

QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING HOUSING

Council – 13 July 2017

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Portfolio Holder **Cllr Fairbrass, Cabinet Member for Community Services**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Ward: **All Wards**

Executive Summary:

The Cabinet Member for Community Services will receive a question from a Member of Council in relation to housing.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly from this report.
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p>

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Fairbrass, Cabinet Member for Community Services has been received from Councillor Matterface in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

Thanet District Council recently issued a very worrying report on the severity of the housing situation long after Labour councillors warned of a crisis in housing.

Will Cllr Fairbrass support Labour's call for a Scrutiny Day where all agencies and elected members can attend and share best practice?

- 1.2 Council Procedure Rule 14.3 states that a Member of the Council may ask

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a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district.

- 1.3 Council Procedure Rule 14.7 states that an answer may take the form of:

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated within three working days to the questioner.

- 1.4 A Member may, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.8, ask one supplementary question without notice to the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

1.5 The questioner shall have two minutes for the initial question and one minute for the supplementary question and the respondent shall have five minutes for the initial reply and two minutes for the supplementary reply. (Council Procedure Rule 14.9 refers)

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Annex List

<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
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