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Councillor Alan Napper
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5th October 2020

By email

Dear Councillor Napper

Council Meeting – 30th September 2020

Thank you for submitting a question for the above Council meeting.

You ask “***Can the Leader tell us why the Licensing Committee hearing cannot be held in the Council Chamber?***”

We all remain mindful that a return to physical meeting arrangements remains our long-term ambition and we keep this matter under a tight review.

However, government advice remains that all work that can be conducted without physical interaction should continue to be done so, and with rising infection rates both nationally and locally the Council’s position remains that Council business will be conducted virtually.

There are additional specific matters to take into consideration in respect of the Town Hall. The building is currently closed, and Town Hall staff have been allocated to other duties. Opening the building would require additional logistical considerations such as an enhanced cleaning regime, which is currently not practical given other options.

I am aware members of this particular committee have expressed some difficulties with virtual meetings and note officers will be providing further support to ensure all our virtual meetings are as effective as they can be.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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