

Questions pursuant to Council Procedure 11.2

The following questions have been received, on notice, from Members:

Question One

From Councillor Garry Calver to Councillor Mick Skeels Snr., Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism:

“The Labour Group supports the £355,000 restoration of Clacton’s Venetian Bridge and agrees with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism when he described the bridge as being an iconic focal point for visitors.

Will the Portfolio Holder agree with me that the Victorian lighthouses in Dovercourt Bay, both scheduled ancient monuments, represent an even greater iconic focal point for visitors to Harwich and Dovercourt and, therefore, will he advise the Council as to what action is being taken to restore them to their former glory and how long it is likely to be before they once again offer a positive visual impact on Dovercourt Bay’s Blue Flag beach rather than a negative one?”

Question Two

From Councillor Ivan Henderson to Councillor Paul Honeywood, Portfolio Holder for Housing:

“Will the Portfolio Holder responsible for dealing with homelessness advise the Council of the annual number of people contacting TDC to declare themselves as ‘homeless’ but who fall outside of the council’s legal obligation for assistance?”

Would the Portfolio Holder further agree to introduce a location within Harwich and Dovercourt where a person requiring such assistance can present themselves as, at present, such individuals, often without the means to pay for transport, are required to get to Clacton or Colchester before they can be given support?”

Question Three

From Councillor Jack Parsons to Councillor Lynda McWilliams, Portfolio Holder for Health and Education:

“Could the Portfolio Holder for Health and Education, update this chamber on the work that has been carried out by this Council to raise awareness of, as well as the work to support, the services that deal with mental health within our District? In addition could she comment on the work that the Council has done to promote World Mental Health Day and the #helloyellow campaign?”

Question Four

From Councillor Colin Winfield to Councillor Mick Skeels Snr., Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism:

“The recent cycle Tour of Britain event enthused people to take up cycling. That is until they realise that they would have to share the road with a heavy traffic emitting pollutants, stealing their health enjoyment of the sport. The existing unsatisfactory system which forces cyclists and pedestrians to share the top promenade on Clacton seafront fails to please either group and is clearly just a token gesture. Sustrans is a national cycling organisation, funded by Government, to provide designated cycling paths for Towns like ours. This organisation has even allotted a token number of 150 which appears on their maps which are supposed to have cycling routes along.

I would like to ask the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism if he will do all he can to achieve safe designated cycle routes from Clacton Station and along our seafront from Holland Haven to the Town Centre.”