

COUNCIL MEETING 18 JULY 2019

Item 5 – Public Questions

	Question From	Question to	
1	Mr E Broomfield	The Leader	<p>Approx 200 authorities across all political parties up and down the country including Hampshire County Council have formally recognised the overwhelming urgency of taking immediate action to control global warming by declaring a climate emergency. Under what circumstances would it be appropriate to vote differently from Hampshire County Council and these 200 authorities?</p>
2	Mr R Knight	The Leader	<p>This evening you will discuss a motion concerning the climate emergency that currently exists, an emergency that arises due to insufficient action being taken since the burning of fossil fuels was first identified as a potential issue in 1830 by Alexander Van Humboldt.</p> <p>The science proving that he was right was well established by 1959 and since that date we have confirmed this fact repeatedly with the only new data being the ever smaller window of opportunity to act to avoid catastrophic consequences.</p> <p>We have the facts, the international consensus and the knowledge that action can be delayed no longer. We need this motion to pass, today, for all of our sakes.</p> <p>My three questions are:</p> <p>To the Leader of the Conservative Councillors: Will the Leader of the Conservative Councillors give a free vote and ensure that party rivalry and political strategising do not risk any further delay? If not, then please could he explain his reasoning as this is a cross-party motion?</p> <p><i>NOTE</i> <i>The Local Authority has no responsibility for matters that fall to the Political Groups, therefore this is not a</i></p>

		question that can be dealt with at Council	To The Chairman of the meeting: Can a record of the votes by each Council Member be recorded and shared publicly?
3	Mr D Barton	The Leader	With so many voices, including Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg, stressing the importance for all levels of society to act, can you assure me that our District will take a leading role to ensure that whatever funds are allocated to projects, the reduction of CO2 is considered as the top priority.
4	Mr J Hilton	The Leader	I understand that declaring a climate emergency is one thing and taking actions that address the emergency is another. The skills required to address the crisis may not necessarily exist within the council. Will you form a citizens' assembly so that a wider range of views and experiences can be heard, with the aim of getting the best help quickly, moving to action sooner, and increasing accountability?
5	Mr I James	The Leader	Although China still has coal fired power generators it's per capita (that is per person) carbon dioxide emissions is still lower than the UK's. However this is irrelevant to whether or not East Hampshire District Council adopts policies that will help control global warming. I believe everyone knows of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) report that global warming will reach the danger point of one point five degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2030. This requires urgent and immediate action. Tonight the council has such an opportunity to act to ensure the future of future generations. Can I please ask the chair of tonight's meeting (or any other councillor present) to request a recorded vote for the motion associated with agenda item 14 to allow our grandchildren the opportunity of seeing who voted for their future and who voted against it tonight.
	Ms M Johnson	Councillor Cowper, Portfolio Holder for Whitehill and Bordon	If Bordon is to be a thriving and economically sustainable green town what plans have been discussed to return railway transport to the town? For example, can EHDC confirm any discussions since 2009 with AOTC, the Association of Train Operating Companies , which applied for funding for the

			<p>reopening of Bordon station, following the publication of its 2009 report <i>Connecting Communities: Expanding Access to the Rail Network</i>.^[3]</p> <p>I understand that AOTC is now Rail Delivery Group, https://www.raildeliverygroup.com</p>
	Ms C Cockburn	The Leader	<p>As Chairman you are responsible in ensuring the council develops sustainable and progressive policy. This is an emergency and we need strong leadership; we need all political parties to work together to act now.</p> <p>How will you show leadership in developing the necessary and unpartisan policies to combat climate change?</p>