

COUNCIL – 26 February 2020

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 Bates will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health, Councillor D P Murphy:

“This week will mark the end of the Dover Outreach Winter Night Shelter project which opened its doors on 1st December and will close on 28th February. This project continues to provide much needed support to some of the most needy and continues to generate a large pool of people from within our community who are willing to give up their time to help out. At the time of submitting this question the project has involved a total of 115 trained volunteers who have worked three shifts per day providing evening meals, comfort and support during the night and a breakfast in the morning. During the course of the programme the available beds, evening meals and breakfasts were provided on 434 occasions with the volunteers working a total of 3972 hours. Since September 2016 Dover Outreach has find sustainable for 151 rough sleepers, place 41 into work and repatriated 14. I would therefore like to welcome the news that both Folkestone and Dover District Councils have received joint funding of £469,000 for continuing support and to ask how this will be used for them in the forthcoming year?”

- (2) Councillor S H Beer will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health, Councillor D P Murphy:

“What arrangements are being made for Dementia and Autism awareness training for staff and councillors in the coming months to progress its equalities work with particular reference to Dementia and Autism.”

- (3) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health, Councillor D P Murphy:

“I am concerned to learn that the % share for purchasing shared ownership properties in Harold Street has increased from 25% to 40% despite being

advertised for 3 months at the lower level (of which I have evidence). Does the Portfolio holder consider this to be affordable for residents of the district where the average wage is £25,000 p.a.”

- (4) Councillor H M Williams will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health, Councillor D P Murphy:

“The awarding of a substantial grant to Folkestone and Dover Councils for work with Rough Sleepers is welcome. As this work is ongoing are there any measurable results that the work is having any effect.”

- (5) Councillor E A Biggs will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health, Councillor N S Kenton:

“At a previous meeting I asked for the total of affordable housing delivered in 2018-19, I was subsequently advised that the total was 32. This figure seems shockingly low when referring to the affordable housing delivery plan of 2010/2015 which had a figure of 650 over a five year period, can you advise what the figure is for the previous 5 years?”

- (6) Councillor P D Jull will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community and Tourism, Councillor M J Holloway:

“Recently there was a crash in Deal in which a lorry damaged property. The council’s CCTV operators confirmed that they had a recording of the incident but refused to divulge the number plate or even the name on the lorry to the victim so that she could pursue a claim for damages. Also, I am often receiving representations about cars parking on busy pavements where there are yellow lines in a manner that makes it difficult for pedestrians to pass without stepping into the road, or at all if they’re using mobility aids. Although this is happening in view of CCTV cameras my understanding is that they cannot be used to remotely issue penalty charge notices so the driver gets away with it unless an enforcement officer happens upon the scene. Given the impending, hopefully, introduction of ANPR cameras for parking management, is it time for a review of the regime under which the Council’s CCTV cameras operate so that they provide a better service to our communities in line with the corporate plan?”