



**LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

3 DECEMBER 2012

A public question has been received on the subject of the maintenance of Reigate Priory:

1. Borough Councillor Christopher Whinney asks:

“Much concern has been expressed for some time about the level of maintenance of Reigate Priory, the Grade One listed building in Priory Park. What is the position over the maintenance of the Priory?”

The Chairman responds on behalf of the Committee:

“A maintenance condition survey was undertaken by external surveyors Lambert Smith Hampton in 2010 and this formed the basis of a 5 year planned maintenance programme for this site (see expenditure details below).

A further programme of condition surveys is to commence in 2013 for Surrey County Council’s entire estate. This will be undertaken by our own newly recruited internal surveyors, and will be of a more in-depth nature, with 25-year lifecycle costs and planned preventative programme. Reigate Priory will be one of the early buildings to be surveyed during early 2013, and this will be undertaken by a speciality, enabling a new planned preventative programme for the building and full understanding of the future financial commitment.

Currently we are carrying out structural investigations, and on conclusion we will be in a position to finalise the specification of remedial works. Throughout the investigations we have consulted with English Heritage and will continue to consult with them to ensure that any remedial works meet their requirements. It is currently envisaged that these remedial works will be completed in the summer of 2013.

APPENDIX A**Capital Maintenance Spend History**

	Full Year Budget	Full Year Spend
	£000s	£000s
2010/11 – Heating / Asbestos / Tar Paving		245
2011/12 – Windows and doors		80
2012/13 – Structural repairs and drainage	503	
2013/14 – Structural repairs	500	

NOTES:

- (i) Surrey County Council's constitution, (Standing Order 66) requires that public questions be sent in writing to the Local Committee and Partnership Officer at least 7 days before the meeting.
- (ii) At the discretion of the Chairman, a member of the public who has given notice of a question may ask one supplementary question relevant to the subject of the original.