

Full Council – 13 March 2019

Councillor questions:

- 1. From Councillor Mrs Wheeler to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Community**

Can the Cabinet Member inform us how much has been spent by this administration in supporting sport and leisure with the community?

- 2. From Councillor Pascoe to Councillor Ewart-James, Cabinet Member for Housing**

How much has the council spent on Bed & Breakfast and also temporary accommodation this year and how does it compare with last year?

- 3. From Councillor Mrs Jeffrey to Councillor Mrs Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial**

Concern has been shown with regard to the Controlled Parking Zone survey in and around Black Bull Road which could impact on the Surgery and the patients who use it. If the controlled parking zone was to be put in place in this area it would possibly cause some difficulty for patients trying to keep their appointments. Can Cllr Berry assure us that consideration will be given to this concern?

- 4. From Councillor Gane to Councillor Ewart-James, Cabinet Member for Housing**

Funding has been provided for social housing and has provided for improvements. What are those improvements and how do the rents compare with other local authorities?

- 5. From Councillor Mrs Carey to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities**

How does the Council support voluntary and community sector groups across the district and in particular in our rural areas such as North Downs West?

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

How supportive has the Authority been in encouraging relationships with Northern France through BOSCO and in encouraging our youth in sailing opportunities with the visits of the Tall Ships?

- 7. From Councillor Mrs Jeffrey to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment**

How has this council ensured a proper response to illegal incursions on council land?

8. From Councillor Wilkins to Councillor Mrs Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial

How successful has the Authority been in ensuring compliance of HGV overnight parking regulations?

9. From Councillor Martin to Councillor Dearden, Cabinet Member for Finance

This council has set one of the lowest council tax increases in the County yet the total amount showing on the council tax demand is higher than we have set. Could the cabinet member please explain why this is?

10. From Councillor Goddard to Councillor Love, Cabinet Member for Customers and Digital Delivery

How successful has the digital delivery been in providing easier and better interface between residents and the authority and how much quicker in response is the call handling service?

11. From Councillor Peacock to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment

What savings have been achieved for the Authority in its refuse service over the life of the current contract?

12. From Councillor Holben to Councillor Mrs Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial

How successful is the annual District wide parking permit and are we the only authority to provide this service in Kent

13. From Councillor Mrs Wallace to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment

Following the recent bin fire I hear that this bin has been replaced and other big belly bins are performing well, could the cabinet member tell me when it is intended to roll out more?

14. From Councillor Meyers to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

At the last full council meeting under 'Announcements of the Leader' Cllr David Monk said, and I quote;

"Finally, hot off the press, our Head of Paid Service has managed to negotiate an extra £136,000 over and above the original £35,000 for Brexit Planning."

May I ask please if we can have information on what the sum of £171,000 allocated to Brexit planning has or will be been spent on?

15. From Councillor Mrs Wallace to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment

~~Why are residents being charged for new bins for household rubbish when they can be repaired or that it is not the fault of the resident, but the employees of Viola whom throw them on the paths and foot ways causing the damage?~~ **THIS QUESTION HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN WITHDRAWN BY COUNCILLOR WALLACE.**

16. From Councillor Mrs Wallace to Councillor Mrs Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial

Rendezvous Street and Sandgate Road, display notices that it is a pedestrian area from the hours 10am to 6pm, so why are the barriers open letting in cars to park as early as 4.30.

17. From Councillor Mrs Lawes, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

In the Core Strategy review under CDS1 Affordable housing, it says that this council is reducing affordable housing from 30% to 22% as it is considered more realistic and deliverable.

Are you saying that this Council is going back on promises about 30% affordable housing for Princes Parade and Otterpool Park developments?

18. From Councillor Mrs Lawes to Councillor Ewart-James, Cabinet Member for Housing

Following on from a question asked by Cllr Sacre on 28 November 2018 to Cllr Monk, basically she asked about mixed housing not being socially beneficial. The reply from Cllr Monk that National research carried out in 2016 by NHBC foundation and homes England found that pepper-potting good quality social units throughout a mixed tenure scheme rather than segregating social and private homes does not reduce property prices and also improves an areas social cohesion. Researchers found that developments which separate social and private housing suffer from rates of negative feelings and division. They also found that high levels of private rented properties can damage community cohesion because of the faster turnover of residence and poor maintenance records of absentee landlords. The research further showed that the assumption that people of different economic or social status should be housed in separate locations had led to extensive problems of deprivation and social exclusions on sink estates.

My question is, why do you not include in existing areas of deprivation the principals as quoted above? To not follow these principals mean you are segregating and causing existing deprived areas to get worse?

19. From Councillor Mrs Lawes to Councillor Monk, Leader of Council

Could you let the public/ tax payers of the district know what you and your Cabinet members have spent £10,000 for Environmental Improvements in the district on?

20. From Councillor Mrs Sacre to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

In the light of the controversy which surrounds many of the FHDC development plans would you agree it is the very best interest of our residents to subject all plans for both new and existing developments to be granted planning consent only if reserved for full-time residency thereby preventing 2nd home ownership (which may be seen to exercise an unfair advantage over the one owner residents) and which may well lead to the fracturing of local community spirit with the creation of 'ghost towns' when the 2nd home owners move out to their alternative residences?

21. **From Councillor Robinson to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment**

Why is this council still wasting council money and effort continually moving the same group of gypsies only to have them pop up in another parcel of council land?