

Council – 3 April 2024

Councillor Questions:

1. From Councillor Wimble to Councillor Jim Martin, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy

With the current financial constraints on the council could you please tell us how much money it cost the council so ultimately the tax payer can put up a defence of the judicial review and enquiries surrounding princes parade to include officer time, legal services and external costs for a barrister and legal team alongside expert reports etc?

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:

As the council won the JR do you think it should take every step possible to recover ALL the money from the team that lost as it is allowed to do under U.K. law? As this was public money and the council were totally vindicated of ANY WRONGDOING. it must be something to consider as it would equate to many tens if not hundreds of thousands of pounds. I am conscious that a time limit of 5 years dictates the appeal for costs.

2. From Councillor Tony Hills to Councillor Jim Martin, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy

At a recent meeting of the Council, the council meeting agreed to support sustainable energy production in the district.

With the green area at Princes Parade now lying fallow. I wondered could it be used as a location for a wind farm to supply electricity to Hythe and the district?

3. From Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee to Councillor Holgate, Cabinet Member for Place Plan, Heritage, Tourism and the District Economy

What an accolade for our Town to be crowned the best place to live in the south east of England by the Sunday Times. The judges talk about our “eye-catching culture-led regeneration”. They praised our “artists’ studios, the cool shops on the Old High Street and the Harbour Arm. The judges also noted the town’s “impressive schools, state-of-the-art sports facilities and high-speed trains to London”.

What is the current Administration doing to maximise this opportunity?

4. From Councillor A Martin to Councillor Speakman, Cabinet Member for Assets and Operations

I understand that the Kent Wildlife Trust is terminating its lease for the Romney Marsh Visitor Centre. What are the councils plans for the site once this ends?