MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr 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, EHDC should consider looking to procure 100% "green" energy (i.e zero carbon) in terms of corporate electricity supply contracts. How far has the Council got with this process? Is he aware that Green Energy UK, one of the UK's only wholly green energy suppliers which is offering 100% renewable electricity and 100% non-fossil fuel derived gas, is based in Ware, at the heart of our district?

Question 2

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

The final report from the Climate Change Task and Finish Group, received by Council on 5th March 2019, recommended that the Council should investigate energy investment options that have potential to produce ongoing revenue return for the Council, along with carbon saving opportunities, e.g. electrical battery storage technology, renewables etc. on Council land. It was also recommended that an audit was conducted of Council owned sites which may be suitable for such projects. Apart from existing projects

at the theatre, the hydro-scheme in Hertford and the two new leisure centres, has the Council made any progress in investigating investment options in renewables and how far has it progressed with the audit of Council owned sites?

Question 3

Cllr Andrew Huggins to ask Cllr George Cutting, the Executive Member for Corporate Services:

What measures are being implemented to support officers' and Members' wellbeing during this period of remote working, with particular focus on their mental health?

Question 4

Cllr Joseph Dumont to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

Residents in my Ward are very concerned about the levels of litter they see in public spaces and I receive regular emails from concerned individuals. I am sure this will be familiar to other Members. Is the Executive Member aware of our Contractor's performance in relation to meeting the cleaning schedules for public spaces and what is he doing to hold them to account?

Question 5

Cllr Alexander Curtis to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth:

What measures will be implemented by the Council, other than those related to land use/spatial planning or involving the direct provision of financial support to local businesses, in the coming months and years to maintain and enhance the prosperity and vitality of East Hertfordshire's town centres?

Question 6

Cllr Louie Corpe to ask Cllr George Cutting, the Executive Member for Corporate Services, and Cllr Suzanne Rutland-Barsby, the Executive Member for Communities:

Name-blind recruitment is a process which involves removing the candidate's name and other personal information to ensure that people will be judged on merit and not on their background, race or gender.

In an effort to build a more diverse, inclusive workforce that better reflects the community we serve, will this Council commit to follow the example of numerous public sector organisations, such as TfL and the Civil Service, and implement this recruitment technique?

Question 7

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

Is the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods aware of the plans being made by Manchester City Council to build 500 Affordable and Social Houses? Would he be willing to look at these plans as part of his current research into all the different methods of providing Social Housing?