



Agenda

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **24 July 2019**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

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7. **Questions from Councillors (Pages 3 - 6)**

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Up to 45 minutes is allowed for questions from councillors.

*Explanations as to different levels of interest

(a) A member with a discloseable pecuniary interest (DPI) must declare the nature as well as the existence of any such interest and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated. A member who declares a DPI in relation to any item must leave the meeting for that item (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted).

(b) A member with an other significant interest (OSI) under the local code of conduct relating to items on this agenda must declare the nature as well as the existence of any such interest and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated. A member who declares an OSI in relation to any item will need to remove him/herself to the public gallery before the debate and not vote on that item (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted). However, prior to leaving, the member may address the meeting in the same way that a member of the public may do so.

(c) Members may make voluntary announcements of other interests which are not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b). These are announcements made for transparency reasons alone, such as:

- membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items, or
- where a member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person, or
- where an item would affect the well-being of a member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position.

Voluntary announcements do not prevent the member from participating or voting on the relevant item

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Councillor questions:

1. From Councillor Whybrow to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Will the council sign up to the Citizen Advice/LGA Council Tax Protocol ie the Collection of Council Tax Arrears Good Practice Protocol.

2. From Councillor Treloar to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

The current Kent Environment Strategy, which informs our climate change and flood risk strategy in our Places and Policies Local Plan, states that at 4°C warming and above, “sea levels rise threaten coastal towns”. On the 9th of May this year, the Environment Agency began consultation on a new long-term strategy to tackle flooding and coastal change in which they’re planning for a 4°C rise in global temperatures. In launching the consultation, Environment Agency Chair, Emma Boyd said, “We can’t win a war against water by building away climate change with infinitely high flood defences. We need to develop consistent standards for flood and coastal resilience in England that help communities better understand their risk and give them more control about how to adapt and respond.” As Leader, do you believe our community understands their risk and is our council equipped to adapt and respond to the stark and serious challenges our community faces from sea level rises throughout the rest of the century and beyond?

3. From Councillor Fuller to Councillor Wimble, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

Does the council intend to carry out Health Impact Assessments, as per Policy HW2 of the Places and Policies Local Plan Submission Draft at https://folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/media/4793/Places-and-Policies-Local-Plan-Submission-Draft--February-2018/pdf/Places_and_Policies_Local_Plan_Submission_Draft.pdf on Pg. 384, on the Princes Parade, Folkestone Seafront and Otterpool Park developments?

4. From Councillor Fuller to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects

Is there a handover process for new/moving EKH tenants at which they are given information on when the last Gas/Electrical safety inspections were carried out?

5. From Councillor Fuller to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects

Are all EKH requests by tenants, by phone or email, for electrical/plumbing and other works associated with an EKH property assigned a unique reference number, and are tenants given that reference number when they first make contact?

6. From Councillor Fuller to Councillor Meyers, Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation

The Equality Act 2010 requires that reasonable adjustments be made to allow individuals with a disability to access services provided by the public sector. Currently many of the documents in the Planning Portal appear to be image based pdf files, even where they are predominantly text. Will the council commit to uploading documents in a format that can be read by a screen reader or by software like Adobe Acrobat Reader?

7. From Councillor Dorrell to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control

I've recently visited one of my residents, who contacted me as the Assisted Recycling system that he's been using for years has abruptly ended.

He's an 80yr old gentleman who due to disabilities is unable to carry an ordinary Black Recycling Box, and had been using the Blue and Red Bags, as an alternative.

When was the decision made to cut Assisted Recycling, and what will you be implementing in order to replace the scheme?

8. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Wimble, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

What are the long-term plans for the Wear Bay Road Bowls Club and Tennis courts? The facilities are run down and in desperate need of financial investment.

9. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Clean and attractive communities have a positive effect on residents living there. Many of us are thankful for the Town Sprucer scheme which tackles graffiti, clears paths and generally keeps areas of the town cleaner and more attractive. Does this Council support the Town Sprucer Scheme?

10. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Wimble, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

Why the minutes of meetings of the council's Accelerated Delivery Board chaired by our MP Damian Collins have not been published as he undertook to do at the last full meeting of the council in June?

11. From Councillor McConville to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Do you think that affordable housing should be able to be traded like a commodity across the district by developers just so that they can make as much money as possible?

12. From Councillor Dorrell to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects

What measures exist to ensure families in Private rental accommodation can access support, similar to that of people in social housing, to ensure they are not being made homeless due to no fault of their own?

13. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Can you please clarify where the council is in its investigation of East Kent Housing, including what action is to be taken against P&R who at present seem to have been able to walk away from the situation without penalty?

14. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control

We appear to have a large number of people using the Warren as an unofficial camp site. On a recent visit to the Warren I counted a number of tents and makeshift shelters, there are broken bottles, rubbish and needles. This area is popular with local residents and children and the rubbish, and needles pose an H&S risk. Do enforcement officers currently visit the Warren?

15. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

I am happy to see the re-opening by this council of the public toilets at Bouverie place, will you now consider working with the charity Tearfund to twin them with toilets in a poor community overseas to ensure better sanitation for those without this basic human need?

16. From Councillor McConville to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control

How many instances of fly tipping have been reported since the introduction of the KCC non-household waste charges at their household waste recycling centres?

17. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control

As the contracts for the areas waste services are being negotiated with Veolia, can you please confirm if conditions are being placed in the contract to protect residents from replacement bin charges due to breakages from Veolia?

18. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

What are we doing as a council to alleviate the stress caused by the delays people are experiencing with Universal Credit Payments, who consequently become unable to pay their council tax due to having no income for up to 8 weeks and struggling to provide for their basic needs?

19. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Why it is that you and your Cabinet think you have the right to ignore a democratic decision of this council, made by elected representatives of the

people at our full council meeting in July, to stop the Princes Parade development?

20. **From Councillor McConville to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council**

On September 20th there will be a strike across this country in many schools in support of climate awareness, will you consider joining our students by closing this building for 30 minutes on that day?