

Full Council – 29 January 20202

Councillor questions:

1. From Councillor Prater to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

The newly updated Public Space Protection Order came into force in June 2019 with a ban on unauthorised street fundraising and marketing (Chugging) in areas including Sandgate Road Precinct.

There are still however very regularly street fundraisers approaching people on behalf of a variety of campaigns across Folkestone, especially in the Sandgate Road Precinct.

Assuming these collections are being allowed as they have been authorised, who is the authorising body, how many have they authorised from June 2019 to date, and how can the public and enforcement agencies know which organisations are authorised and which are not.

2. From Councillor Prater to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects

An increasing number of local residents in Sandgate and West Folkestone are covered by a CPZ, and therefore many now have annual Residents Parking permits. At the annual renewal point for the permits however, a number of residents are saying that they have had no reminder to renew, and their permits are lapsing, leading to parking fines.

When a resident's CPZ permit is coming up for renewal, what is the reminder process for the renewal of that permit - how many letters and emails should a resident expect to receive to remind them to renew a permit, and over what period of time?

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

Do you agree that the proposed changes to building regulations on energy efficiency and CO2 emissions lack ambition, threaten councils democratic right to go 'above and beyond' minimum standards, and set benchmarks that could lead to lower insulation standards by dropping the 'Fabric Energy Efficiency Standard' and will you agree to respond to the consultation in detail, making these points, as expanded on by, amongst others, the London Energy Transformation Initiative, CIBSE and the Good Homes Alliance?'

(For information: the link to the consultation is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-standard-changes-to-part-l-and-part-f-of-the-building-regulations-for-new-dwellings>)

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

Why over the weekend of 18th and 19th January and the following days was SWEP (the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) not put into operation in Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh - despite temperatures falling below zero and other local authorities doing so?

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

What suitable provision is there in Folkestone and Hythe district for women to breastfeed in public, that is free, hygienic and offers privacy if deemed necessary by the mother?

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

This month saw the terrible closure of Folkestone's Debenhams. What plans are there to ensure that the building does not become a neglected eyesore on our high street?

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

How many responses have there been so far to the council's Play Area Strategy Consultation 2020-2030?

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

At a time when the district council is considering clearing playgrounds because of funding pressures and many people in our district are struggling, why is it appropriate that council tax payers are being asked to take on responsibility for the maintenance of the arch at a cost of £6000 a year?

9. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects

I have had a number of concerns raised by residents who live in the Tram Road/Tontine St area. These relate to the traffic hazards they face due to the change from one way traffic to two way traffic. Could we please be informed as a council as to the rationale behind this move?