

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) Sara Waite-Gleave will ask the Leader of the Council:

“Does the cabinet agree that with the national shortage of adult social care staffing running at 10%, and our Dover district characterized as having a rapidly aging population, it would be sensible for DDC to send a letter to Minister for Care and Mental Health (Helen Whately) and to the KCC cabinet member for adult social care (Clair Bell) urging them on behalf of Dover, to repair the damage of recent years and take steps to pay care workers substantially more than the minimum wage and thus recruit people to fill the 10% of adult social care vacancies, the staff needed to care for our vulnerable Dovorians; many of us would appreciate knowing the numbers of people affected by problems in the care sector in Dover district, both in domiciliary social care and the number of local care homes going bust or closing since July 2020?”

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.