

AGENDA ITEM NO.**Council 14 November 2018 - Questions submitted by Members**

Question No.	Question from:	Question:	Question to:	Service area:
1.	Councillor John Wright	<p>Knowing that the Leader is an advocate for clean air in Swale, would he not agree and argue that the Swales Clean air policy should be a specific planning policy document and placed alongside the emerging local plan?</p> <p>By giving this document weight in planning terms, this would ensure the planning team, planning committee and developers give proper consideration to Clean Air for Swale's Residents, which can only be a good thing for all. Under the stronger Leader model would he therefore instruct officers to do so in conjunction and agreement with the cabinet and this council?</p>	Councillor David Simmons, Cabinet Member for the Environment	Tracey Beattie, Mid Kent Environmental Health Manager
2.	Councillor John Wright	<p>There is at present a new planning application for another waste incinerator proposed to be built at Kemsley bringing the waste that could be incinerated at facilities along the creek to over a million tonnes of waste per annum.</p> <p>Bearing in mind one is operational, two has permission and is currently being built and is not yet in operation, this would be a proposed third. Also that the flue gas cleaners in these plants only clean up to 90% of the harmful waste gases and particulates.</p> <p>Can he demonstrate and say that the 10% plus of toxic gases and particulates will not fall upon the residents of Sittingbourne</p>	Councillor David Simmons, Cabinet Member for the Environment	Tracey Beattie, Mid Kent Environmental Health Manager

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		<p>and the surrounding areas. Whether that be the nationally important SSSI, residential areas of Minster and Eastchurch that are predominantly down wind.</p> <p>Will there be physical monitoring both on site and off site to monitor the situation before and after the plants open in the interest of residents health and air quality?</p> <p>Will human and animal health in the area be monitored to quantify there effects before and after the plants start operating and who will be responsible for this?</p> <p>Does he accept that there is a cumulative effect at play here if three incinerators are operational, which will with their associated lorry movements impact severely on Air quality within the area? How is this going to be dealt with and who is going to pay for mitigation or clean up the operator or the residents?</p>		
3.	Councillor Mike Baldock	What steps are being taken to ensure that those residents without access to cars, particularly those in rural villages such as Hartlip and Milstead, young people and disabled people, will be able to fully take advantage of Sittingbourne's future nightlife?	Councillor Mike Cosgrove, Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration
4.	Councillor Roger	Is there now any investment or development plan for the land in East Street previously acquired from the Mormon Church?	Councillor Duncan Dewar-Whalley,	Nick Vickers, Chief Finance Officer

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	Truelove		Cabinet Member for Regeneration	
5.	Councillor Roger Truelove	Would you ever think of publicly describing people evicted from private sector housing, made homeless and in need of foodbank assistance as " feckless" ?	Councillor Alan Horton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services
6.	Councillor Mike Whiting	We know that crime and fear of crime is an issue for many in Swale, particularly the vulnerable and those in rural areas. Does the Leader, like me, welcome the additional 200 police officers being recruited into Kent's police force, and congratulate the 100 new police officers who recently completed their training?	Leader	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services
7.	Councillor Ghlin Whelan	When will the Skate Park be opened to public use?	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services
8.	Councillor Ghlin Whelan	In the Sittingbourne Town Centre Project, has the Cinema company signed a lease to occupy the cinema and if so for how long?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration

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9	Councillor Mark Ellen	Can the cabinet member for communities tell me if there has been any change in membership at our leisure centres in Sittingbourne and Sheerness since parking charges came into place?	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Martyn Cassell, Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
10	Councillor Tony Winckless	In the Sittingbourne Town Centre Leisure Scheme how many diners have made legal agreement to occupy properties?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration
11	Councillor Tony Winckless	Given the funding put into this year's budget to play area improvements. Can you tell me how many play areas in Swale have seen improvements made, or been commissioned, and where are they?	Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs	Martyn Cassell, Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
12	Councillor Harrison	Whilst it is a hypothetical and unrealistic idea, would you ever condone the notion of using Sheerness as an alternative dock to Dover, given the already congested state of the A249 which is due to be made worse by intensive new housing in the A249 corridor?	Leader	