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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - 16 NOVEMBER 2022

Please find attached the complete list of Public and Members' Questions submitted for the above meeting:

7. Public Questions (Pages 2 - 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 16 NOVEMBER 2022
TIME : 7.00 PM

Agenda Item 7

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1	David Royle, on behalf of the Sustainable Sawbridgeworth community group to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability
<p>Sawbridgeworth Town Council produced its own Local Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan (LCWIP) in August 2018, over four years ago. It has not yet been implemented.</p> <p>We note that in North Hertfordshire there has just been a consultation on the proposed walking and cycling improvements in Hitchin, Letchworth Garden City, Baldock, Royston and Knebworth, as part of their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans.</p> <p>Can we please ask how the East Herts LCWIP work is progressing, has it actually started, what stage is it at, when and how can local groups feed into it and when is it due for completion?</p>	
Question 2	James Dean to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability
<p>What are the council intending to do to mitigate the impact of the new parking proposal on residents who have no option but to park in public car parks?</p> <p>The only parking we have near our house is a public car park, Crown Terrace in Bishop's Stortford. My partner works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, leaving before 8.30am and returning around 6.30pm, parking overnight, and then paying for Fridays. The introduction of the new proposals will mean we have to pay for half a day (£3.60 - the car park opposite our</p>	

house only does half and full day during the week) just to cover the additional 6.30pm to 8.30pm charging period, for an additional 5 days a week. Plus also £1.50 for Sundays. That means an additional £78 a month on top of what we already pay for parking to cover various eventualities here and there. We understand the need for the council to raise more money, and your proposals as stated are targeting commuters and shoppers who have at least one alternative option (bus, cycling, walking etc). But we have no other options. We have a 2 year old son as well, so can't just park miles away.

We would therefore like to put forward the idea of residents having a permit that allows them to not to have to pay for the additional charge time of 6.30pm to 8.30pm on weekdays. It's not us asking to not pay at all. Just to not have to pay for that additional charge time which would cause increased financial and logistical pressure.

Agenda Item 8

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1	Cllr David Snowdon to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth
Could the Executive Member please make a statement about the future of Launchpad once the Old River Lane works commence?	
Question 2	Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth
<p>In May this year the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea ruled that all Grade II listed and most Grade II* listed properties can install solar panels without seeking listed building consent. In an order applying the change, the council said solar panels "would appear as an honest and clearly modern intervention, and normally read as part of the equipment necessary to service the uses conducted within the building", similar to water tanks, television aerials and other equipment.</p> <p>Will East Herts Council introduce a similar change?</p>	
Question 3	Cllr Chris Wilson to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth
<p>I recently asked a question at a previous full council meeting about the lack of progress of the cycle route through the Meads and Grange Paddocks in Bishop's Stortford and was told this was a County Council project and that therefore there was no information that could be given to me by East Herts. However, it is the case that this route is not an official cycleway, and so not necessarily wholly within the remit of the County Council. It is also</p>	

a route that goes partly through East Herts Council-owned land, and is, at least theoretically, partly funded through S106 money from an East Herts development, In light of this, I again ask, what role has East Herts had in the delay to this cycle route and what are our plans with respect to the part of it that goes through East Herts-owned land? What negotiations have been done with the department of the County Council that are dealing with this proposed route?

Question 4

Cllr Chris Wilson to ask Cllr Eric Buckmaster, the Executive Member for Wellbeing

The recent Castle Park redevelopment in Bishop's Stortford, while mainly successful, has included a failure with respect to the contractors who were employed to construct the new Skate Park. My understanding is that these contractors failed to complete their assignment and honour their contract and are due to be replaced. They have however, pocketed public money in the process, to the tune of more than £100,000. While I am aware that it was Bishop's Stortford Town Council (BSTC) that ran this project, East Herts are partners in this exercise and our money and our resources have been used to help fund the redevelopment. Can I therefore ask if the council has asked BSTC if they performed due diligence and for an explanation as to why such funds have been misspent?

Question 5

Cllr Tim Page to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth

Can the Executive Member for Planning and Growth please explain to the Council, and specifically Stortford Fields residents, the reasons for the delay in establishing a working Community Management Trust that meets the Council's planning conditions and can demonstrate that it is both accountable to the Council, and fit for purpose?