

Item 9 - To consider any questions by Members under paragraph 19.3 of Part 2 (The Council and District Council Members) of the Constitution, notice of which have been duly given.

1. “There is an increasing number of older people living in our district, as shown by the recent census, most of us will want to keep a measure of our independence especially as Kent County Council is under a lot of pressure to meet Adult Social Care needs. What is Sevenoaks District Council doing to enable suitable housing to be built in the district to meet the needs of private owners? Many of us would like to be able and must in future help each other Developments similar to Rockdale could be a solution.”

**Cllr. Dr. Canet
Sevenoaks Northern**

2. “An important source of financial support for rural businesses was removed when the West Kent Leader programme came to an end last year, could the leader of the council outline what support the District is going to put in place for rural businesses in Penshurst Fordcombe and Chiddingstone and across the District and will it be better than the Leader programme?”

**Cllr. Streatfeild
Penshurst, Chiddingstone and Fordcombe**

3. “Data on the national website <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/env18-local-authority-collected-waste-annual-results-tables> shows that in the year ended March 2021 Sevenoaks District Council:
 - recycled 36.6% of domestic waste collected
 - collected 414kg of waste per person across the District
 - had 'residual household waste' of 616 kg per household across the District.

By comparison, figures for the 4 top collection authority Districts in England (most around the M25) are

- 62 to 64% recycled
- 325 to 389 kg collected per person
- 335 to 404 kg residual waste per household

Our nearest neighbours (Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Tandridge) show the following performance:

- 48 to 60% recycled
- 355 to 415 kg collected per person
- 379 to 480kg residual waste per household

This data shows Sevenoaks:

- generates much more domestic waste than most other councils (getting on for 40% more)
- recycles well below the national average, and almost 30% less than the best
- has 'residual waste per household' about 70% above the most successful recycling councils; over 250 kilos per household, or about 12,000 tones of extra unrecycled waste every year across the District

Does the Council recognise the importance of this in Sevenoaks Districts' overall carbon footprint, and how far will the impact be reduced by 2030?"

Cllr Clayton

Sevenoaks Eastern