

COUNCIL – 31 January 2018

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 B J Glayzer will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Would the Leader of this Council advise this Council as to what is being reviewed to assist the problems around empty shop fronts on our Dover high street. Where adequate spending provisions can be addressed to bring back the much needed opportunities for local business entrepreneurs, promoting our Towns tourism and wellbeing.”

(2) Councillor P D Jull will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Following your promise at a previous council meeting to set up a Policy Action Group on the subject of homelessness, could the Leader give an update on what has happened since?”

(3) Councillor M J Ovenden will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:

“Through the good work of the Community Partnership Unit and its joint working with Kent Police, KCC and other organisations, and working closely with Kent’s Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner, this Conservative led District Council gives priority to making our communities safe, bearing down on crime and anti-social behaviour.

Can the Portfolio Holder reassure residents that community safety will remain a District priority in 2018? In answering the question could the Portfolio Holder confirm:

- That despite budget pressures, District staff numbers and resources allocated to the Council’s Community Services Team and CSP Unit, will remain at the current historically high level;
- The funding available for community safety projects in 2018; and
- What initiatives are in the pipeline, in particular to educate our younger citizens and steer them away from bad behaviour and crime.”

(4) Councillor M Rose will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:

"Increasing the District's prosperity for all residents is at the heart of this Conservative led District Council's agenda.

Building on the excellent foundations laid by his Conservative predecessor aimed at regeneration, the new Leader is committed to boosting the District's Tourism by harnessing the potential of its history, and strategic position as the UK's main gateway to Europe.

Can the Portfolio Holder please confirm what this Conservative led District Council is now doing to achieve this very welcomed ambition?"

(5) Councillor G Cowan will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

"This council and more importantly the people of Dover district have waited for over two decades for the new DTIZ to open, many who rely on public transport. Can the Portfolio Holder for Access & Licensing advise this council what steps have been made to provide good transport links to the new DTIZ shopping centre located at St James?"

(6) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor J S Back:

"Can the Portfolio holder for the Built Environment comment on what the implications for Dover District Council will be of Thanet District council pulling out of their support for the unified computer system for East Kent Housing?"

(7) Councillor P J Hawkins will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:

"Customers waiting for a bus in South Street Deal can have a considerable time to wait, especially if arriving by public transport and waiting for a connecting bus for a long distance onward journey. Customers have seen the size of the waiting room and its opening hours decrease over the years until its closure and now have nowhere they can freely go for shelter or to feel safe and secure. Will the portfolio holder for Property Management and Environmental Health please tell me if this Council has plans to reopen the waiting room in South Street, Deal?"

(8) Councillor A M Napier will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:

"The Tram Shelter on Folkestone Road is Grade II listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 for its special architectural or historic interest and is reputedly the only remaining shelter of the Dover Corporation Tramways which ceased operating in 1936.

Will the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health outline what steps he proposes to take to protect this community asset from vandalism and deterioration?"

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

“Is the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing able to say if for Dover District Council has applied to the government for funding that is available (£1.5 million with further funding to follow) for the installation of car charging points?”

- (10) Councillor N A G Richards will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:**

“With increasing traffic on the Port Of Dover starting to impact the air quality and roads surrounding Dover, would the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing be willing to consider working with relevant partners to introduce a congestion charge for all HGVs using the port, in order to use the levy collected to combat these issues?”

- (11) Councillor M I Cosin will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance please tell me if the appropriate capital will be set aside in the next year's budget for the renovation of Tides Leisure Centre in Deal?”

- (12) Councillor A M Napier will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance tell me how much has the “Western Heights & Farthingloe” planning application cost this council financially?”

- (13) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance confirm that vulnerable people who have been sanctioned are able to request a Nil Income Form and whether this council volunteers that information rather than only provides the form on application?”

- (14) Councillor P Walker will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:**

“The considerably intolerable and on-going noise levels created at Lydden Race Circuit are seen by many residents as beyond an acceptable level. Will the Cabinet Member for Property Management and Environmental Health now take positive and decided action to put enforcement in place?”

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

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health inform the Council of the number of announced and unannounced visits made by officers of our Port Health and Environmental Health services to each of the ferries sailing out of Dover over the last four calendar years?”

- (16) Councillor S F Bannister will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:**

“Is the Leader of the Council as concerned as our Independent MP for Dover that the proposal to introduce a ‘Dad’s Army’ Border Force would be a calamitous mistake?”