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Dear Councillor

## **COUNCIL - 11 MAY 2022**

Please find attached the complete list of Members' Questions following the deadline on the agenda for the above meeting:

10. Members' questions (Pages 3 - 6)

To receive any Members' questions.

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting next Wednesday

Yours faithfully

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## MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

<p><b>Question 1</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:</b></p>
<p>It is clear East Herts Council needs to promote active travel. It is also clear, according to HCC Highways, that in providing funds for active travel, the government looks extremely favourably on those districts and boroughs which have prepared Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs). Several authorities in Hertfordshire, including Stevenage and Broxbourne, have had LCWIPs for 3 or 4 years and have used these to develop ambitious active travel strategies. There is no mention of LCWIP in our EHC Sustainability Action Plan. Why hasn't East Herts developed an LCWIP, and when will we have one?</p>	
<p><b>Question 2</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:</b></p>
<p>The excellent East Herts Sustainability Action Plan states that action 3.10: <i>"Incentivise the public to make more use of the council e-car pool"</i> has been completed. It states: <i>"The scheme has now been fully re-opened to the public and promotion is now in place on our website."</i> The link to the e-car page on our website is buried at the bottom of the Highways and Parking page. Can you tell us the change in the numbers of sign ups that this promotion has led to, and whether you feel action 3.10 should be repeated, given that we are now coming out of COVID?</p>	
<p><b>Question 3</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr Rishi Fernando to ask Cllr Jonathan Kaye, Executive Member for Communities</b></p>
<p>As we welcome arrivals from Ukraine to East Herts through both the Family Visa Scheme and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, how can our constituents most appropriately support these new arrivals in</p>	

settling into Hertfordshire?

**Question 4**

**Cllr Norma Symonds to ask Cllr Peter Boylan, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods:**

We are all very aware of the significant impact Covid-19 has had upon individuals and families across the world. Can the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods please explain how the pandemic has impacted on the numbers turning to the council for help with housing and how our performance compares with other councils in Hertfordshire?

**Question 5**

**Cllr Chris Wilson to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability**

In the council meeting of 1 March 2022, the papers provided contained an error with respect to whether consultation was a legal requirement before imposing increases to the price of Resident Permits. I have, since the meeting, been informed that this was not a legal requirement. The effect of this error was to make it seem to members as if consultation would be undertaken and that therefore residents' views would be taken into account at some point in time. As this is the case, would the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability agree that it is a matter of regret that members were not in a position to consider the views of residents before imposing such an increase? Would they also agree that in all circumstances we should strive to obtain views of residents and consult them on increases to services such as the one the council imposed on the RPZ users on 1 March?

**Question 6**

**Cllr Chris Wilson to ask Cllr Jonathan Kaye, Executive Member for Communities**

There have been, as many members will be aware, recent homophobic incidents in East Herts, with the most recently publicised one involving a former Mayor of Sawbridgeworth being threatened in the street. In addition, when I attended Stort Pride last year, it was impressed on me by many members of the LGBTQ+ community that they feel invisible and neglected in the District. Given

this issue, can the Executive Member for Communities inform me of how many LGBTQ+ events and meetings he and the Chair of the council have attended during their tenures and also what plans there are to reach out to this often invisible community in the District. Can I also ask if the council intends to support and promote any Pride festivals that take place in the District in 2022?

**Question 7**

**Cllr Carolyn Redfern to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, Executive Member for Planning and Growth**

When was EHDC informed of the intention of Chase New Homes to withdraw all properties for sale in the Bircherley Green Development? What consultations have been done to determine the best course of action now? Could any condition have been inserted in the planning permission to have prevented this extremely disappointing development?

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