

Adur District Council - 22 February 2018

Item 3 - Questions from the public

Question 1 from Mr Balfe

It has come to my attention that an ex-Adur Councillor is closely associated with the developers for the very large residential development presently proposed for the riverside Howard Kent site, East of Kingston Wharf in Southwick.

Does the Executive Member agree that, to comply with the highest standards of probity, any friends or colleagues should recuse themselves when voting on a planning application associated with an ex-councillor?

Would they agree with me that for democracy to function it is just as important to prevent the appearance of bias as it is to rule out bias itself?

Question 2 from Mr Balfe

The Southwick Square Shopping Centre Traders reported a huge increase in trade when the free Saturday parking was introduced. Can the executive Member let me know the daily loss of income this caused, and what is the rates income from the Southwick Square Traders?

Will the council investigate the continuance of this concession, so as to improve the the long-term viability of the Shopping Centre?

Question 3 from Catherine Arnold

Given that Adur District Council's draft homelessness policy (Dec 17) states that between April 2016 and June 2017 people in temporary accommodation situation has increased 35% across Adur and Worthing. I wonder if you could provide an update on the 2016 announced council housing due to take place at Albion Street, Southwick please"

Question 4 from Lavinia O'Connor

Will the executive member please let me know the number of applicants currently on the housing waiting list?

In addition, how many of these applicants are requesting 2 or more bedrooms?

How does the figure compare with a year ago?

Approximately how many families does the council expect to house from the waiting list in the coming year, both to its own properties and nomination to a developer for affordable housing.