

## FULL COUNCIL – 8 APRIL 2024 – QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22

### First Questions

#### Question 1

**From Cllr David Harrison to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, Cllr Geoff Blunden**

What is the estimated cost of repairing all of the damage to the Rumbridge Street car park in Totton, by permitting the heavy tanker lorries, contracted by Southern Water, to drive onto the car park?

#### Question 2

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

Would the Leader join me in a letter to our two local MPs asking them to look into why Southern Water claims they are legally allowed to dump sewage into rivers up to 10 times a year and what can be done to change this?

#### Question 3

**From Cllr Jack Davies to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness, Cllr Steve Davies**

Will the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness meet with Hampshire County Council to discuss the possibility of using the Solent Mead Care Home site in Lymington to build much-needed affordable housing?

#### Question 4

**From Cllr Malcolm Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Dan Poole**

In the 22/23 figures, amongst our New Forest school age children there are 19% on free school meals compared to 18.3% across the county and 18.8% across the South East region. These figures equate to 4,022 children being in poverty. Having looked at the Residents action plan I note there is nothing directly focused on reducing Child Poverty in this district, does this administration feel there is no need for any direct action?

#### Question 5

**From Cllr Sean Cullen to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Cleary**

The Freeport has been in place for around 2 years and NFDC represents the interests of residents across the whole district so it is important that we have a clear aspirational plan for what businesses will move into the port and the impact they will have.

I wonder if the Leader can tell me what type of businesses are being encouraged to be part of the freeport and how they will further the interests of the national park, as they are now requested to do in law.

## **Question 6**

**From Cllr Stephanie Osborne to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, Cllr Derek Tipp**

Will the Portfolio Holder invite representatives from Associated British Ports to come in and share what plans they have for Dibden Bay?

## **Question 7**

**From Cllr Mark Clark to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, Cllr Derek Tipp**

Will the Portfolio Holder please give clear details on the current state of play at the Fawley Waterside development? There has been much speculation in local media about the site being scaled back but these amount to mere rumours. Can the Council confirm that the figure of 1380 new homes is still a target?

## **Question 8**

**From Cllr Ian Murray to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Dan Poole**

As Vice-Chairman of the Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, I have, as yet been unable to attend the new Community Forum. Can the Portfolio Holder please update us on its progress?

## **Second Questions**

### **Question 9**

**From Cllr Caroline Rackham to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Dan Poole**

While the police service has increased numbers of newly trained officers, there has continued to be a problem with retention which has led to more than 400 fewer police officers in total for Hampshire. Would NFDC's Portfolio Holder on Community Safety push for additional PCSO's to be recruited in the New Forest and write to the PCC asking for more Officers for our District? And is now the time for NFDC to consider recruiting our own ACSO's to combat ASB and low level crime, to assist in our Community Safety priorities which Residents care about hugely?

### **Question 10**

**From Cllr Malcolm Wade to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Jill Cleary**

As the Freeport is a key component on the Council's 2024-2028 Corporate Plan, and is the headline focus for the 'Prosperity' section of then plan. It is fair to say The Cabinet are enthusiastic about the Solent Freeport project and it's seen as a key driver of NFDC's future economic growth and investment plans for the District. However, what scrutiny, and checks and balances are in place to ensure that NFDC Residents and Businesses will genuinely benefit?