

Council 23 November 2016 - Questions submitted by Members

Question No.	Question from:	Question:	Question to:	Service area:
1.	Cllr James Hunt	<p>Since being elected as member for The Meads one of the biggest complaints I receive from residents is about litter. Whilst new litter bins have been installed in the last couple of years I seem to have to constantly contact the cleansing team to report that Biffa have once again not emptied the bins and that they are overflowing. Not only is this a health issue, especially with regards to the dog waste bins, but it also doesn't help in keeping the ward tidy with rubbish blowing out of the bins and littering the area. Many residents now go around with carrier bags picking up litter themselves whilst out and about walking their dogs etc.</p> <p>The cleansing team do an amazing job and get any issues dealt with quickly but these problems shouldn't be happening in the first place and surely Biffa should be following the routine set out in the contract and empty these bins before problems arise. Can the Cabinet Member please reassure myself and residents that this issue is being dealt with and that Biffa are making changes to ensure that these problems don't continue in the future?</p>	Cabinet Member for Environmental and Rural Affairs, Cllr David Simmons	Head of Commissioning and Customer Contact, Contracts and Procurement Manager
2.	Cllr Harrison	Would the Cabinet Member let Members know what has happened to the £100,000 Section 106 money from Morrisons from Queenborough? Has any of the money been spent?	Cabinet Member for Planning	Head of Planning

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3.	Cllr Roger Truelove	The Labour Group is prepared to support the use of reserves for investment generation but also argues that this should not preclude the use of some reserves for community benefits which may not be a wealth generator. I have frequently asked for £500K to go on updating our play areas and your answer to me has been that we must wait for a play area strategy to emerge, which in February was imminent. A draft has finally appeared. As the administration is considering using some reserves to help fund parts of the Sittingbourne Town Centre changes, can you say clearly whether you will fight for our children's play areas?	Cabinet Member for Environmental and Rural Affairs	Commissioning and Customer Contact, Leisure and Technical Services Manager;
4.	Cllr Ghlin Whelan	Could you tell the Council and the wider public exactly what benefit there will be to the local community in transferring Sittingbourne town centre car parks to the private sector for housing development, bearing in mind that it is now the local community that has to fund the leisure and retail side of the Sittingbourne Town centre phase 1 project?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Interim Director of Regeneration
5.	Cllr Mark Ellen	Does the cabinet member for regeneration realise that in the light of the vast amount of public money proposed to be spent on the Sittingbourne Town Centre scheme and lack of any major investment on the Isle Of Sheppey there is a growing movement on the Island towards succession from SBC disregardless of just how impractical this may be and to form an Island Council?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Interim Director of Regeneration

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6.	Cllr Katy Coleman	With the welcome news that there is discussion in Sheerness about forming a Town Council, could the cabinet member consider revisiting the plan to introduce a Sittingbourne Town Council, and possible parochialisation in the surrounding communities, such as Milton and Kemsley?	The Leader	Director of Corporate Services