

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9****Council 26 July 2017 - Questions submitted by Members**

<b>Question No.</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Service area:</b>
1.	Cllr Roger Truelove	There is a severe need for extra parking room in the area of East Street, Sittingbourne. Local residents deserve some relief. An answer would be for the Council to acquire the land off East Street which once accommodated the Maidstone and District Buses and which is now owned by the Mormon Church. Will the Council pursue this as a serious option?	Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley	Nick Vickers, Anne Adams
2.	Cllr Roger Truelove	There is cross party support for the argument that we must invest in skills to improve local productivity and economic diversity. There has also been cross party agreement for many years that we need a Further Education or Technical College in Sittingbourne. What progress is there on this matter?	Cllr Mike Cosgrove	Emma Wiggins
3.	Cllr John Wright	Can the Cabinet Member update Members on the progression towards the renewing or otherwise of the leisure services contract at the Swallows Sittingbourne and the Sheerness Leisure Centre, at present run by Serco and overseen by Swale Community Leisure Trust. The contract ends in 2019 and therefore its construction and implementation is of huge interest to the many residents that use these facilities? Can the Cabinet Member assure the Members that all options are being considered including new facilities that could be run at zero cost to the council as have been demonstrated by Spirit of Sittingbourne partners Cathedral in the not too distant past?	Cllr Ken Pugh	Martyn Cassell

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4.	Cllr Ghlin Whelan	A few months ago there was a degree of mutual congratulation in the Council about the imminent commencement of works on the Sittingbourne Skate Park, since then I have not been aware of very much progress. Is there any?	Cllr David Simmons	Charlotte Hudson
5.	Cllr Nigel Kay	New rubbish bins have started appearing around the streets of Faversham with separate sections for recyclables and non-recyclable rubbish.  Is this a trial of the new bins, and if it is what were the results and will these new bins be put throughout Swale?	Cllr David Simmons	Martyn Cassell
6.	Cllr Mike Baldock	Two years ago I asked about the Borough's Conservation Area statements and pointed out that many were years if not decades out of date. I was assured this was being looked into and that updates would be carried out. Can the Cabinet Member update us on the progress made since that time?	Cllr Gerry Lewin	James Freeman
7.	Cllr Mike Baldock	What level of harm to human health does the Leader personally consider acceptable in the pursuit of new houses being built?	Leader	James Freeman
8.	Cllr Cameron Beart	In my supplementary question at the last full council meeting regarding the lack of a marina at Queenborough, I made the Cabinet Member for Regeneration aware that works were in progress to attempt reinstatement of the Queenborough to Southend ferry service.	Cllr Mike Cosgrove	Emma Wiggins

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		<p>I would like to make the cabinet member aware that since that meeting, a trial service was announced and advertised online to take place on Monday 28th August. Both sailings from Sheppey sold out within 18 hours of going on general sale. In return, a single sailing from Southend to Queenborough on the same day has also attracted high ticket sales with 70% of tickets sold to visitors coming to Swale.</p> <p>Given the high amount of public interest, would the cabinet member and/or his deputy be prepared to meet with myself, the organisers behind the plans and the other Sheppey councillors who have been supporting this project and discuss ways that this council could support the restoration of this transport link between Kent and Essex?</p>		