

Questions Raised on Notice by Members of the Public

The Council adopted a set of remote meeting procedures at its meeting held on 22 July 2020, which were incorporated into the Constitution as Annex 2 to the Council Procedure Rules. The new procedures under Council Procedure Rule 28.9 amended Council Procedure Rule 11.7 (Asking the question at the meeting) as if to read:

“The chairman will ask the question be put to the executive member on the questioner's behalf.”

Council Procedure Rule 11.8 (Supplementary Question) is suspended so there will be no supplementary questions.

Questions to the Executive

In accordance with Rule 11 of the Council Procedure Rules, notice was given by a member of the public to ask the following question:

- (1) Keith Sansum submitted a question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Corporate Property, Councillor O C de R Richardson as follows:

“What DDC proposes to do to rectify the shortage of toilets in Dover?”

- (2) Sarah Gleave submitted a question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor T J Bartlett, as follows:

“Across Kent, this year, there is immense concern about the disempowerment of Kent District and Borough Councils / LPAs by Conservative central govt through Johnson / Jenrick's English Planning Reform White Paper, and standard housing proposals which double Kent housing targets. We hear 'Dover faces the greatest increase of all, a scarcely credible 125% hike on its current target potentially 1279 homes per year'. Alas, Dover's MP is not one of the 11 Kent MPs protesting that 'new Local Plans will be left in tatters, . . . empowering developers to determine which sites are prioritized for construction and sidelining . . . democratic planning process'. Have all 19 Conservative cllrs and all opposition cllrs, protested about Johnson / Jenrick's Planning White Paper, (possibly with reference to the LGA report 'Delivery of Council housing : developing a stimulus package post-pandemic' - for high quality, genuinely affordable homes in communities) and if not, why not?”

- (3) Alison Kuznets submitted a question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor T J Bartlett, as follows:

“There have been two recent instances of initiatives being implemented without genuine public consultation among local residents who are affected personally. One is the new fast-track bus road due to join the Dover Rd in Guston, (which is expected to run across the site proposed for a clearance lorry park), the other is the bus &

cycle lane on the Maison Dieu Road, Dover. In the future will DDC introduce a local Dover climate forum, so that residents, groups and parish councils, have a means of commenting on climate-change mitigation and adaptation measures before they are decided on?"

- (4) John Ward submitted a question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor T J Bartlett, as follows:

"My name is John Ward and I am a supporter of the Dover Horse Trough Group. We were pleased to learn from our Chairman, Cllr Graham Wanstall, that you have supported the Project after our formation last January. As this is now 9 months ago, we ask, what steps do you intend to take to progress this project further? As you are aware the intention of the group is to have the trough returned to its rightful place in Folkestone Road, at the Elms Vale Junction."

- (5) Graham Wanstall submitted a question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor T J Bartlett, as follows:

"I understand to date, Dover District Council have no plans to mark the life of Dame Vera Lynn. This is surprising and sad. As Vera Lynn was so closely associated with the White Cliffs of Dover, to commemorate her long life, I propose that the section of public footpath from Athol Terrace at the Eastern Docks to the Top of the cliff to the National Trust site which forms part of the Saxon Shore Way be named "Vera Lynn Way" so her name will always be connected with the White Cliffs in a most appropriate way by those walking from the Town to the white cliffs of Dover? Therefore, I ask will you support this simple proposal for the name to be adopted and the relevant signage put in place for the spring of 2021?"