

<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Question asked by:</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>MAYOR JASON PERRY</b>		
CQ010-22	Councillor Stuart King	Council Champions
CQ011-22	Councillor Robert Ward	Fairfield Halls

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**Mayor Jason Perry**

**CQ010-22 asked by Councillor Stuart King:**

*“Why, more than two months into your Mayoralty, have you still not appointed any councillors to the vacancies that exist for Council Champions?”*

*By when will you have completed the process of filling these appointments?”*

**Response**

Unlike the previous Administration I do not intent to create a raft of non-jobs many of which it seems the former Leader but one introduced to help manage his political Group. While some Champions did important work, for example former councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick as Autism Champion, the outputs of some other Champions were significantly lacking.

I am currently reviewing how the Champion roles could be better scoped to provide real benefit to our community and hope to be able to share my proposals in due course.

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**Mayor Jason Perry**

**CQ011-22 asked by Councillor Robert Ward:**

*“What is the progress on the investigations by Kroll into the possibility of fraud in the activities around the Fairfield Halls and Brick by Brick?”*

*As a follow-up I also request an update on the publication of the Richard Penn report and the report by Faithorn Farrell Timms into the Fairfield Halls.”*

**Response**

I'm happy to report the Kroll investigation into the refurbishment has commenced and is looking in depth at the Fairfield Halls contract and refurbishment.

The atrocious mismanagement of the Fairfield Halls contract has cost Croydon taxpayers millions of pounds and it is right that we do everything we can to ensure those responsible for this failure are held to account.

The Appointments Committee in April this year unanimously reaffirmed the council's commitment to publishing the Penn report once the ongoing disciplinary and legal processes are completed, I stand by that commitment.

Given the ongoing work on Fairfield Halls refurbishment, the Faithorn Farrell Timms, which was a focused report on a small element of the current condition, isn't currently able to be published however I understand officers have already briefed you on the contents and would be happy to do so again.