

Meeting: **Leader's Q&A session**
Date: **16 December 2020**
Time: **4.00 pm**
Place: **Zoom - to be streamed live to Youtube.**

To: Councillors Mrs Ann Berry, Danny Brook, Miss Susan Carey, John Collier, Laura Davison, Ray Field, Gary Fuller, Peter Gane, Clive Goddard, David Godfrey, Anthony Hills, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Nicola Keen, Michelle Keutenius, Jim Martin, Philip Martin, Connor McConville, Jackie Meade, Ian Meyers, David Monk, Terence Mullard, Stuart Peall, Tim Prater, Patricia Rolfe, Rebecca Shoob, Georgina Treloar, Douglas Wade, Lesley Whybrow, David Wimble and John Wing

1. **Questions from the public**

This session is limited to 30 minutes.

1. **From Mr G Kirby to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance**

What specific and immediate initiatives is the Council starting to support the Kent County Council Plan Bee pollinator action plan launched in November this year?

2. **From Mr M Brophy to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council**

Building a new leisure centre for Hythe at Martello Lakes has become far more viable due to a shortening of timescales when compared with Prince's Parade. There is increasing evidence that Prince's Parade is more complex, more expensive, under threat from flooding (particularly due to more frequent extreme weather events) and is overall a problematic site to develop. So I would like to ask the leader if he would instruct a proper investigation into the merits of the Martello Lakes site in preference to Prince's Parade considering recent changes in relevant factors.

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3. From A Dakin to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

In light of the Prime Minister's commitment to preserving green spaces and wildlife habitats, will the council follow his example and withdraw the hugely unpopular plans for the development at Princes Parade?

2. Questions from Councillors

This session is limited to 45 minutes.

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

Can the Leader tell me how many waivers for procurement standing orders have been signed during this administration to date?

2. From Councillor Treloar to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

When selecting the master planners and architecture firm for Otterpool, did the council specifically look for firms with experience designing zero-carbon dwellings and settlements and use this as a selection criteria?

3. From Councillor Treloar to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

Whilst I appreciate that the questions relating to Napier Barracks on the council's website came directly from the community, they are unduly weighted towards a tone that amplifies and perpetuates fear and prejudice – those with the most extreme views often shout the loudest. Can the council please revise this page and provide a more sensible list of questions/answers/statements that allay reasonable concerns in a way that doesn't amplify fear and demonstrates the council's responsibility to be a calm, collected, caring and compassionate voice in the community?

4. From Councillor Whybrow to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

To confirm the council's commitment to reducing our own greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2030 and to working with our residents and businesses to bring our wider communities' emissions in line with net zero as soon as possible would you agree to sign up as a member of UK100?

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5. From Councillor Meade to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects

I have had some concerned residents in our council Warden supported housing (Where at present more than 40% of the residents are self-isolating as elderly or vulnerable, due to Covid) raising an issue regarding the Warden never wearing a face mask when dealing with residents - they find this very frightening. Could you please clarify what advice the Council has given its Supported Housing Warden's regarding interaction with elderly / vulnerable residents please?

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

Earlier this year the District Council agreed to maintain the hanging flowers troughs along the dual carriage way that runs parallel with Fleming Way in East Folkestone. It brightened the whole area but now I am being informed that District are finding it too hard to maintain these troughs and they have been emptied and are standing bare. For information there is a slip road either side of the dual carriageway where it is easy to park and gain direct access to the troughs. Can you please clarify whether these troughs will be replanted (as are part paid for by Folkestone Town Council) in keeping with the rest of Folkestone's flowers troughs including the Roundabout fencing troughs at the roundabout just down from the Civic Centre where it is more difficult to park or is East Folkestone going to be neglected in raising the living environment for their residents?

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

Please could we have an update on the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine via our GP surgeries?

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

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How will selling off Folkestone indoor bowls club on Cheriton road contribute directly to the residents it serves?