

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1	Patrick Kane to ask Cllr Ben Crystall, the Leader of the Council
<p>Following EHDC's purchase of Water Lane Hall in 2019 and its subsequent designation as an Asset of Community Value, the building is falling into a state of serious disrepair. It is our understanding that EHDC is responsible either directly for maintenance (as the building owner) or indirectly (enforcing maintenance actions as the landlord of URC). In particular the toilets are backing up and overflowing because of drainage issues and water is leaking through the roof. Hirers have reported these and other issues to the URC and EHDC, but they have not been addressed and are getting worse. Without this work being done-before the winter the hall will almost certainly become unusable and unsafe, thus failing to remain an Asset of Community Value.</p> <p>Does EHDC intend to conduct essential maintenance on the building before the start of the winter, using the £170k budgeted for this work, or to compel the tenants to do so?</p>	