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Council agenda

Dear Councillor,

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Please find attached the following reports which have been updated or were not available at the time of publication of the agenda for the above meeting:

6. Public Questions (Pages 3 - 4)

To receive any public questions.

7. Members' questions (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive any Members' questions.

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting on Wednesday.
Yours faithfully,

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MEETING : COUNCIL
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2019
TIME : 7.00 PM

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Item 6 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1

David Royle to ask the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

In your work to draw up the action plan for your climate change motion (“to do everything you can in supporting the whole of East Herts District to become carbon neutral by 2030”), what are you doing to quantify the heat used by the existing housing stock in the District and to identify how the Council can support the radical reduction needed in this by 2030? Have you, for example, sought government HNDU (Heat Networks Delivery Unit) funding to help undertake this analysis and the potential for heat networks to be part of the solution?

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Item 7 – MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor I Devonshire to ask the Executive Member for Planning and Growth:

Broadband is an essential service, not just for rural businesses, but for children doing their homework, day to day internet business (such as banking/ renewing vehicle road tax etc.) and streaming and On-Demand Television services. What is East Herts is doing to ensure fast and reliable Broadband Services are provided in our rural areas?

Question 2

Councillor M Stevenson to ask the Executive Member for Wellbeing:

What are East Herts' plans for the Hertfordshire year of Culture 2020, and how can Members be involved?

Question 3

Councillor J Wyllie to ask the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods:

What steps East Herts Council are taking to minimise the disruption and distress caused by fireworks, particularly towards animals in our District as well as the anti-social behaviour issues?

Question 4

Councillor A Curtis to ask the Leader of the Council:

What steps she is taking to attract investment into East Hertfordshire?

Question 5

Councillor J Dumont to ask the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

Is the Executive Member aware that doubling tree cover across the UK could draw down 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually across the country and significantly contribute to reducing the effects of climate change? With this in mind and given that the Gilston Villages development is the largest release of Green Belt land in England will he adopt the ambition to double the amount of tree cover over the whole of the East Herts District?

Question 6

Councillor M Goldspink to ask the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

Why is this Council still supplying plastic cups and bottled water at its Offices?

Question 7

Councillor B Crystall to ask the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

According to the final report from the Climate Change Task and Finish Group, received by full council on 5th March 2019, East Herts district council achieved an 18.5% cut in emissions between 2009 and 2017, based on actions within its own estate. Can you provide an updated figure for the council's emissions reduction along with a list of specific actions proposed for the coming year and estimates for the emission cuts each will generate?

Question 8

Councillor B Crystall to ask the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

The Council, as a trusted local information source, should continue in its role to promote information on energy reduction to local residents. Will the council commit to publish updated figures for emissions reduction in a prominent position on the EHC website home page?

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