FULL COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2018

MQ 08/18	Cllr Whitehouse	How many schools are there on the Island; how many and what percentage of them are now rated "good" or better by Ofsted; and is he still confident that his Administration will be able to deliver its stated objective of achieving 100% of schools reaching that level during the period of the current Council?
MQ 09/18	Clir Lilley	The IW Council has statutory responsibilities that it has to fund whether this is a child coming into care, a frail elderly person needing 24hr care or a family becoming homeless. This is the uncontrollable aspect of the budget. In 2018, National Statistics show that in many social indicators that the Isle of Wight has a significant higher rate per proportion of the population than the national average in many social indicators of deprivation for example within numbers of children offending, coming into care, marital breakdown, numbers of middle aged men committing suicide, and the reality that by 2026 31% of the IW population will be aged over 65 (which if IW was a County would make IW having the oldest community in the World). These statistical indicators show a high risk vulnerability to the Council in being able to stabilise future budgets without having very strong mitigation interventions to reduce numbers of Island residents who become reliant on statutory services and funding. Can the Leader of the Council provide reassurance to the IW Community that it has an overriding strategy to tackle all social indicators that have a detrimental negative effect on residents' lives as well as a detrimental effect on the uncontrollable statutory aspect of the budget (i.e. reduction of numbers of Island residents falling into statutory services through crisis by having adequate interventions in place to prevent these socially and financially high cost outcomes)?