

Leaders Q&A Session – 29 July 2020

Public questions:

1. From Mr and Mrs R and E Jarvis

The town public toilets - Folkestone and Hythe have closed this vital human need. Could these places please consider a coin or card operated "tardis" style that self-clean once used?

Car parks have a mobile phone or "app" payment:
Guildhall Street. Tontine Street. The Leas West End. Harbour/Sunny sands?

2. From Mr Peter Rogers

It has been highlighted by the council that it is very difficult, if not impossible, to enforce the 2 hour parking restrictions on Radnor Cliff and Radnor Crescent.

1. Why should the residents pay for a permit?
2. The Council should repay ALL the payments to the residents since the scheme was introduced.

3. From Ms C Abbott

How can the Council justify a pay rise of £40 k to the chief executive in these exceptional economic downturn times?

4. From Mrs R Severn (Litter Picking Watch)

We are a volunteer charity group who remove so much litter from our streets and countryside in Kent, despite this FHDC will not allow us any bags for litter picking.

We used to have them but they were stopped. I would like to know why this is, as we are doing a volunteer service for the FHDC by collecting the waste. Other county councils gladly supply their litter pickers with bags.

We are organised, health and safety aware at all times, risk assessments are carried out before doing any area, hi viz is worn and signs put out.

As head of FHDC can you tell us why bags are not available to us and what are you able to do to change this for us and resolve this problem?

5. From Ms M Burgon-Miller

Why am I, and my neighbours carefully sorting all the recyclable rubbish into separate bins? Every week when the collectors come from Veolia, the men just tip all the newspapers into the bins containing plastic and metal waste. All the operatives do the same thing and it has happened now for more than a year. It is pointless for the public to follow the guidelines when the collectors don't

seem to care and consistently mix it all into one container. Perhaps an undercover view of these practices would reveal the extent of this charade.

6. From Ms C Cooper

What will happen to the Community Hubs after the end of July and how will vulnerable older people on the Romney Marsh access help with collecting prescriptions and shopping.

7. From Ms I Yerburgh

Given that on 11/12 July there were several lit BBQs in the Lower Leas Coastal Park, and the one park warden stated that he had no powers to intervene, who has the authority and responsibility to issue fines for any antisocial misdemeanours in the Park?

8. From Mr M Hamilton

Under your leadership we have seen huge investment in land and property including the gas works site, Debenhams and Westenhanger Castle.

The spend is in excess of £5.5 million.

Yet East Folkestone is one of the most deprived areas in the South East and now Covid has exaggerated this.

What plans have you to regenerate East Folkestone and over what time scale?

9. From Ms J Spain

When will the work start on the café development beside the lower Leas lift and how are local disabled people of all ages or elderly residents who live here all year round and who do not have their own transport, going to be able to access this facility once completed? The disabled of all ages and elderly have no Councillor that I am aware of, to monitor services which are vital to their physical/ mental wellbeing and inclusion and as such, the council appears to contravene the DDA.

10. From Ms J Darling

"Levelling up" has featured prominently in Conservative Party policy proposals. Inequalities in our country have been further exposed during the pandemic.

These inequalities are embodied by the differences in the prospects and resources of the residents of our borough.

What are the council's plans to alleviate this unacceptably immoral, divisive and disabling situation?

11. From Ms H Jones

Since the Pride flag was not flown during June, despite a democratic vote, will the council arrange mandatory LGBTQ+ training as a matter of urgency for all councillors so that they may represent their marginalised constituents more fully?