

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9****Council 9 January 2019 - Questions submitted by Members**

Question No.	Question from:	Question:	Question to:	Service area:
1.	Councillor Roger Truelove	A number of schools in Swale are paying more Business rates than is necessary because they appear to be unaware of their rate relief entitlement. The approach of this Council has been hitherto to wait for the schools to apply. Can we reverse this approach? It is not difficult to ascertain who the schools are. Can we proactively encourage schools to apply for the considerable relief to which they are entitled, so that our local children benefit rather than the Treasury?	Councillor Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance	Nick Vickers, Chief Financial Officer
2.	Councillor Roger Truelove	This Council determined to provide accommodation for 10 Syrian refugee families. Can you update the Council on progress?	Councillor Alan Horton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services
3	Councillor Ghlin Whelan	In the weeks running up to Christmas there was a disturbing rise in the number of people sleeping rough in Swale. Can you tell the council what the estimated figure was for this year and how it compared with the previous two years?	Councillor Alan Horton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services

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4	Councillor Tony Winckless	After the Cabinet Member on Medway Council responsible for the monitoring and overseeing the running of C.C.T.V. recently admitted he was not aware it was part of his Portfolio. As the C.C.T.V. in Swale is monitored by the control centre in Medway located in Strood. Can you assure me all C.C.T.V in the Swale area, is and was monitored and working correctly?	Councillor Alan Horton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing, Economy and Community Services
5	Tony Winckless	Can the Cabinet Member for Regeneration tell me if and when there are any plans to make improvements to the new roundabout outside Sittingbourne Railway Station? As buses and long vehicles have problems getting round.	Councillor Mike Cosgrove, Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration