

## **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **Question 1**

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

More than a year after declaring a climate motion, East Herts Council still has no visible message on its website giving residents advice on measures they can adopt to reduce their carbon footprint.

Given that East Herts Council plays a leading role as influencer in the district, and the fact that adding a page of guidance on the council website would have minimal cost implications, isn't the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability concerned that East Herts Council is missing out a simple but crucial step in providing its residents with actionable guidance on cutting their own, and the district's, carbon emissions?

### **Question 2**

#### **Cllr Norma Symonds to ask Cllr Peter Boylan, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods:**

I am very concerned about the impact that Covid 19 may have on our homeless in the District. Losing your home often through no fault of your own, and at any time in your life is totally devastating. What is East Herts Council doing to support families and individuals at this very challenging time?

### **Question 3**

#### **Cllr Ian Devonshire to ask Cllr Geoffrey Williamson, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Financial Sustainability:**

The Hospitality Sector throughout this country is suffering badly from the economic effects due to the restrictions being imposed to protect the public from Covid-19. Can the Executive Member please tell us how this Authority is helping to support the hospitality sector, including hotels, bed and breakfast and leisure accommodation, who have been under some form of restriction since March of this year.

### **Question 4**

#### **Cllr Mione Goldspink to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, Executive Member for Planning and Growth:**

Is it true, as was reported recently in a local newspaper, that the Builders of the new houses on the Old Goods Yard Site in Bishop's Stortford, have abandoned the Carbon Dioxide reduction prediction of 24%, and have now settled on a tiny 3.2% reduction? The original prediction was included in the overall Planning Application for the site, which was granted with conditions. A revised prediction, for 3.2%, was submitted in 2019. I believe that this has not yet been approved by the Council, but, the building works are none the less going ahead. Can the Executive Member please tell me what level of CO2 reduction has been accepted, and is it compatible with this Council's stated ambition of making the whole of the district Carbon Neutral by 2030?

## **Question 5**

### **Cllr Tim Page to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, Executive Member for Planning and Growth:**

Buyers of new build properties in my ward have brought alleged building control breaches to my attention. Building Control compliance is often undertaken by approved inspectors who are engaged by developers. Could the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Growth clarify how this work is monitored and enforced, across the District, and if the enforcement regime also covers compliance with planning conditions.