

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor Ben Crystall to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

According to the final report from the Climate Change Task and Finish Group, received by Council on 5th March 2019, it was recommended that existing capital grants for loft and cavity wall insulation are extended to provide greater assistance grants to cover solid wall insulation and secondary glazing in energy efficiency priority areas of the District. It was also suggested that this could be achieved from within the existing capital budget, as current loft and cavity wall grants are under-utilised by residents. Has this extension to the grant offer been provided, and if so, can he provide specific figures for the total amount allocated to solid wall insulation and to secondary glazing, and how much of this allocation has been actively granted to residents for this purpose?

Question 2

Councillor Ben Crystall to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

The Council, as a trusted local information source, should continue to promote information on energy reduction to local residents. The Grantham Institute at Imperial College recently published a list of 10 straightforward actions that individuals can take to reduce their own carbon emissions; will EHDC commit to placing this list in a prominent place on its website and publishing it in the Council's publications such as Link and Network?

Question 3

Councillor Rosemary Bolton to ask Councillor Peter Boylan, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods:

What steps is the Council taking to tackle anti-social behaviour within our District?

Question 4

Councillor Jeff Jones to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

Could the Executive Member assure me that this council is committed to supporting Community Transport projects in our district? These services rely heavily on the financial support given by East Herts Council, until they become self-sustaining.

Can the Executive member assure me that there are no plans to reduce this financial commitment?

Question 5

Councillor Devonshire to ask the Councillor Jan Goodeve, Executive Member for Planning and Growth:

How is this council seeking to protect employment land within our District?

Question 6

Councillor Chris Wilson to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

During the full Council meeting on 23rd October, this Council unanimously agreed to a motion proposing that the Environmental and Climate Change Forum would investigate the possibility of working with Hertfordshire County Council to research the possibility of setting up an "On-Demand" Transport service in East Herts. As planned developments are continuing to progress within the District, it is vital that we set up more viable alternatives to private car use as soon as possible. Therefore, I would ask Councillor G McAndrew to update the Council on any progress that might have been made with such an investigation, and if no progress has been made, please inform us when we are likely to hear any updates about the possibility of putting an On Demand Transport system in place?

Question 7

Councillor Mione Goldspink to ask Councillor Peter Boylan, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods:

Several years ago this Council made a commitment to help with the Government's programme for resettling vulnerable Syrian refugees. These were vulnerable people from the Refugee Camps who, had been assessed by the UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees) as being in genuine need. Could the Leader please give an update on this Council's activity with this programme, and tell us how many Syrian refugees have been settled in East Herts?