

Council 18 October 2017 - Questions submitted by Members

Question No.	Question from:	Question:	Question to:	Service area:
1.	Cllr Mike Baldock	Can the Cabinet Member tell us whether any consideration has been given to creating a park or area where quad bikes and motorbikes could be used in safety, possibly involving a workshop where young people could learn about mechanics as well as rallying on their vehicles? This is a request that has arisen from residents many times over the past few years, and which would give Sittingbourne an unique attraction within the local area.	Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs	Martyn Cassell
2	Cllr Roger Truelove	At the February meeting of the Council I asked you about the financial difficulties being faced by the Swale Clinical Commissioning Group. You somewhat implausibly tried to dismiss the problem. Could you update the Council on the current financial position of the Swale CCG and its implications for patient care in the area it serves?	Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing	Amber Christou
3	Cllr Ghlin Whelan	At our July meeting we agreed an amended motion relating to our local MPs lobbying for Government money for A roads in Swale, with the labour group alone expressing a priority for completing the Northern Relief Road. What action was taken with this resolution and what response, if any, from our two MPs?	Leader	James Freeman/Kieren Mansfield
4	Cllr Ghlin Whelan	At the recent Conservative Party conference, the current Prime Minister pledged to invest £2billion into social and affordable housing over a 5 year period. Is this the solution to Swale's desperate need for both social and affordable housing and the crisis in Homelessness?	Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing	Amber Christou

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5	Cllr Roger Truelove	Have you any update on the Council's need to find a developer to come forward with a plan to regenerate the Bell Centre in Sittingbourne?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Emma Wiggins
6	Cllr Harrison	With a minimum 7 week wait to process applications which are complicated and time consuming to the claimant, the introduction of the government's Universal Credit promises to be a disaster for many vulnerable Swale families and a stimulus to the loan shark industry. Should this Council join many other councils, plus Sir John Major, in calling for a delay in the introduction and roll out of this ill prepared policy?	Leader	Zoe Kent
7.	Cllr Tony Winckless	At our September meeting the Council unanimously agreed that option 12 A was not the solution to the traffic congestion on the A 249 on the approach to junction 5 of the M2. What has been done since to let the government know that their financially inadequate proposal will not do?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	James Freeman/Kieren Mansfield
8.	Cllr Tony Winckless	Can you give me an update on how the proposed improvements to the A249 interchange at Kemsley are progressing, bearing in mind the additional traffic that will be generated with the additional housing being built in north west Sittingbourne?	Cabinet Member for Regeneration	James Freeman/Kieren Mansfield
9.	Cllr Mike Henderson	Will the cabinet member please outline all projects which are being pursued by SBC to increase the availability of temporary or permanent housing for those in the Borough needing either of these, including the two projects he mentioned at the recent Cabinet meeting. Please include the expected timing of each project and the number of homes each will provide.	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Amber Christou