

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SOME OTHER COUNCILS' RULES

Online research covered:

- 2 neighbouring authorities (*Shepway & Dover*) that allowed general public questions at Council meetings
- 8 other authorities (*Bournemouth Borough; Cornwall; Brighton & Hove; West Lindsay District; London, Croydon; London, Harrow; Richmondshire District; Runnymede Borough*) that had rules reflecting rule 10 of the modular constitution

	Specific Rules	Dover & Shepway	How many of "Others" (8)?	Thanet?
Qualification of questioner	Questioner must be a local government elector? Bournemouth – a person under the age of 16 years living in Bournemouth who is escorted by a qualifying adult can ask a question	1 <i>Dover</i>	1 <i>Bournemouth</i>	X
	Questioner must be a resident/citizen of the local authority area (<i>apart from being required to be on the electoral roll</i>)	0	0	✓
	Questioner must be living or working in the area	0	2	X
	Questioners must live, work, go to school or another educational establishment or otherwise own or lease land in the district	0	1	X
	Questioner must be a resident or a business ratepayer	0	1	X
	No specified restrictions	1 <i>Shepway</i>	3	x

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Personal details to be provided	Name and address (<i>in some cases telephone and/or email address being required</i>)	2	7	✓
	Contact telephone number	0	1	X
Repeat questions	Cannot be substantially the same as one put at a Council meeting in the past six months	2	6	✓
	(West Lindsey) Cannot be substantially the same as a question which has previously been put at a meeting of the Council	0	1	X
	No member of the public may submit more than six questions per year	0	1	X
	No more than six questions on the same subject per year are allowed			
	(Cornwall) No member of the public may ask more than two questions in any financial year	0	1	X
	No specific provision	0	1	X