

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL MEETING – 11 NOVEMBER 2021

(1) Question from Councillor Craig to Councillor Kyrle:

Government has recently approved new Badger Culling licences for Hampshire, as well as other new areas and extensions to existing culling licences, despite committing to phasing out Badger Culling in favour of vaccination of cattle and badgers, including other measures, to help reduce the spread of Bovine TB. In September 2013, I believe a motion was tabled to this Council, which was overwhelmingly supported by members, stating that, if Badger Culling was to be rolled out in the future to areas including Hampshire, that Eastleigh Borough Council would not allow Badger Culling to take place on any of its owned or leased land, given that the science is not proven or conclusive that the culling of badgers is the answer to eradicating Bovine TB from the countryside. Will the Cabinet Member for Environment reaffirm this Council's policy, as agreed overwhelmingly by this Council in 2013, that no Badger Culling will be allowed to take place on any Borough owned or leased land, now or in the future?

(2) Question from Councillor Parker-Jones to Councillor Kyrle:

With an estimated 19% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions generated by heating – our homes accounts for 75% of this figure¹ - Passive Haus seeks to reduce this amount by approximately 90%. What work has the council undertaken to assist residents in reducing their heating costs and carbon emissions over the past two years?

(3) Question from Councillor Dean to Councillor Craig:

Since this council set its budget in February, what action has this council taken to improve digital inclusion?

(4) Question from Councillor Campbell to Councillor Kyrle:

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) 2015² Integrated Assessment of the Impacts of Systemic Pesticides on Biodiversity and Ecosystems, concluded that systemic pesticides have serious negative impacts on pollinators and other terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, amphibians, birds, and the ecosystem. Will the member please tell us by what date the council will commit to being pesticide free?

(5) Question from Councillor Tidridge to Councillor Airey:

Following this council's decision to grant Southampton Airport's planning application to extend its runway earlier this year, presumably the recent announcement from the Chancellor to halve domestic air duty will change the projected demand and business model. Has this council remodelled the carbon impact following the announcement and if so, can the member share the revised numbers?

(6) Question from Councillor Tyson-Payne to Councillor Corben:

How is this council planning on addressing the decline of town centres³ to make them attractive destinations for our residents, visitors, and business?

(7) Question from Councillor Asman to Councillor House:

Please would the Leader of the Council provide an update on the sustainability of the Council's One Horton Heath development, with particular regard to biodiversity and renewable energy?

(8) Question from Councillor Groves to Councillor House:

What is the latest progress on the Local Plan?

(9) Question from Councillor Holes to Councillor Craig:

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on Hampshire NHS Clinical Commissioners' decision to withdraw GP services from Lowford?

(10) Question from Councillor Broadhurst to Councillor House:

Hampshire County Council is agreeing £80million of cuts over the next two years and looks set to increase Council Tax again. Will the Borough Council be making cuts and putting up Council Tax to balance its budget?

(11) Question from Councillor Grajewski to Councillor House:

Why doesn't Eastleigh Borough Council publish its Corporate Risk Register in the public domain as many other councils do?

(12) Question from Councillor Campbell to Councillor House:

In light of the developments passed by this council since it set its climate targets, what has been the cumulative impact of the associated developments in respect to contributing to borough wide emissions?

(13) Question from Councillor Tidridge to Councillor Pretty:

How does the Cabinet lead for the economy expect Local Area Committees to contribute to the Council's wider economic strategy?