

COUNCIL

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.

Question 1

Question From: Councillor J P Loffman

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing & Environmental Services, Councillor J L Pout

Question: “Irrespective of recent circumstances, I know the Labour Group as a whole and Portfolio holders particularly are ambitious to deliver improved services to residents - like the realisation of a sustainable future for Tides in Deal, & the Beacon Project in Dover- you were all over the recent bus cuts, bus services are so important to our communities. Can you outline what we do next to hold bus companies like Stagecoach accountable?”

Question 2

Question From: Councillor C A Vinson

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance, Climate Change and Environment, Councillor S B Blair

Question: “Does the portfolio holder agree that the postponement of this year’s Kent County Council elections would present an opportunity for DDC to carry out its planned Community Governance Review in 2025, rather than 2026 as originally planned?”

Question 3

Question From: Councillor D G Beaney

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Community & Corporate Property, Councillor C D Zosseder

Question: "Can the portfolio holder provide an update on how many vulnerable, elderly residents DDC has supported to claim Pension Credit, so they can maintain their eligibility for the Winter Fuel Allowance?"

Question 4

Question From: Councillor R M Knight

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Community & Corporate Property, Councillor C D Zosseder

Question: "Can the portfolio holder provide an update on progress with the replacement of the Whitfield Brownie hut, the sale of the land, and safeguards in place to ensure that Brownie and Rainbows groups can continue to use the site?"

Question 5

Question From: Councillor N S Kenton

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Planning & Built Environment, Councillor E A Biggs

Question: "Can the portfolio holder provide an assessment of the potential impact on the district's share of national housebuilding targets, if it is combined with neighbouring authorities into a new East Kent unitary council?"

Question 6

Question From: Councillor M Bates

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing & Environmental Services, Councillor J L Pout

Question: "What discussions has the portfolio holder had about the recent dramatic increase in TAP incidents. Over the last three months of 2024, TAP was triggered 20 times in October, 20 in November and 19 in December. Compared to 3, 8 and 9 respectively for the previous year. A quarterly increase of 226%."

Question 7

Question From: Councillor C A Vinson

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Community & Corporate Property, Councillor C D Zosseder

Question: “How many individual users, sports clubs and other community groups used the sports hall and indoor tennis centre between April 2024 and January 2025?”

Question 8

Question From: Councillor C A Vinson

Question To: Portfolio Holder for Community & Corporate Property, Councillor C D Zosseder

Question: “What arrangements had been made to provide alternative facilities for displaced clubs and other users of the sports hall and indoor centre at Tides leisure centre, prior to the Cabinet decision earlier this month to close the centre until January 2026?”

A Member asking a question under Rule 12.1 (Questions on Notice at full Council) may ask one supplementary question without notice of the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.