

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 Transport, Licensing and Environmental Services, Councillor J L Pout:

“The Examination for National Highways’ Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order (DCO) application commenced on 20th June 2023. KCC have been requested to provide a corporate response during the examination process and stakeholders were requested to provide their contributions by 16th June. Can the Portfolio Holder for Transport confirm that, as part of this process, DDC have forwarded a request to KCC that they emphasise within their submission that the significant impact to the volume of traffic which will use the M2/A2 corridor must be considered and that improvements to the current road network to the Port of Dover must therefore be included within the RIS3 programme?”

(2) Councillor M Bates will ask the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Environmental Services, Councillor J L Pout:

“Following the receipt of £45 million pound in levelling up funding we have received very little in the way of concrete information as to how this funding is to be used in order to improve the flow of traffic into and out of the Port of Dover. Given that the summer rush is almost upon us can the Portfolio Holder for Transport please provide an update as to how discussions are proceeding with KCC and Dover Harbour Board concerning the provision of new port infrastructure and whether any timescales have been produced as to when this work will be completed?”

- (3) Councillor M Bates will ask the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Environmental Services, Councillor J L Pout:

“Last year we received the devastating news from KCC that Stagecoach and other bus companies intended to cut a number of unviable commercial services. Amongst these were a number of school bus routes within the District which, following representations from DDC and other interested parties, were reprieved until July this year. We are still awaiting a further announcement from KCC as to whether these services will be reprieved. Can the Portfolio Holder for Transport confirm that he has made representations with his opposite number in KCC requesting that this reprieve be continued for the following school year?”

- (4) Councillor C A Vinson will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property, Councillor C D Zosseder:

“On which date was the current portfolio holder briefed by the relevant head of service and internal audit team on the findings of the recent proactive audit of car parking and enforcement?”

- (5) Councillor D R Friend will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education, Councillor P M Brivio:

“Will the portfolio holder confirm that 200 “environmentally friendly council homes” will be built by the Council this year (i.e. in 23/24)?”

- (6) Councillor T J Bartlett will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K Mills:

“Will the leader confirm whether the Council has a commercial agreement in place with the developers of the former Regent cinema in Deal, in relation to the Council’s landholdings adjacent to the site (including South Street car park, public toilets and former bus waiting room) which are included within the plans recently consulted on ahead of applying for planning permission to redevelop the site?”

- (7) Councillor O C de R Richardson will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property, Councillor C D Zosseder:

“Will the portfolio holder provide an update on current staffing levels within the parks and open spaces team?”

- (8) Councillor C A Vinson will ask the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance, Climate Change and Environment, Councillor S H Beer:

“What assessment has the portfolio holder made of the future reduction in the Council’s greenhouse gas emissions that may be possible as a result of the renewal of our energy procurement arrangements through LASER (Notice of Decision Taken Between Meetings DPH02 23, 4th July 2023) which includes contracting with Total Energies for gas supply alongside provision of Renewable Gas Guarantee of Origin (REGO) certificates?”