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Dear Councillor,

## **COUNCIL - 28 FEBRUARY 2024**

Please find attached the following reports which were marked "to follow" on the agenda for the above meeting:

### 7. Public Questions (Page 3)

To receive any public questions.

### 8. Members' Questions (Pages 4 - 5)

To receive any Members' questions.

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting next Wednesday

**MEETING** : COUNCIL  
**VENUE** : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD  
**DATE** : WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024  
**TIME** : 7.00 PM

# Agenda Item 7

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## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

<b>Question 1</b>	<b>David Royle, on behalf of the Sustainable Sawbridgeworth Community Group, to ask Cllr Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability</b>
Several years ago, Sawbridgeworth was promised EV charging points in Bell Street car park and preliminary work was carried out. Can we please now have a definitive timetable for their installation?	

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## MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

<b>Question 1</b>	<b>Cllr Joe Thomas to ask Cllr Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability</b>
<p>Over the Winter period, residents have been reporting to me an uptick in dog fouling in our villages. Could the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability confirm to me the number of reports of dog fouling in the Watton-at-Stone ward to East Herts District Council for the month of December 2023 compared to the month of December 2022 (following the ward boundary as of May 2023)?</p>	
<b>Question 2</b>	<b>Cllr Diane Hollebon to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability</b>
<p>Within the recommendations attached to the Budget that we will all be looking at this evening is that Council will provide £170K for "essential maintenance" works for the URC Hall in Bishop's Stortford. The URC was keen to sell the Hall to EHDC as part of our land assembly for the ORL scheme and thus divest itself of ongoing maintenance and repair liabilities. Given that previous structural reports suggest that the Hall is not fit for purpose, why is the Executive proposing that we spend this money on a Hall that the Council purchased only in order to demolish it?</p>	
<b>Question 3</b>	<b>Cllr David Jacobs to ask Cllr Ben Crystall, the Leader of the Council</b>

Could the Leader provide a progress report on the Old River Lane project, with as much detail as possible including information about any projected milestones in 2024?

**Question 4**

**Cllr Angus Parsad-Wyatt to ask Cllr Ben Crystall, the Leader of the Council**

Even though it is plainly challenging to arrive at a balanced budget, it appears that the Administration intends to continue with the role of Executive Member for Resident Engagement which it has newly created at an additional cost to the taxpayer of around £10,000 per annum.

Please will the Leader of the Council itemise all the engagement activities undertaken by the Executive Member for Resident Engagement, Cllr Chris Wilson in the year to date and explain why he believes this represents good use of taxpayers money?