

Council 21 February 2018 - Questions submitted by Members

Question No.	Question from:	Question:	Question to:	Service area:
1.	Cllr Harrison	I understand that Swale Borough Council has a zero tolerance policy towards access refusal from taxi and minicab drivers. Disability equality training will further help drivers understand the rights and needs of disabled people, particularly assistance dog owners, and I would ask the Cabinet Member if he would be prepared to make it a requirement that all taxi and minicab drivers take part in disability equality training.	Cllr Alan Horton, Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities	Della Fackrell
2.	Cllr Harrison	It has long been my view that the Sheppey College campus of Canterbury has been under-utilised. It has been brought to my attention recently that students who have no choice but to access the college by car have to pay £88 a month or £235 for 3 months for parking. Apart from Christmas time, the car park next to the College is not greatly used. Would the Cabinet Member be prepared to enter into discussions with the College with a view to reaching a mutually beneficial agreement?	Cllr Alan Horton, Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities	Martyn Cassell
3.	Cllr Roger Truelove	At the most recent Local Development Framework Panel Meeting, members were advised that the Government's likely new housing target for Swale is 1054 dwellings per annum and that the Council should begin to review the Local Plan, or deliver a new Local Plan, with that in mind. I recognise that planning for all eventualities is sound but do you not agree that as this figure as an indicative number contained within a consultative document, the Council should, at least, indicate some doubts about the figures passed down by a centralising government to a vassal borough? Of course, the formula is highly technical but it is based on population growth, both	Cllr Gerry Lewin, Cabinet Member for Planning	James Freeman

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		indigenous and migration from London, market sensitivity and deliverability. I frankly don't believe that brings us to 1054 a year, do you? Isn't this all a continuation of your Government's determination to free up more land than is needed to support their friends in the construction industry?		
4.	Cllr Ghlin Whelan	Members have one week left to use their Members Localism Grants. It is clear to see that some Councillors are very keen to publicise their grants in the hope of deriving personal political benefit whilst others are more retiring and modest. With this in mind, will you publish a statement in full of how the grants for 2017-2018 have been used by each councillor?	Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance	Charlotte Hudson
5.	Cllr Mike Henderson	The Peter Brett report stresses the need to attract well qualified people to Swale. Does the Leader agree that it is even more important to improve the skills and qualifications of people already living in Swale?	Cllr Bowles, Leader	Emma Wiggins
6.	Cllr Roger Truelove	At a previous meeting you told us that whilst the Swale CCG were forecasting a £6 million deficit risk they would mitigate this with a break even financial position at the end of the financial year. How has that worked out?	Cllr Ken Pugh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing	Amber Christou
7.	Cllr Ghlin Whelan	How is your plan to adapt the Sheerness Military Hospital for Homeless accommodation progressing?	Cllr Ken Pugh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing	Amber Christou