

(iv) Mr A Baxter

To the Leader of the Council

‘Since my question to you at the full Council meeting on 10th September 2020, what steps have you taken to devolve further Council business and decision making to Area Committees?’

I have said consistently to Members that I am very happy to consider any suggestions for what should be devolved to local committees. I note that you made suggestions at the last Communities and Place Committee and your suggestions – Community Asset Transfer, War Memorials – are included in the Scheme of Delegation Review being considered later on the agenda.

Other items which have been devolved to local committees are: Covid ward budget apportionment and spend over £10k, Coastal Communities Funding, Play Parks, Asset Transfer, annual scrutiny of local Environmental Health activity and burial grounds and the new Place Based Investment Strategy which includes a further £2.31m this year.