

Full Council – 20 November 2019

Councillor questions:

1. From Councillor Fuller to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet member for Housing, Transport and special projects

Given the concerns over fire safety at Ross House, and the time taken to identify them, will the Council be urgently reviewing fire safety in all EKH properties in the district and, if so, when is it expected that such a review will report back to this Council?

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

Ross House was inspected by this Council's Building Control Department on multiple occasions during its renovation. Given that there have since been a number of significant potential flaws identified in the works, what measures can this Council take to ensure that the Building Control process results in the provision of safe housing across the district?

3. From Councillor Fuller to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet member for Housing, Transport and special projects

When purchasing new properties, especially with a view to their use as social housing, what attributes of the relevant building does the Council inspect and/or produce a report on to be considered by the relevant decision maker?

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

This council doesn't currently record figures for internal recycling, as in recycling within Council offices. Will the council commit to recording those figures in the future?

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

The provision of the £3 million High Streets Fund is a welcome boost to our ailing town centres. However, could the cabinet member explain why more than 70% of the funds have been allocated to Folkestone Town Centre when more than 50% of residents of the district live outside Folkestone?

6. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet member for Housing, Transport and Special projects

What do you propose to do about the fact that we have a housing crisis in our district, with sky high rents, people facing eviction simply because they claim benefits, and others trapped in accommodation that's too small because they have no guarantor or can't meet letting agents minimum income requirements?

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

Please can you supply a copy of the officers' appraisal of the implications of not implementing the Princes Parade plans, to which you referred in your answer to my question of August 2019.

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

Folkestone market was renowned all over Kent and parts of London, possibly even further afield for its famous market; which drew many people into our town, boosting trade for local businesses. Over the years the market has been neglected. The traders are charged the most when it comes to rent in Kent and get less in return compared to other markets, no toilet facilities, no parking facilities and a dwindling footfall.

I understand that Folkestone Town Council would like to take this on and make it a prime area for the Town Centre, increasing the size of the market, introducing a wider selection of stalls and making it an affordable and profitable living for the traders by introducing fair rents with decent facilities and helping to increase the footfall.

Considering the District Council is keen to offload the Parks and Memorial Arch to the Town Council would it consider giving the Town Council absolute rights to running and restoring our Market to its former glories?

~~9. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities~~

Please note, due to the forthcoming election, and the council being in a period of Purdah, this question has been removed from the schedule.

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

Do you have any information about the future of the now empty Aldi store in the centre of Hythe?

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

Do you back the campaign to save Dymchurch post office?

11. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities

Can you make a statement on the impact on our community of open, blatant drug dealing on our streets?

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

Please can you describe the process in which the trustee's for the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds are chosen?

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

With regards to the recent flooding across Folkestone, largely due to issues with drainage, what action plans has this council along with KCC prepared to ensure our drainage infrastructure can cope with further downpours?

14. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

Given that community safety is the remit of this district council why was the decision taken some time ago to offload its CCTV responsibility to the town council, a body that can neither afford the responsibility nor should it have to bear it?