

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1	Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:
<p>The recent cancellation of the Hertford Hydro scheme is regrettable but given the delay and challenges that the project faced, it is understandable.</p> <p>However this does mean that EHC has now missed an opportunity to harness clean renewable energy to generate income that could be used to cross-subsidise further activities to cut the district's carbon emissions.</p> <p>Every month that goes by is a further month of opportunity lost in our urgent transition towards zero emissions, meaning we must squeeze more and more action into the diminishing time that remains.</p> <p>So will EHC use the capital originally earmarked for the hydro scheme to fund new projects that can both cut carbon emissions and generate an income to cross-subsidise further carbon reduction measures?</p>	
Question 2	Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:
<p>The rapid rise in electric vehicle numbers is already helping East Herts Council tackle problems with damaging air pollution. Despite this benefit, the district council seems to lack enthusiasm for providing residents with on-street chargers. Already we are hearing reports of residents who lack driveways running charging cables across pavements and though these cables are often hidden under rubber mats, there are reports of accidents as people trip over them. By delaying the provision of on-street chargers, we are in danger of letting events run away from us, as more people start to resort to these measures. To help prevent that, and reassure our residents that we are acting, would EHC consider a small scale trial of lamp-</p>	

post based chargers, at spots with suitable cabling and where lampposts are close to the kerb edge to avoid such trip hazards? These are already being trialled in Watford and there is no clear reason why this can't happen in East Herts too.