

Dear Councillor

**COUNCIL - MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2023**

Please find attached, for consideration at the meeting of the Council on Monday, 27 February 2023, the following item that was unavailable when the agenda was published.

**Agenda No    Item**

13.    **Questions To Portfolio Holders Under Standing Order 22A (Pages 3 - 4)**

To ask questions of Portfolio Holders. Questions received are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

**Kate Ryan**  
**Chief Executive**

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## FULL COUNCIL – 27 FEBRUARY 2023 – QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A

### First Questions

#### Question 1

**From Cllr Barry Dunning to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Coastal Services, Cllr Steve Davies**

There is a concern with my constituents relating to “wheelie bin blight” where bins will be adopted in areas that are inappropriate, for example in terraced streets or flats.

We have been assured that the areas that are appropriate for wheelie bins will be identified.

Can the Portfolio Holder assure me that this consultation will be completed before the wheelie bins are introduced?

#### Question 2

**From Cllr Kate Crisell to the Portfolio Holder for People and Places, Cllr David Russell**

During the current planting season how many trees has the Council purchased for planting?

#### Question 3

**From Cllr Malcolm Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Partnering and Wellbeing, Cllr Geoff Blunden**

How many instances of criminal activities have been recorded by our CCTV cameras in our towns and villages of which how many have the Police been able to view and of those how many resulted in criminal prosecutions?

#### Question 4

**From Cllr Caroline Rackham to the Portfolio Holder for People and Places, Cllr David Russell**

What are the ultimate intentions for funding for Eling Tide Mill? Withdrawal of funding at this time of hardship for all council facilities can only jeopardise the arrangement with the Town Council, since the lease of the listed tide mill and thus its upkeep rests ultimately with NFDC anyway.

#### Question 5

**From Cllr Alex Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness Services, Cllr Edward Heron**

With the challenges faced with costs, delays in building works, among other issues does he believe the target of 600 homes will be achieved by 2026? And does the back and forth over Lymington Police Station highlight that this and similar sites could make a real difference to the Homes we need in our District?

### **Question 6**

#### **From Cllr Christine Ward to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure, Cllr Diane Andrews**

Can you confirm that NFDC will be sending a full response to the Government's Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill; Reforms to National Planning Policy consultation and that the draft response will welcome the proposed strengthening of emphasis on placemaking and local design codes? Can I also ask whether officers will be making positive comment about the proposed strengthening of Green Belt policy in Plan Making?

### **Question 7**

#### **From Cllr Jack Davies to the Portfolio Holder for People and Places, Cllr David Russell**

I engaged with officers a while back regarding an abandoned hippo bag dumped on the corner of Bays Rod in Pennington. I was told it was not fly-tipping, and so was Hippo's responsibility. But if it is abandoned, then it is fly-tipping. I have not heard back on what solution has been found and residents are shocked it has still not been removed. Can the Portfolio Holder guarantee it will be removed by NFDC this month?

### **Second Questions**

### **Question 8**

#### **From Cllr Caroline Rackham to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Jill Cleary**

Can the Leader of the Council assure us that devastating scenes reported in January from the freeport in Teesside, of dead and dying marine life will not happen here and that any industry that could threaten wildlife in this manner will not be allowed to be part of the local freeport in our area?