

Council – 24 November 2021

Councillor questions:

1. From Councillor Whybrow to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control

Local residents are naturally very concerned about the discharge of sewage into the sea around our coastline. Will you please invite Southern Water to give a briefing to all members of this council to set out what steps they are taking to avoid this happening in the future?

2. From Councillor Whybrow to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

The Environment Agency have objected to planning application ref 21/1997/FH regarding the storm water outfall pipes for Princes Parade. They have also pointed out that a flood risk activity permit will be required and that this is unlikely to be granted for the current proposal. What are the implications of this for the Princes Parade project?

3. From Councillor Shoob to Councillor Wimble, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

The Council recently announced "free" car parking in the lead up to Christmas. How is waiving charges for car parking compatible with the climate emergency?

4. From Councillor J Martin to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Can the leader tell us, what the value of the two stage design and build contract with BAM will be signed for?

5. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

With the cold weather fast approaching can you please inform us of what SWEP protocols are in place this year and how many days at zero temperatures will our homeless suffer before we can offer a warm and safe roof over their head?

6. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Given that the council has borrowed a very large sum of money to build/create the new garden town Otterpool, but as yet we are not in the position to break ground, could you please provide us with the total amount of expenditure since December 2015 by the District Council and Otterpool Park LLP to progress the development including all land/property purchases, consultant and legal fees paid, travel costs / expenses, and any other loans / expenditure including inter authority loans?

7. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Field, Cabinet Member for Transport and Digital Transformation

With more people visiting the harbour area of Folkestone once again we have issues with car parking and residents are once again struggling to find space on Marine Parade and the Stade. Local hotels and Air B&B are advising visitors to park in the road as parking charges are suspended from 6pm. So consequently if visitors park at 1pm and pay for 5 hours parking they can stay in the space until the next day. Residents are being forced to park further afield and this is causing a great deal of anger. It is evident with more and more CPZ parking that we require more car parking in the area in order to encourage people to visit and spend in our local economy. People will not come to Folkestone if there is not adequate parking (one of the two private car parks are closed over the winter). What plans do we have as a council to provide parking for visitors?

8. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Field, Cabinet Member for Transport and Digital Transformation

The newly Introduced CPZ G1 has caused a lot of issues for residents in Radnor Bridge Road and East Cliff Gardens and this is apparently soon to be reviewed. Can I ask when this review is likely to take place? The entire zone with the exception of Dyke Road has no provision for short term visitors and it is causing problems for trades people attending the properties to give quotes for maintenance work. All the residents who live in G1 should be given the same ability to allow visitor's a one hour free parking slot when this is available to most other residents in CPZ area of Folkestone.

9. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

A number of residents who own properties in Rossendale Court have brought issues to me that they have had with EKH and now with FHDC regarding leasehold/shared ownership properties in Folkestone. Could you please explain how maintenance charges are applied, what is included, and how work is quoted for?

10. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

In respect of leasehold/shared ownership properties, a further issue that concerned me was the fact that none of the chimneys are capped which has led in the past to birds falling down the chimney which I then understand the tenants have to pay a proportion of the cost to have the bird removed. Why do we not cap the chimneys?

11. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Prater, Cabinet Member for Revenues, Benefits, Anti-Fraud and Corruption

Kent County Council has been allocated more than £11 million to support residents via the government's winter household support fund. County Councils

are expected to work together with District Councils to provide support. Can you provide information on how people can access this funding in our district?

12. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste and Building Control

What steps are being taken to ensure the Leas pavilion does not suffer further damage as a result of the impending winter weather?