

COUNCIL – 6 March 2019

Questions Raised on Notice by Members

(a) To the Executive and Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of Committees

To receive answers in respect of questions from Members of the Council to a Member of the Executive or the Chairman/Vice-Chairman of a Committee asked in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules.

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

“What progress has DDC made on ensuring that bus passes can be used on the dial-a-ride mini-bus services currently operating in the DDC area?”

- (2) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Chairman of the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee, Councillor L A Keen:

“Can the Chair of Community and Regeneration Scrutiny inform the Council of the number of times the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee met in a venue other than the District Council offices over the course of this Council term?”

- (3) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Chairman of the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee, Councillor L A Keen:

“Can the Chair of Community and Regeneration Scrutiny inform the Council of the number of substantive reports brought from the Committee to full Council during this Council term?”

- (4) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Chairman of the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee, Councillor L A Keen:

“Can the Chair of Community and Regeneration Scrutiny explain to the Council what she understands by good chairmanship?”

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

“Can the Leader of the Council describe what representations this Council has made to Government to defend the hard-won rights of the many writers and artists living within this district in the event of a no-deal Brexit?”

- (6) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing outline what steps he might consider in order to alleviate the problems caused to residents of Sydney Road by cars parked by users of Walmer Station?”

- (7) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“At the previous full council the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, in response to a question from Cllr Keen, welcomed the inclusion of both Aylesham and Deal in the list of 22 stations which might benefit from a programme of step-free access. The Portfolio Holder then stated that he was making representations to Railtrack along with the Council's Development Partner for Aylesham. What representations is the Council making on behalf of Deal which is part of the Hi-Speed rail network, serves the expanding settlements of Deal, Walmer and Sholden, and which has a high proportion of residents with mobility difficulties?”

- (8) Councillor S J Jones will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Can the Leader explain to this Council why contracts of larger value, with set dates of determination or long lead times, (the most recent example being the William Muge / Snelgrove regeneration project) are still being extended or decided by urgent decisions, thus removing the opportunity for full and transparent debate in public?”

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

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Community Services update the Council on the number of players and good causes that have signed up to the new lottery scheme and at the same time can the Portfolio Holder update us on the amount of projected funds this is likely to create for the good causes and the Council's Community Grant Schemes?”

- (10) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:

“Since the inception of the innovative Inspire Programme in 2016, which I believe is the only programme of its type run by a local authority in Kent, if not nationally, can the Portfolio Holder for Community Services please update Members on the number of young people in our District who have benefitted from the Programme and can he also review the impact on and benefit to the wider voluntary and community sector in the District that the Inspire Programme has helped deliver?”

- (11) Councillor M Rose 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 update the Council on the Co-Innovation Hub in Dover, including the number and types of businesses that have taken up space and opportunities. Can he also tell us the number of community activities they have been delivered and is he aware of any plans for future events. Can the Portfolio Holder also update us on the length of the current lease.”

- (12) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:

“Can the portfolio Holder for Community Services please advise what procedure was undertaken in the granting of the additional funding by DDC for the Astor Theatre cinema project.”

- (13) Councillor A S Pollitt will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources, Councillor M D Conolly:

“Does the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance agree with the Chair of the LGA, Conservative Lord Porter when he commented that Councils could do with some budget certainty with no firm plans yet in place for what happens to council funding and finances after 2020?”

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

“In your Leader’s Time speech at the last council meeting you promised to keep the council informed and updated on the discussions you have been having with Marks and Spencer’s about their plans for Deal following the closure of their store in Deal High St at the end of April. Will you take this opportunity to update the council on the discussions you have been having with the owners of the building as to what uses they intend to go forward with to protect Deal High St.”

- (15) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:

“Can the portfolio Holder for Community Services advise the council if businesses who have received grants of £10,000 to improve/facilitate their businesses, receive any additional business support to ensure that their businesses remain viable.”

- (16) Councillor A S Pollitt will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:

“Does the leader of the council agree that the Government’s handling of Brexit planning and particularly the awarding of a contract to a ferry company with no ferries has been incompetent and bungled?”

- (17) Councillor B Gardner will ask the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor J S Back:

“Would the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment please inform the council as to what the aims and objectives are for the Local Plan Advisory group.”

- (18) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Community Services confirm that community groups who do not sign up for the Lottery, will still be eligible to apply for DDC Community Grants.”

- (19) Councillor K Mills 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 inform this council of the levels of discount pupils attending secondary school receive at the new Dover Sports centre.”

- (20) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness, Councillor P M Beresford:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness, comment on the legislation (Homes – fit for Human Habitation) that comes into force 20 March whereby tenants can take direct action about disrepair on all rented properties through the courts.”

- (21) Councillor K Mills will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health, Councillor N S Kenton:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health identify the causes of the unprecedented level of repairs required at hospitals serving residents of the district.”

- (22) Councillor G Rapley will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health, Councillor N S Kenton:

“Would the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Health please explain why Deal was chosen to have the six new high-tech, solar powered bins designed to crush rubbish, at a cost of £37,440.00? You made a comment that we have some fantastic beaches in the district and that it's important to keep them clean; well Dover too has a large, wonderful beach that would benefit from at least three of these bins and you of course would be able to work with Dover Harbour Board and Southern Water to achieve this for Dover. Let's not forget, Dover is the gateway to England so a good clean up would be a good start.”