

COUNCIL MEETING 25 FEBRUARY 2021**Item 4 – Public Questions Received under Standing Order 27.5**

	Question From	Question to	
1	Peter Williams	Cllr Louisson	Request that the council use reserve funds to keep council tax down.
2	Peter Williams	Cllr Louisson	Request that the Council lobby government to give them emergency money to keep the council tax down.
3	Ian James	Cllr Millard	<p>In the latest year period for which statistics are available what proportion of recycle waste loads were reject from the East Hampshire District Council's collection. For what proportion of the total rejection were the following materials responsible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Plastic2. Paper3. metal <p>(actual figures or percentages are acceptable)</p>
4	Ian James	Cllr Costigan	The EHDC commercial property strategy defines four levels of speculative risk and that the appropriate one must be assigned to every acquisition. The hotel sited on the A3 Liphook services complex was acquired and them disposed of at a loss of over £300,000 to the East Hampshire council tax payers. Which risk level was this disastrous speculation assigned?
5	Ian Robertson	Cllr Thomas	Do the council intend to use the powers created under the Public Space Protection Order Dogs to help in the control of the hugely increasing problem of livestock worrying in East Hampshire, a predominantly rural district, from loose dogs on public bridleways and footpaths near livestock. Using the offence of 'failure to put dogs on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer.' i.e. could the authorised officer request that all dogs in the vicinity of livestock on public paths be put on leads, perhaps in the form of a notice on relevant paths?

6	Moira Johnson	Cllr Louisson	<p>EHDC proposes a 2% increase in 2021 on Council Tax at a time of economic hardship for many of its residents. Can EHDC confirm how much was spent on external advisers in the last 3 years 2018-21?</p> <p><i>Ref: EHDC Supplementary Information EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CABINET 4 February 2021:</i></p> <p><i>6.1 The Council utilises the knowledge and skills of its internal officers when considering capital investment decisions and where necessary it also relies on the expert knowledge of specialist external advisors.</i></p> <p><i>6.2 The Council employs professionally qualified legal, finance and property officers who are able to offer advice and guidance when considering any capital investment decisions</i></p> <p>6.6 The Council uses external advisors where necessary in order to complement the knowledge its own officers hold. Some of these advisors are contracted on long term contracts or are appointed on an ad-hoc basis when necessary.</p>
7	Moira Johnson	Cllr Louisson	<p>Can EHDC confirm how it has helped childcare provider businesses in EHDC manage financially throughout the lockdown?</p>
8	Moira Johnson	Cllr Drew	<p>In view of the widely reported heavier burden that Covid has made on women, can EHDC confirm it's gender pay gap for 2020 yet? I note from https://cdn.easthants.gov.uk/public/documents that in 2019 the figures published showed a substantial gender pay gap.</p>