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Dear Councillor

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Please find attached the Public Questions which have been submitted since the agenda was published for the above meeting.

6. Public Questions (Pages 3 - 4)

To receive any public questions.

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting next Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

<p>Question 1</p>	<p>Shaun Balding to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability</p>
<p>In respect of the reasoning for such a substantial change to the parking permit costs can I ask the following. The Total Costs RPZ 2021, which appear to have been used to calculate the 2022 values, were £214,818.18</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In this figure what is the role of Business Support Engagement and a Customer Support Engagement - why are residents having to pay for a Business Support Role? 2. How has 15% of the contractors been measured to make sure its 15%? 3. Why have has the hard copies allowance been used for 2022 budget calculation. We no longer have paperless vouchers. 4. What is the “Income RPZ Related (Permit and Voucher Sales) value made up from? 	
<p>Question 2</p>	<p>Robert Beahan to ask Cllr Geoffrey Williamson, the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability</p>
<p>I understand the need for Residents’ Parking Zones to be funded by users to ensure a balanced overall budget for the council.</p> <p>However, the lack of debate and scrutiny on this matter at both the Audit & Governance Committee and the Executive Committee has been very disappointing.</p> <p>Having written to all members of both committees, I’m still waiting for anyone to respond to me, so my question remains:</p>	

Why has East Herts Council created this situation, whereby residents are facing more than a 70% increase in permit cost for 2022? Should a higher increase not have been administered in previous years rather than allowing this huge hole in the finances to develop?

Question 3

Gary Jones to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability

As a practising Christian I am very concerned about turning Sunday into a day like any other. For many, it is a day of rest and a family day. Today, the Council budget recommendation is to charge for all East Herts car parks on Sundays. My question is about whether that is a sensible course.

The Council papers describe a calculation based on a proportion of weekly revenue. The additional revenue in the next year is only £70,000. There is no reference to costs in that year. What would be the extra costs associated with Sunday parking charges across East Herts for:

- Additional enforcement officers on Sundays 7.30am to 8pm annually
- Changing all existing Monday to Saturday restrictions to include Sundays, so that 30 minute and 1 hour restrictions and other single yellow line restrictions can operate as on weekdays, and only those with RPZ permits can use RPZ designated spaces on Sunday?