

Item 11 – Questions Received under Standing Order 27.4.1

	Question From	Question to	Question
1	Cllr Rason	Cllr Bowerman	At the council meeting in September Cllr Bowerman said there was to a new approach to grass cutting and the management of verges in 2024. I would welcome the opportunity to read the report on the 12 sites which were identified for No Mow May and hope this can be achieved soon. There was a considerable amount of negative noise around No Mow May because of a widespread confusion about the cutting of verges and conflagration of this with No Mow May. Hence, will there be a rebranding of No Mow May and when will plans for 2024 to support floral diversity in the borough be ready to share with council?
2	Cllr Rason	Cllr Bowdell	<p>At present, as an officer stated very recently, the council's financial strategy is to not fund any projects which cannot be capitalised. Whilst the council's financial position was more precarious, removing all risks was totally justified. Thankfully, HBC'S financial position is more secure and we are now rated A +, which is significantly better than the majority of Local government councils. So, balancing risks and opportunities must be an ongoing process and there will be conditions that it requires for HBC to cease the current policy to never front fund any projects given that removing risk is also removing opportunities. At present there are many income streams are not accessible such as money from Art council, Southern Railways Community fund for community projects, or funding a bid writer to increase the opportunities to make lives better for our residents. All businesses need to balance risk and opportunities.</p> <p>What conditions does the council need for it to consider a review of the present financial policy which would allowing it, where risks are accessed as low and matching the council's corporate strategies to front fund opportunities for community groups to access other funding for projects?</p>
3	Cllr Coates	Cllr Rennie	Does the Leader agree that all efforts should be made by the Council to negotiate with Hayling Community Centre and ensure that storage facilities for the children's charity

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			The Heart of Hayling Boxing Academy are either retained or replaced with a like-for-like secure, accessible and safe storage solution. Anything else will in turn lead to the charity - one that he has publicly supported in the past - closing its doors next month to seek another venue at potentially significant cost and thereby also threatening the viability of the Hayling Community Centre itself who receive thousands in funding through their partnership with HoH.
4	Cllr Philippa Gray	Cllr Bowdell	There have been a number of committee meetings cancelled at short notice recently and it takes a long time for them to be re-arranged. Is any consideration being given to processes that will avoid this, and where cancellation cannot be avoided, are there processes that would allow the meetings be rescheduled quickly.
5	Cllr Rason	Cllr Lloyd	I was very pleased to take part in the very recent Ashden training last month and wish to thank all the officers who enable the training to take place and to Cllr Lloyd who facilitated the training. There were lots of exciting ideas floated. I am pleased to see a review of our Strategy and Action plan on Climate change is due to take place. May we know when the outcomes from the Ashden training and the Review will likely to ready to be shared with the cabinet and members?
6	Cllr Munday	Cllr Lloyd	In the list of sites under active negotiation for planning approval I notice there is no mention of the Southleigh site. Please could you tell us whether there are any current plans to develop this site?
7	Cllr Munday	Cllr Lloyd	At the recent workshop on 12 th October Councillors were given an analysis on the current position of the Council with regard to progress towards Net Zero. Please can you tell us what action is planned as a result of this?
8	Cllr Harris	Cllr Lloyd	Further to the mention of such work in the CEO's August report, what progress has there been on installing more EV charging points around the borough?
9	Cllr Harris	Cllr Rennie	Following the publication of the Royal HaskoningDHV Report into the situation at, and options for, Langstone Mill Pond, and as winter approaches and the danger of catastrophic failure of the wall looms, can we be updated on how HBC plan to follow through on the pledge made in the summer to save the millpond, and can Alan Mak MP be enlisted to acquire any necessary permissions at government level?