

COUNCIL – 30 January 2019

Questions Raised on Notice by Members

(a) To Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of Committees

There were no questions received for Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of Committees.

(b) To the Executive

To receive answers in respect of questions from Members of the Council to a Member of the Executive asked in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules.

(1) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“A number of constituents in the Mill Hill ward have raised with me the need to reverse the decision of the former Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, not to hold a public inquiry in to the events surrounding the picketing of the Orgreave coking plant in 1984. Will the Leader of the Council write to the present Home Secretary requesting that a public inquiry be established to examine the events at Orgreave, in which some 200 Kent mine workers, mainly from this district, were involved; the decisions that led up to those events; and the way in which those events were presented in the aftermath of the events.”

(2) Councillor P Walker will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing outline to the Council the discussions held between the Council, the builders and/or operators of the Dover District Leisure Centre, and Stagecoach regarding the provision of bus services to and from the Centre, the town centres and other significant settlements like Aylesham, Shepherdswell, Eythorne and Eastry?”

(3) Councillor P Walker will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing inform the Council of the success or otherwise of the trial run of 150 HGVs from Manston to Dover on Monday 7 January and does he consider that the movement of the equivalent of the cargo of two ferries is an adequate trial?”

(4) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:

“Could the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health update the Council on the progress being made to bring the triangular open space in Freemans Way into use for the public benefit of the people of the Mill Hill ward in particular and the people of Deal in general?”

- (5) **Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health, Councillor N S Kenton:**

“What steps is the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health taking to ensure that this Council adopts zero-carbon policies across the functions of the Council and among its suppliers?”

- (6) **Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:**

“Given the fact that the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has radically reduced the roll-out of Universal Credit, can the Leader of Council inform members of what action he, or other Portfolio Holders or officers of the Council have taken to inform the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions of the impact of the imposition of Universal Credit on the people of this district?”

- (7) **Councillor P Walker will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:**

“A recent press report revealed that the rough sleeper count for 2018 recorded 20 of our fellow human beings sleeping on the streets, an unenviable record figure, compared to last year (14) and previous years in single figures. How does the Leader of the Council reconcile this with his various statements that tackling homelessness was his top priority?”

- (8) **Councillor A S Pollitt will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness, Councillor P M Beresford:**

“It was reported in the BBC news on the 11th of January that four Councils in East Kent, including DDC, will have to take on extra staff to combat the effects of Universal Credit, could the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness inform the Council how many staff will be need to be hired and what the cost will be?”

- (9) **Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:**

“Would the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing consider DDC introducing Traffic Regulation Orders to prevent parking on pavements as Canterbury City Council have done in areas that their authority cover?”

- (10) **Councillor A M Napier will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health, Councillor N S Kenton:**

“Can the portfolio holder for Environment, Waste and Health tell us what monitoring is currently being carried out on the air quality at the Port of Dover?”

- (11) **Councillor L A Keen will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:**

“What progress has been made on ensuring that public transport from Aylesham and the rural villages to the new DDC Leisure Centre will be available from day one of opening?”

(12) Councillor L A Keen will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Network rail has included Aylesham on a list of stations to be considered for disabled access provision. What action is DDC taking to ensure that Aylesham Railway station is actually approved for these works to definitely be carried out at this station, especially given the current building programme of 1400 houses?”

(13) Councillor B Gardner will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:

“Can the portfolio holder for Environmental Health and Property Management please inform the council what concessions are going to be offered at the new Leisure centre to residents of the district that currently receive concessions?”

(14) Councillor B Gardner will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Following the regrettable announcement made by Marks and Spencer’s to close their shop in Deal High St, can I ask the Leader of the Council what steps he has taken to try to get M&S to reverse this decision, which may have a massive effect on trading in Deal High St.”