Council – 28 February 2018

Councillor Questions

1. From Councillor Mrs Mary Lawes to Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee, Cabinet Member for Communities

Can the cabinet member for communities advise me as to what this council has been actively doing to reduce deprivation in the District, especially around employment, housing, GP services and health & Well being?

2. From Councillor Mrs Mary Lawes to Councillor Stuart Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment

Can the cabinet member explain to me the criteria for replacing a bin if waste bins are damaged or go missing while put out for collection on collection day? Could the cabinet member also explain to me why staff have been told to tell the public, if they complain about having to pay £49.99 to get a new bin, that this is a political decision and to contact their local councillor? Could you explain what does this mean?

3. From Councillor Mrs Mary Lawes to Councillor Stuart Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment

Members of the public have complained about food waste being thrown in the purple lid bins (recycled waste). These incidents have been witnessed by the public as well as their bins being stained by food waste. Members of public have complained and received reference numbers from SDC but have not had any answers. Can you explain why this is happening and do you believe that recycling is working well in the district?

4. From Councillor Mrs Carol Sacre to Councillor Alan Ewart-James, Cabinet Member for Housing

I understand from figures compiled in October 2016 there were 1773 vacant properties in Shepway, of which 547 of these have remained empty for years or more.

Are we taking an active role to re-establish those remaining empty properties, as much-needed residential units particularly for our local residents?

