

## MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

<b>Question 1</b>	<b>Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:</b>
<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>	
<b>Question 2</b>	<b>Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:</b>
<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</p>	

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-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.

**Question 3**

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

We are all very aware of the significant impact Covid-19 has had upon individuals and families across the world. Can the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods please explain how the pandemic has impacted on the numbers turning to the council for help with housing and how our performance compares with other councils in Hertfordshire?

**Question 4**

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

The Demand Responsive Transport bus service, Herts Lynx, launched on the 19th September. It has, thus far, been more successful and popular than expected and represents one of the few ways rural public transport can be made more viable for our residents.

Can you please update the council with respect to its progress, and advise what measures East Herts can take to promote it further? And are there any plans to extend it to more villages and destinations in our council area?

**Question 5**

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

Since the last lockdown, it has been clear to anyone living near or passing through Hockerill Junction in Bishop's Stortford that congestion and pollution are returning to pre-pandemic levels.

Are any figures yet available for the levels of pollution present at this

site for 2021, and do you agree it is time we had live monitoring of this site so that we could spread awareness of the issue further and encourage a change in behaviour whenever possible?