

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1	Cllr Joseph Dumont to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:
<p>At Council in July of last year, I brought to the attention of the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability the issue of litter in our District. I asked what was being done to hold the Contractor to account. The Executive Member assured me that he was meeting regularly with Officers and that this Council had powers to act if need be. He told me;</p> <p><i>'contracts have performance management regimes in place which bear financial deductions should cleansing not be achieved at the standard we expect'</i></p> <p>Since I asked this question, last year I'm sorry to say the situation has gone from bad to worse. The very stretch of verge, the A414 slip road into Stanstead Abbots, which was the section first brought to my attention as being a significant location for litter and fly tipping has still not been picked. This is despite the situation being raised many months ago. There have been phone calls, site inspections and emails about this one short stretch of verge, yet it remains an awful mess.</p> <p>Across our Distirct, the community has taken matters into its own hands, notably the Wombles of WareAbouts and also TUBS in Bishop Stortford. These are members of the public out and about picking litter because they want to live in a clean and tidy environment. Surely in East Herts not having rubbish all over the place is not too much to ask.</p> <p>Will the Executive Member please join me in thanking the Wombles and members of TUBS for their good work, update me on his</p>	

progress, specifically if the powers of 'contract management' have been applied and tell me when he expects the verge off the A414 into Stanstead Abbots to actually be cleaned?