

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 12 MAY 2010

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor D Clark to ask the Leader of the Council:

A hung parliament may make it more difficult for David Cameron to implement some of the policies in the Conservative manifesto. However, Conservative local authorities are in a position to keep faith with the voters by going ahead with those promised initiatives which do not require any additional legislation. When will East Herts Council implement the Conservative manifesto commitment to publish details of spending over £500?

Question 2

Councillor N Clark to ask the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation:

Could the Executive Member please tell me how many replacement wheelie bins were provided in the financial year 2009/10, how many replacement wheelie bins were requested during April 2010 and how many residents have been asked to pay the new £25 charge for their replacement wheelie bin as a result of those requests?

Question 3

Councillor M Wood to ask the Leader of the Council:

Could we have a report on the rationale behind the decision to have a period of "Purdah" in recent weeks, and should Council have a considered view on the matter in order that the Chief Executive is aware of members feelings on the issue?

Question 4

Councillor M Wood to ask the Leader of the Council:

At Council on February 24th I asked a question about the withdrawal of the Cash office at the new Customer Service Centre in Stortford, and the effect that could have for some older customers. Following on from that many older people like to pay their Council Tax via their local post office. Could the Leader confirm that there are no plans to remove this particular payment option?

Question 5

Councillor M Wood to ask the Leader of the Council:

In view of the recent closure of the public conveniences located at the Causeway in Stortford and the close proximity of the Town's Paddling Pool and Sworders Field and Castle Gardens to these facilities, would Council consider keeping these toilets open during the summer months this year, in order to allow other possible partners time to make other arrangements for these public conveniences?

Question 6

Councillor M Wood to ask the Leader of the Council:

Have any discussions taken place with Herts Highways since the harsh winter weather with regard to dealing with the effects of ice and snow on both the highways and footways in our District, in order come up with more joint arrangements to make our roads and footways in particular safer most especially for pedestrians whose own safety is often forgotten about?

Question 7

Councillor Mrs M H Goldspink to ask the Leader of the Council:

In view of the criticisms of the Council for the way in which the Executive failed to inform Backbenchers of the details of the Causeway deal in Bishop's Stortford – these criticisms were made in the independent Audit report – in view of these criticisms, what steps will the Executive take to ensure that, in any future deals, all Councillors will be given all the facts and information before the decisions are taken?