



Agenda supplement

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **29 September 2021**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

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Dr Susan Priest
Chief Executive

7. **Questions from Councillors (Pages 3 - 6)**

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Councillor questions:

1. From Councillor J Martin to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Councillor Monk will recall the various comparisons, concerning the pros and cons of the original Martello Lakes site and Prince's Parade as the site for the new swimming pool in Hythe. In a letter from Tibbles dated the 19th March 2018, the Council's consultant, dismissed the site at Martello Lakes because the swimming pool could not be completed before 2022. Given the latest predicted completion date for the swimming pool of 2024, bearing in mind the works have not yet started and are dependent on the outcome of a public inquiry, will Councillor Monk publicly apologise to the people of Hythe for denying them their new pool for 2 or 3 years longer than necessary?

2. From Councillor Wade to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance

A lot of people are very concerned about Environment Agency works at Mill Leese in Saltwood. The Agency intends to cut down trees on the old railway embankment. The reason given for this is so that the Engineer can inspect the embankment for stability but as the Mill Leese stream forms only a very shallow pool when stopped up and very infrequently the need for this work seems doubtful.

Please can you set out your understanding as to why this work cutting down trees is to be done and confirm that you are not aware of any plans to form a permanent reservoir there?

3. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Whybrow, Cabinet Member for the Environment

The Queens Canopy project for her 70th Anniversary is starting in a few weeks time to plant trees throughout the UK and indeed the world to increase biodiversity. Councils and corporations are being encouraged to take part and identify areas and plant trees to celebrate the Queens reign and also help tackle climate change. Can you please tell me what District council have planned to take part in this ground breaking project which could affect all of our lives in a very positive way?

4. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control

Councillors are still receiving complaints that the normal waste collections by Veolia are being missed. Can we please have an update regarding the Veolia waste collections and whether a meeting between Folkestone and Dover (who are both being affected by the issues) has taken place and what the justification of re-introducing the garden waste service is when normal collections are not yet under control?

5. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

It's positive to see the council's commitment to housing Afghan refugee families in our district. Please could we have an update on how this work is progressing?

6. From Councillor Keen to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance

Can councillors receive updates on the condition and cleaning rotas of council managed toilets in their wards to be better placed to engage with resident concerns and complaints?

7. From Councillor McConville to Councillor Wimble, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

What position does this council take with regards to national landlords, who with no regard for local communities, look to force out long standing businesses from trading in our district?

8. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance

The Folkestone town sprucer team and the district's area officers have been dealing with the fallout from the Veolia contract failings. Unfortunately seasonal area officer contracts are due to come to an end and the town sprucer currently receives no funding from the district council. What steps are being taken to ensure our districts public spaces remain tendered to over the winter months?

9. From Councillor McConville to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

If issues persist with reduced supply chains of fuel, what if any, implications will this have for the delivery of council run services?

10. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control

Please can we have an update on the progress against planning conditions put in place as part of the permission for the Leas pavilion development?

11. From Councillor Davison to Councillor Wimble, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

How can the council safeguard against offices being turned into housing under permitted development rights without any ability for the council to look at infrastructure needs such as GP surgeries or getting any community benefit through funding for community projects?

12. From Councillor J Martin to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

I have been asked by a constituent to ask you Councillor Monk, why you have repeatedly refused to accept his petition asking you to cease all works on Princes Parade until the outcome of the public inquiry is known?

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