

## Questions Raised on Notice by Members of the Public

(a) 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) Benedict Kemp will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor T J Bartlett:**

“Recent polling by various sources suggest the people of Kent are interested in or serious about an independent jurisdiction being created in Kent. In light of this, is the leader of the council and the leaders of the council interested in or serious about the prospects of an independent Kent? First and foremost would be an independent financial system, which could bring a huge opportunity for the people of Kent.”

**(2) Graham Wanstall will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor T J Bartlett:**

“Regarding H.M The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee next year having earlier been confronted with a lack of interest for a name change within Dover, I have considered this further and after consulting others propose new namings. The Market Square is to undergo changes so we have an excellent opportunity to mark the Queen’s special jubilee naming it “Queen Elizabeth II Square” which I now propose to you. When we met at the subway earlier this year I proposed we call the subway “Captain Tom Moore” and the steps “Prince Philip Steps” to reflect the fact H.R.H. gave so many youngsters a step up in life. You supported both ideas! Now we know Captain Tom’s family do not want his name to be used I propose we call the subway and steps “Prince Phillip Way” as we did with “Dame Vera Lynn Way” which proved popular. With Queen Elizabeth II Square nearby the Queen and the Duke would be remembered side by side as they were for so long in life. I ask that Dover District Council demonstrate civic leadership by permanently marking the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee as these proposals are appropriate to do and popular with the public for our two much loved and respected royals. God save the Queen!”

**(3) John Hayter will ask the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services, Councillor M Bates:**

“The introduction of an additional emission charge when renewing a residents Parking Permit “is to incentivise the resident with purchasing a low emitting vehicle”.

My question is:- If the resident hasn’t the money to purchase a low emitting vehicle can you explain how this extra premium on their Parking Permit is an incentive for him/her to do so?”

**(4) Sarah Gleave will ask the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance, Digital and Climate Change, Councillor C A Vinson:**

“With Dept for Transport taking the rail franchise off Southeastern Railways, (due to their financial mistakes over £25million of public funds), and EK rail unions calling for Southeastern railways to be subject to wider fraud investigation, should DDC ask DfT for the government’s in-house rail operator to freeze or cut local rail fares in East Kent to encourage travelers in this district to shift to rail from road given the problems with petrol supplies, the need to decarbonise commuting and the need to relieve road congestion in Dover district?”

**(5) Emma Healey will ask the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance, Digital and Climate Change, Councillor C A Vinson:**

“Why have Dover district’s many climate concerned citizens, not seen DDC take urgently needed large-scale actions on the climate and nature crises, given that is now 2 years since DDC declared a climate emergency; by 'large-scale actions' I refer to bringing the net zero target for the whole district forward from 2050; implementing the recommendations from South East Climate Alliance\* including home-insulation; and implementing the recommendations in the KCC report ‘Natural solutions to climate change in Kent’?”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.7, the Chairman will invite the questioner to put the question exactly as submitted to the Member named in the notice. If a questioner who has submitted a written question is unable to be present, they may ask the Chairman to put the question on their behalf. The Chairman may ask the question on the questioner's behalf, indicate that a written reply will be given or decide, in the absence of the questioner, that the question will not be dealt with.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.8, a questioner who has put a question in person may also put one supplementary question without notice to the member who has replied to his or her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

A maximum of three minutes shall be allowed for the question to be read. The period for questions by the public shall be limited so that no further question shall be put after the elapse of 15 minutes from the commencement of the first question.

Any questions which cannot be dealt with during public question time, either because of lack of time or because of the non-attendance of the member to whom it was to be put, will be dealt with by a written answer.