

Public Questions

Question A – Ralph Allison, of Twydall, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration, Councillor Curry, the following:

“Will the Council fund the installation of low level barriers to prevent the incursion of vehicles onto the play park area on Sturry Way, Twydall?”

Question B – Sabine Strickland, of Ashford, will ask the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Murray, the following:

“I’m working as a support worker and do sleep ins too, our minimum wages have been increased through the government but social services in Medway have still not given an answer about the increase for the sleep-in rates, so the question is: Why not!?”

Question C – Les White, of Wainscott, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Highways and Enforcement, Councillor Paterson, the following:

“The speed camera on Hollywood Lane has not been working at all for the last three years for, I have been led to believe, cost saving reasons. The road there is fast and schoolchildren with special needs cross the road in wheelchairs.

I am a person with slow walking and at times trying to get across the road is so dangerous. If the camera is working it should help the safety on our roads, therefore I ask that you return the speed camera to working condition.”

Question D – Ben Pranczke, of Gillingham, will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Maple, the following:

“I’m sure like me the Leader of the Council is frustrated that both international stations in Kent remain unused for continental travel.

Could Councillor Maple please update on what the latest status is and how this being reopened would benefit Medway?”

Question E – Charlotte Williamson, of Rainham, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Business Management, Councillor Van Dyke, the following:

“The land outside and adjacent to my home in Kenilworth Gardens is being sold (ME8 9DU) by Deadwood Enterprise Limited at auction on 31st July 2024. I would like to ask the Council if they could purchase this land to protect the green space from any potential future development?”

The space is used regularly by the community and is a vital habitat for local wildlife and can be considered a community asset. It can be used freely by all in the local area.

Medway Norse already maintain the area with tree maintenance, grass cutting and emptying the dog waste. The auction is by Auction House London and the starting bid is £1,000.”

Question F – Stuart Bourne, of Rainham, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration, Councillor Curry, the following:

“During a council meeting on the 21st April 2022, the Medway Labour Group proposed a motion calling on Medway Council to halt any future investment in fossil fuel companies in the Council’s Local Government Pension Fund. It also called on the Council to begin the process of divesting its current portfolio of any fossil fuel companies.

This motion was vital if we are going to defeat the threat of climate change and had cross-party support from the Medway Lib Dems and Medway Green Party. Sadly it was defeated by the Conservatives, who made some bizarre statements about bringing fracking back and chaos if we ever gave up petrol.

Now that Medway Labour have been in charge of the Council for over a year, how much of Medway Council’s pension fund has been divested of fossil fuel companies?”