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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 2

<u>**PART I**</u>

11. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Answers to Questions (F) and (G) submitted by Members to Committee Chairs / Portfolio Holders are attached.

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MEMBERS QUESTIONS

<u>**Questions to Portfolio Holders / Committee Chairs**</u>

(F)   Question from Councillor Robin Parker CC

'Following the partial collapse of Swingate House earlier this year, several reports were due from a number of sources (e.g. SBC, HSE, the demolition contractor and maybe others) on the causes and blame for the incident – which could have so easily proved fatal.

Have any of these reports yet been received and, if not, when do we anticipate them? Will they be made public?'

Answer (Councillor Sharon Taylor):

The cause of the collapse of the partially demolished building at Swingate remains under investigation by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE). Until their investigation into the incident has been completed and the parties (Kane as Contractor and Mace as client) have been notified of the outcome, we will not be making further comment. The HSE have not indicated a timescale at this stage on when the investigation will be completed and their report issued. Officers will ask that their findings are made public in due course.

(G)   Question from Graham Snell

'Has working WiFi yet been installed in the new Bus Interchange, so that passengers can receive real time information on bus services? If not, when will it be installed?'

Answer (Councillor Sharon Taylor):

We are exploring options for a public Wi-Fi service with our suppliers, but the information that passengers receive will still be the same as is currently displayed on the many screens in the Interchange. Connection between the County Council's live information service and the digital display screens was installed before the opening of the new Interchange, and it does not rely on a public Wi-Fi system.

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