

COUNTY COUNCIL – 22 JULY 2021

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

First Questions:

1. From Councillor Graham Burgess to Councillor Keith Mans, Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

What are Hampshire County Council doing towards accepting and settling brave Afghan Interpreters and their families who put their lives on the line during the conflict in Afghanistan who have now been granted residence in the United Kingdom? Their actions saved many lives.

2. From Councillor Hugh Lumby to Councillor Jan Warwick, Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability:

At the recent elections, the Administration pledged to lead the way on climate change by implementing an innovative Climate Change Action Plan, working in close partnership with local communities and the Carbon Trust. They pledged to put solar panels on many more schools. And they pledged to plant one million trees by 2050 and millions more wildflowers on County land and verges. With COP 26 approaching, would the executive member please provide an update on progress and plans?

3. From Councillor Adrian Collett to Councillor Keith Mans, Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

The Balancing the Budget Consultation, which closed last Sunday, asked people for their views on a range of options including:

- Introducing and increasing charges
- Cutting and changing services
- Generating additional income
- Using County Council reserves
- Increasing council tax
- Reorganising local government in Hampshire, and
- Lobbying central Government for legislative change to allow for more charging and removal of people's rights to services, so that they too can be cut.

Can the Leader explain why there was no consultation on whether people felt that the Government, and Hampshire MPs in particular, should be lobbied more vigorously for a better financial settlement for Hampshire to allow more services to be protected? Why was this obvious option not included?

4. From Councillor Martin Tod to Councillor Roz Chadd, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

How many EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan) assessments in the last 12 months took more than 20 weeks? And how many children at the end of this term

will not know which school they will be going to and how their ECHP will be delivered?

5. From Councillor Bill Withers to Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, Executive Member for Highways Operations:

Could you please update us on the 'Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan' programme for Districts and Boroughs for 2021, in view that there have not been any meetings since December 2020 in Rushmoor?

6. From Councillor Jackie Branson to Councillor Roz Chadd, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

Can I ask the Executive Member for Children Services what measures are being taken to deal with the increasing numbers of SEN children in Hampshire?

7. From Councillor Dominic Hiscock to Councillor Rob Humby, Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Southern Water has recently been convicted of deliberately and cynically dumping between 16bn and 21bn litres of raw sewage into the sea over a period of several years.

A good part of this was into Hampshire's coastal waters in the Solent.

How much of a contributory factor was this in stimulating the introduction nitrate neutrality regulations that have led to serious delays in the construction of much needed homes and business premises in Hampshire? Has Hampshire Council investigated what civil action it can take against Southern Water to force Southern Water to pay towards the Nitrate Neutrality measures that are now having to be introduced?

8. From Councillor Alex Crawford to Councillor Roz Chadd, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

Parents and children have experienced difficulties once they have moved to the new Wellesley development in Aldershot because they have been misled by claims in sales literature that families buying properties will have access to The Cambridge Primary School (on site) and The Wavell School, Farnborough (the nearest secondary school). What can the Executive Lead Member do to assist such parents and children, for example, by adjusting current admission arrangements involving catchment areas for schools, including The Cambridge Primary School, Talavera Infant and Junior Schools, The Wavell School and Alderwood School (Secondary)?

9. From Councillor Kirsty North to Councillor Roz Chadd, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

How many Education, Health and Care Plans have been completed within the 20 week statutory framework over the past 3 years?

10. From Councillor Tom Thacker to Councillor Rob Humby, Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Can the Executive Member please provide an update on what decision has been made about ending the transitional payments for north west Hampshire residents' access to West Berks' Newtown Road HWRC, after 31st July?

11. From Councillor Rupert Kyrle to Councillor Roz Chadd, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

Please can the Executive Member for Children Services explain why children from the Boorley Park estate in Botley have not been offered school places at the new Deer Park Secondary School in Woodhouse Lane when it opens in September, less than 1 mile from their homes, instead many have been offered places at Wildern Academy School in Hedge End and at Wyvern School, Fair Oak, nearly 3 miles away, meaning that many children will either have to walk past the entrance to Deer Park to get to Wildern School or be provided school transport to Wyvern school which doesn't have a safe walking route to school?

Second Questions:

12. From Councillor Tom Thacker to Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, Executive Member for Highways Operations:

The current Report-a-Problem tool is clearly not fit for purpose for reporting and following progress of problems raised by members and the public. Can the Executive Member please say what steps are being taken to replace or update the tools?

13. From Councillor Rupert Kyrle to Councillor Rob Humby, Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Following the recent storms which saw flooding in parts of Eastleigh Borough including Botley and Hedge End, in some cases not for the first time, can the Executive Member for Environment explain what Hampshire County Council as Highways Authority and with responsibilities for Flood and Water Management, is doing to work with partners such as the Environment Agency and Southern Water to come up with plans in the short and longer term, to prevent this from happening again in the future?