

Council 25 January 2017 - Questions submitted by Members

Question No.	Question from:	Question:	Question to:	Service area:
1	Cllr James Hunt	I'm pleased to see that Faversham is progressing well with their 20's plenty scheme and I hope that other areas in the borough will be looked at to see whether the scheme could be implemented in those areas, but whilst work will need to be done in existing parts of the borough with new developments already being designed with safety in mind 20mph speed signs could easily be installed within those developments. Can this council put a policy in place so that all new development coming forward are 20mph zones?"	Cabinet Member for Planning	James Freeman/Planning Services
2.	Cllr Mike Baldock	Can the Cabinet Member confirm how much has been spent on repainting Yellow Lines so far this financial year in comparison to the amount budgeted for such activity?	Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities	Dave Thomas/Head of Commissioning and Customer Contact
3.	Cllr Roger Truelove	The Swale Local Plan is about to return to its examination in public. The process is challenging for a District Planning Authority. What do you regard as the greater challenge; to meet the real local need for affordable and low cost housing for purchase and renting or to meet the Government imposed speculative housing numbers and the aspirations of local developers to build the highest value housing at the lowest possible land costs?	Cabinet Member for Planning/Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing	James Freeman/Planning Services Amber Christou/Housing Services
4.	Cllr Roger	On 29th November a number of members of the public were	The Leader	Mark Radford/Corporate

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	Truelove	excluded from attending any part of an Emergency Scrutiny meeting on the Cabinet's proposed provision of borrowing as an investment in the leisure and retail parts of the Sittingbourne Town Centre scheme. There have been public complaints and a review of what occurred conducted by officers. Can you tell me what was the nature of that review?		Services
5.	Cllr Cameron Beart	<p>In June 1667, the naval forces of the Dutch Republic sailed into the Swale, captured the incomplete garrison at Sheerness and invaded the town of Queenborough, hoisting the Dutch flag over the Guildhall before sailing further up the Medway to target the English battleships at the Battle of Chatham.</p> <p>Following the end of the Second Anglo-Dutch War, no mention was made of Queenborough in the Treaty of Breda and on the 300th anniversary in June 1967 a celebration was held both in Medway and on Sheppey where the Netherlands formally returned the town to the United Kingdom and cemented a lasting relationship by twinning the town with Brielle.</p> <p>This year marks the 350th anniversary of the invasion and the 50th anniversary of Queenborough's 'Independence Day'. Medway Council have announced 9 days of events and celebrations this summer, 'Medway In Flames', but could the Leader confirm if Swale Borough Council will be doing anything to mark this momentous event of historical significance to our borough?</p>	The Leader	Lyn Newton/Economy & Community Services
6.	Cllr Ghlin	Some time ago we benefited from two separate presentations from two senior practitioners in the field of Mental health. Their	The Leader	Amber Christou – Head

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	Whelan	<p>greatest concern was inadequate housing. When asked what Swale planned to do in this area the leader advised that it was not this authority's responsibility and we would be doing nothing.</p> <p>Bearing in mind that the needs of mental health patients can be a major factor in housing allocations and in light of the Prime Minister's recent utterances on the subject of funding being made available, is it still the policy of this authority to do nothing as regards the mental health problems of its residents, in particular the housing problem?</p>		of Housing Services
7.	Cllr Ghlin Whelan	Now that the Council is funding the provision of a 7 screen cinema and retail outlets etc, could the portfolio holder advise what exactly residents are getting in return for giving up the car parks and providing a £3,000,000 multi-storey car park?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Emma Wiggins – Interim Director of Regeneration