

Adur District Council - 26 April 2018

Item 3 - Questions from the public

Question 1 from Mr Balfe to the Leader

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 to the Executive Member for Resources

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 Mr Lincoln to the Executive Member for the Environment

'Can the council confirm it is committed to maintaining the common land of the Meads, which was donated to the people of Shoreham, as a grass area with continued access for all, and that development proposals for this land will not be successful?

'The background to this question lies with the 2009 agreement (decision CGE/007/09-10 'Disposal of Land for Development') allowing a 25 year lease to WSCC to erect and maintain a fence 90 cm high on part of the Meads for use by Swiss Gardens school with continued public access when not in use by the school. The Head Teacher of the school has said he will, given funding, attempt to convert the leased space into a Multiple Use Games Area for exclusive use by the school, which would have a high fence and no public access".