

## **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**1 JULY 2014**

### **ITEM 6 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR S SHEAHAN TO COUNCILLOR A V SMITH MBE**

“Can the Portfolio Holder place on record a full report of meetings held with AB Produce to deal with the many complaints of offensive odours reported by Measham residents, identifying key actions and detailing the discussions involving the Environment Agency and Natural England.”

#### **RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A V SMITH MBE**

“The District Council has received a number of complaints from residents regarding odours from a variety of sources in Measham including AB Produce.

The District Council is investigating all complaints that are made but as this remains an open investigation detailed case information will not be released (as is standard practice) in order not to jeopardise any future action which may or may not be considered.

However, whilst investigations continue the District Council is seeking to improve outcomes for residents and has facilitated three meetings in 2014 (13 January, 8 May, 24 June) with AB Produce, Parish, District and County Council elected members, a campaign group and the Environment Agency to discuss the odour related issues.

The records of these meetings are confidential to the attendees (of which Cllr Sheahan is party to) in order to facilitate open discussion. The latest meeting held on 24 June identified a number of key actions that are either in progress or are being considered by AB Produce. A provisional date (19 August) has been agreed for the next meeting where feedback and progress updates are expected from all partners including Natural England and the Environment Agency”.