) of the Constitution, notice of which have been duly given.

“At the Extraordinary Meeting on 4 April, it was agreed that up to £1.83 million would be budgeted by SDC for costs associated with the failure of Sencio.

This funding to be borrowed from earmarked reserves which would need to be repaid. A solution to repay the reserves to be agreed before conclusion of the 2024/25 budget setting process.

That £1.83 million now is £2 million according to the letter of 18 April from the Health and Communities Manager, to fund a deep clean, maintenance, safety and running costs for the three sites for two years., plus £330 thousand identified by Evelyn Partners for pensions, so the figure now in the region of £2.3 million.

So, £1.83 million agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting by SDC would appear to be woefully insufficient.

Is c. £2.3 million going to be the final figure for SDC to find, and how is this money going to be repaid to the Reserves?”

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