

**AGENDA ITEM NO.****Council 10 October 2018 - Questions submitted by Members**

<b>Question No.</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Service area:</b>
1.	Councillor John Wright	<p>It has now been many years since due to cost pressures and the excessive cost of per use of the public toilets in Newington high street that they were closed.</p> <p>This asset is in a prime location within the Newington conservation area and high street and is now suffering from a lack of attention with ivy now growing over the top of the structure.</p> <p>Would it not be better to sell this asset and make good use of that money for the public good in Newington, or let it to some business with the necessary change of use if appropriate?</p> <p>If not, what plans does the Cabinet Member have to regenerate this area and building for the benefit of Newington High Street Conservation Area?</p>	Councillor David Simmons Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs	Martyn Cassell Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
2.	Councillor John Wright	<p>Following the motion passed by this Council to support Medway Maritime Hospital in its bid for acute stroke services, he will be aware that the powers that be have now decided to drop Medway from its preferred Hospitals list.</p> <p>The Leader is also aware transport links to and from either Maidstone or Darent hospital are longer and more problematic putting Swale residents at even greater risk when there are areas in Swale that already are disadvantaged and have higher</p>	Councillor Bowles Leader	Charlotte Hudson Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services

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		<p>rates of stroke than other parts of Kent, similar in fact to the Medway Towns demographic the highest number of cases of stroke. Most sensible businesses would place services where there is the greatest need.</p> <p>Would the Leader write on behalf of this Council and its motion to the review committee pointing out the shortfalls of their recent decision urging them to reconsider and then share this and the committee's reply with this Council?</p>		
3.	Councillor Lloyd Bowen	KCC have been consulting on the possible introduction of fees for certain types of waste. Can the Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs please let me know if he has received this consultation from KCC and if he has provided a response? If so what was the response?	Councillor David Simmons Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs	Martyn Cassell Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
4.	Councillor Roger Truelove	<p>In March this Council voted by 38 votes to nil ( with 3 abstentions) to support Medway Hospital being chosen as a centre for acute stroke services and also added Kent and Canterbury, thus raising the proposed 3 units to 4.</p> <p>We now know that this fell on deaf ears and that the views of this Council are taken to be of little account.</p>	Councillor Sarah Aldridge Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Charlotte Hudson Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services

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		Could you report in detail as to how this Council followed up the agreed motion, what lobbying took place and how the administration of this Council intends to respond to the Kent and Medway review which, as ever, neglects the more deprived parts of Kent. Is this Council working in partnership with Medway Council and with the MPs for Medway and Swale who appear to have woken up to this issue a little too late in the day?		
5.	Councillor Tony Winckless	Can the Cabinet Member explain to me the logic of removing C.C.T.V. in Swale, which acts as a safe guard against crime. C.C.T.V. cameras which were positioned in Howard Avenue, and in Staplehurst Road by the Jordan's Way Underpass, which were paid for by the Windmill and Howard Road Residents Association and commissioned in 2011. When installed reduced anti-social behaviour in the area. Since there removal anti-social behaviour in the area has increased again including a fire, the area is becoming a no go area again. Could the Cabinet Member re- consider his policy, and look at reinstating C.C.T.V cameras to monitor the Jordan's Way Underpass.	Councillor Alan Horton Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities	Charlotte Hudson Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services
6.	Councillor Tony	I have requested six new Dog/Litter Bins for various locations in Milton Regis since May. I was told these were going to be	Councillor David Simmons	Martyn Cassell Head of

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	Winckless	installed by the end of July. This has still not been done, we are now in October, can the Cabinet Member please tell me when these will be installed?	Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs	Commissioning, Environment and Leisure