

Council 21 February 2018: Questions submitted from Members of the Public

Question No.	Question from	Question:	Question to:	Responsible Officer:
1.	Stephen Palmer	<p>I would like to ask a question concerning S106 payments received by the council covering the period 2008-2017.</p> <p>The council received £3.732m and spent £2.172m as advised from an FOI request.</p> <p>I would to ask what has happened to the balance and what plans are in place to spend the balance of £1.56m. In particular the following areas: Play Areas - received £1.1m, spent £0.296m, balance £804k Open Spaces - received £296k, spent £71k, balance £225k</p>	Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs, Cllr David Simmons	Martyn Cassell
2.	Eddie Thomas	<p>Regarding Ospringe Street car park in Faversham.</p> <p>Local residents have raised concerns that there are fewer spaces painted out than there could be in this car park.</p> <p>Subsequently any vehicle, even if it is not causing an obstruction, is issued with a parking ticket for not being within a marked bay.</p> <p>Will the cabinet member please ensure that the space in this car park is marked out to ensure the maximum number of spaces are made available for local residents, and could he take action to ensure that maintenance of the car park is improved as the shrubs encroach on the parking areas?</p>	Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities, Cllr Alan Horton	Martyn Cassell

3.	Helen Martins	<p>The government's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) is bound to have a profound impact on health care in Swale, where there are so many people in need of care and treatment. Are you satisfied that local people are being properly engaged and that the consultation procedures are genuinely inclusive?</p>	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, Cllr Ken Pugh	Emma Wiggins
4.	Myra Beast	<p>As per section 3.3.1 of Swale Borough Council Constitution dated March 2016. It's a delegated Cabinet Responsibility "to lead the formulation of the policy framework and preparation of the budget, including the setting of fees and charges."</p> <p>As no revised fees and charges booklet or summary was referenced or published with the 2018/19 draft budget and the medium term financial plan discussed at the 7 February 2018 Cabinet meeting nor published with the full Council meeting agenda pack, that all fees and charges from April 2018 will remain at their current rates? This includes but not limited to parking, waste, local land charges and fixed penalty notices. I don't include Council as the new proposed rates for 18/19 have been published with the Full Council's agenda pack.</p> <p>As no revised proposed charges have been published for approval and in line with the Council's own Constitution how will the additional income streams mentioned in the draft budget such as local land charges of £55,000, fixed penalty notices of £30,000 (and pay and display fees of £125,000 (to name three) be generated? Its misleading if the Council is proposing to increase Council fees and charges but not publish the proposals with the draft budget.</p>	Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance, Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley	Nick Vickers