

Council 11 September 2019: Questions submitted from Members of the Public

Question No.	Question from	Question:	Question to:	Responsible Officer:
1.	Stephen Palmer	<p>In the planning application for Spirit of Sittingbourne there was a condition to employ in both its construction and operation to employ 80% of its workforce from Kent, of which 30% from Swale.</p> <p>Can the council provide what the figures actually are for those that have permanent residences in Kent and Swale as opposed to transit workers in temporary accommodation?</p>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Mike Baldock	James Freeman/Charlotte Hudson
2.	Gareth Randall	<p>Members will be aware of the intense heatwaves experienced by Swale during the last few months. Intense heat is not only a hazard to the elderly but risks even more climate change by encouraging people to install air conditioning which uses more energy.</p> <p>White roof tiles and white walls can reduce the buildup of heat within a house and also reduce the amount of heat generated in the neighbourhood by hot roofs. Most commercial buildings, such as those in the Eurolink industrial estate just north of Swale House, have white or light-coloured roofs to reflect heat. Extending this option to residential buildings where used aesthetically could help Swale reduce its climate impact and set an example to be followed by the rest of the country.</p> <p>Would the council consider undertaking a review of the currently allowed building materials for housing, to specifically allow white reflective roof tiles and white walls</p>	Leader, Cllr Roger Truelove	James Freeman

		to be used where developers and individual homeowners choose?		
3.	John Greenhill	It is interesting to note that the council is being asked to make a resolution (item 9 on the Agenda) when it would appear that a preponderance of the matter stated is already covered by Common Law and Statute and sanctions are available if there is contravention, Codes of Conduct and matters such as the Nolan Principles. Para. 3(g) is derogatory of the Standards Committee which has clear terms of reference and Para. 3(e) is inappropriate for the allocation of committee membership when experience of life often indicates that attendance at courses is often tokenism and is merely a matter of 'been there, done that, got the T-shirt'. Rather than lip service or the like, would not time be more appropriately spent, say, in pro-actively resolving matters such as the blatant discrimination staring us all in the face in respect of ageism and disability and which are patently obvious in Sittingbourne as a result, for example, of the inherited so-called regeneration and elsewhere in Borough, these matters being obvious to the eye and ear should anyone be interested in the same, beyond those Councillors who have a proven track record in dealing with such matters?	Leader, Cllr Roger Truelove	David Clifford