

Questions from members of the Council

Procedural Item:

To receive any questions from members of the public, of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (as amended), to be submitted and answered.

Details of any questions received will be set out in a supplementary pack to the agenda.

Subject to the approval of the Temporary Changes to the Council Procedure Rules (set out at agenda item 4), the new procedure shall be as follows:

Any member of the Council may ask the Mayor, members of the Cabinet or the chairman of a committee or board one question on any matter within the power or remit of the Council or relevant committee.

Questions may be rejected if it:

- a) Is not about a matter for which the Council has responsibility
- b) Is defamatory, frivolous or offensive
- c) Is substantially the same as a question in the past six months
- d) Requires the disclosure of exempt information
- e) Contains expressions of opinion
- f) Relates to questions of fact

Questions will be asked in the order in which notice of the question was received, except that the Mayor may group together similar questions.

All questions will be published as a supplement to the agenda (as normal).

Questions will be received in writing en-bloc at the meeting and questioners will not be required to attend in person to ask the question.

Answers will be provided in writing sent directly to the questioner with a copy distributed to all members and published on the website. Questions and answers will also be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

There will not be an opportunity to ask supplementary questions.

Questions may be submitted by email to committee@tunbridgewells.gov.uk at any time up until the deadline for consideration at the next meeting. The deadline for questions for this meeting is **midday on Thursday 02 July 2020**.