

Council – 28 September 2022

Councillors' Questions:

1. From Councillor Whybrow to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

Can I please have an update on the Princes Parade development?

2. From Councillor McConville to Councillor Goddard, Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee

In light of the recent successful appeal of the McDonalds planning application in the Cheriton Tesco, how many incidents have there been since May 2019 where the planning committee has voted against officer recommendations that has then led to a successful appeal of that decision and what is the current financial cost of this to the council?

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

As in the past I return to the subject of value for money and the lack of risk management in our budgeting. I refer specifically to the figures in "Statistical Bulletin October 2021" prepared by Kent Analytics at Kent County Council: Table 3: Band D area Council Tax for local authorities, which shows that since 2016 FHDC has consistently charged the highest Band D Council Tax in Kent. Does Councillor Monk honestly feel that FHDC has delivered the highest level of service to the people of the District that reflects this consistently high charge?

4. From Councillor J Martin to Councillor Field, Cabinet Member for Transport and Digital Transformation

It is a great cause of concern amongst the people of Hythe, that while there are a great number of parking restrictions in Hythe, there is very little enforcement, can Councillor Field explain why?

5. From Councillor Shoob to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance

There is huge public interest in what will happen to the Edwardian red brick corner of Folca, formerly home to Debenhams. A survey conducted by the New Folkestone Society has had a huge response, with an overwhelming majority of those responding saying they do not want to see the loss of the current building. Will the council formally consult and listen to the public prior to next steps, or is demolition of this high street landmark now a done deal?

6. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

With the cold weather now coming in, can the council please confirm that the 1 day freezing temperature duration will be used again to instigate the Severe Weather Emergency Plan to ensure that any homeless are not left out in dangerous weather?

7. From Councillor J Martin to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

A constituent of mine has been trying to find out from officers if the Badger Licence for the removal of the Badgers from their sett on Prince's Parade is in place. My constituent has been told by officers that the Council have been advised by their Environmental Consultants Lloyd Bore that my constituent should make a Freedom of Information request to Natural England. So my question is: why are Consultants being allowed to dictate what information should be given to our constituents?

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

In view of our long waiting list for social housing and the high rents that we have within the private rental market in the district, what are the are our plans as a District Council in respect of the construction of much needed Social Housing?

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

What progress has been made with Council Properties that require Energy Performance Certificates?

~~10. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council~~

~~Would the Council confirm or deny that Otterpool Park LLP have signed contracts with the following Housing developers to build at Otterpool Park Redrow, Barrett, Places for People, Quinn Estates & Pentland Homes? This question has been withdrawn.~~

11. From Councillor Wing to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

In regards to the development at Otterpool Park I would like ask what does the council plan to do to increase easily accessible information for the public so they can fully understand exactly were the development is today and in the future.

12. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Wimble, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

Following on from the important cost of living summit co-ordinated by the council earlier this month, how is the council engaging with local businesses

and other public sector organisations and services in our district about the pressures they face?