

Meeting: **Leader's Q&A session**
Date: **14 September 2020**
Time: **6.00 pm**
Place: **Zoom - to be streamed live to Youtube.**

To: All Councillors

1. **Questions from the public**

This session is limited to 30 minutes.

1. **From Mrs M Lawes to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects**

New measures were taken in early June to stop all BBQ's in the Coastal Park. These measures included larger bins, increased parking charges at Radnor Cliff Road and coastal parking area. There were also signs indicating to drivers to use Folkestone end of Coastal Park. Parking has been seriously reduced at Folkestone end due to the Seafront Development. This has led to serious overcrowding. People parking over resident driveways, blocking cars in on residential roads complete gridlock for months in Tram Road. Why was this decision taken to send traffic to Folkestone end when traffic already caused serious problems to residents, ruining local resident's enjoyment of the seafront?

2. **Questions from Councillors**

This session is limited to 45 minutes.

1. **From Councillor Whybrow to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance**

Can you please set out the steps that are being taken to make sure that the contamination at our development sites at Ship St and

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Biggins Wood is properly dealt with so that the health of future residents is not put at risk?

2. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste and Building Control

The sea front development is causing a lot of concern to the residents in the area. During the hot weather we had recently, the dust in the air was stifling and when there is a breeze their homes and cars get covered in dust.

Could I ask the leader to make available, to the ward councillors, the environmental reading from the area and that FHDC ask that the councillors whose wards are affected by the site are invited to visit the site?

This development is causing a lot of concern in the Harbour area and people are concerned at the amount of dust that is getting into their property and the air quality and noise in the area. They are also concerned that this is just the beginning and that their lives are going to be made unbearable as the development makes progress.

3. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects

I have received reports and information from local shopkeepers, in the Rendezvous Street area, that elderly residents who visit their shops are now having to park further up the town due to the introduction of mobile phone ticketing only parking, that seems to have appeared in several of the lower town car parks. This is already adversely affecting both the businesses and residents alike. Elderly residents in particular (but not in isolation) are the most likely of residents to either not have mobile phones or understand how the system works. Can you confirm whether these lower car parks such as Players Park are becoming mobile pay only as I believe this is discrimination via technology and should be resisted by this council?

4. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance

As we are now all being encouraged by the Government to return to our workplaces, can you please advise what measures are being put into place to allow council staff to attend their place of work, albeit with self-distancing in place, to enable the residents who have no internet access, to gain assistance and indeed when councillors will be able to return to the Council Chambers for full Public Meetings?

5. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Communities

What is being done to relieve the pressure on local GP services, following closures of two surgeries?

6. **From Councillor Keutenius to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities**

Please can we have the total amounts of funding this council has given to each of the three individual Community hubs: Three Hills Folkestone, Age UK Hythe & Romney Marsh Day Centre since March of this Year?

7. **From Councillor Keutenius to Councillor Prater, Cabinet member for Revenues, Benefits, Anti-Fraud and Corruption**

Does the District Council hold a register of empty and unfurnished properties in the District, and if so, what % of these properties have had the long term Empty Home premium applied?

8. **From Councillor McConville to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects**

A major issue with East Kent Housing was the inadequate collecting, holding and actioning tenants data. What processes will be in place to ensure that current data is retained, gaps in the data are filled and issue reporting can be actioned in an effective and efficient manner?

9. **From Councillor Davison to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste and Building Control**

Will the council look at provision of bins with greater capacity where they are needed in parts of Folkestone?