

COUNTY COUNCIL – 17 FEBRUARY 2022

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

First Questions:

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

May I ask the Leader of the County Council to please intervene and seek that work is carried out to strengthen a small brick-built bridge that gives passage over Tanners Brook in Bracken Close, North Baddesley for pedestrians.

I, along with residents have appealed for this work to be carried out for years now. The bridge is seriously cracked and residents fear that one day it may collapse.

The last correspondence I received early last year in regards of this matter was from Hampshire Highways, reference number 7075817, stating that the old brick wall had a movement crack along one of the joints and some pointing was carried out. This crack has opened further, and I consider some further work would be advisable to prevent an accident that could result in causing a serious incident.

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

With the recent release of the climate scorecard, which ranks all authorities by their published climate action, in which Hampshire I am pleased to state was ranked joint 3rd in their group. I wonder if you can provide an update on the HCC community energy initiative and how best for councils and Parish councils to get involved.

3. From Councillor Martin Tod to Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, Executive Member for Highways Operations:

In its Statement of Common Ground on Highways and Transport Issues published in January 2011 in response to Cala Homes (South)'s appeal (ref 09/02412/OUT), Hampshire County Council supported the realignment of Andover Road in Winchester through the Kings Barton estate, closing the existing Andover Road to through vehicular traffic. Aside from the proposal in the City of Winchester Movement Strategy to potentially keep Andover Road open for Park & Ride buses as well as pedestrians and cyclists, is this still its position?

4. From Councillor Patricia Stallard to Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health:

Given the fact that social isolation can have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of individuals, would the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care please explain to this Council what measures were taken by the County Council to alleviate loneliness in our older population during the pandemic.

5. From Councillor Jackie Porter to Councillor Edward Heron, Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs:

The waiting time for a footpath or a village green claim from the public to be determined can take several years and sometimes decades!

How is the County Council tackling the long and growing case list of footpath claims and village green applications cases awaiting determination and completion?