Full Council – 26 June 2019
Councillor questions:

1. **From Councillor Whybrow to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building control**

   The air quality section of the Environment Statement included in the Otterpool Park Planning Application states that FHDC does not currently monitor for PM2.5 and PM10. Why not?

2. **From Councillor Meade to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects**

   Given the recent problems with EKH regarding the omission of gas safety certificates, can the council clarify the position in regards to the electrical safety certificates and comment on how this has also been allowed to happen?

3. **From Councillor Davison to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Cabinet Member for communities**

   With the school holidays approaching what projects/arrangements are in place to deal with the issue of holiday hunger across our district?

4. **From Councillor Keen to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council**

   Do you have plans to purchase the old harbour line that runs alongside Tram Road from Network Rail, and if you are then what are your intentions for the site?

5. **From Councillor McConville to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects**

   An item in report C/19/01 states, Homelessness- The increase in income relates to the recovery of income relating to self-contained nightly lets, which produces a higher rate of contributions than the bed and breakfast costs. What are these self-contained nightly lets and where may I see a breakdown of the costs?

6. **From Councillor Dorrell to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Cabinet Member for Communities**

   With the rates of child poverty hitting 46% in East ward and 48% after housing costs in Harbour ward. This should be a top priority for our council to address, as the next generations prospects and their future opportunities can be significantly reduced by the effects of living within poverty. And now with the introduction of Universal Credit being rolled out, have the cabinet considered any plans on reliving the pressure claimants will face, as the minimum 5 week waiting period will find some of our more vulnerable household going into rent arrears with greater risks of homelessness or deprivation resulting in others needing to visit a food banks just in order to get

by. What, if any are the councils proposals for helping to reduce the alarming rates of child poverty within and across our district?

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

   Do you think that everything that could have been done by the previous administration has been done to defend jobs and retain Debenhams as a cornerstone trader on Folkestone high street and if not, what steps will you now take?

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

   Do you consider that downgrading the percentage of 'affordable' housing provided in specific future housing developments like Otterpool from 30% to 22% is acceptable when thousands of families are on the housing waiting list and we have people sleeping rough on our streets?

9. **From Councillor Davison to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Cabinet Member for Communities**

   Can you provide an update on discussions with Kent County Council about the enforced closure of Folkestone Central library?

10. **From Councillor Prater to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects**

    Would the Cabinet member for Housing provide the number of LGSR's (gas safety certificate tests) on our housing stock that EKH invoiced this council for in each of the financial years 2016-17, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019?

11. **From Councillor Fuller to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and special projects**

    Can the cabinet member for Housing confirm the full potential extent of this Council's financial legal liability (the fine we may face) now it has been uncovered that for a period of time there were hundreds of our properties not covered by an in date Gas Safety Certificate (LGSR)?