

Item 4:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 3 April 2025.

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

A. Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"Looking at the history of the Solar farm project, it started off at £6 million, then £10 million pounds, and then £12 million, and it's now £18.6 million. I would like to understand if there's an alternative, which there probably was, to actually outsource the capital to a specialist company such as SSE. I am just wondering why the Council didn't take that option, especially with the current financial challenge you have. Looking at maybe postponing or the financial model,"

B. Question submitted by Peter McEwen to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"Road Closure of Ashampstead Road, Bradfield. Has the council estimated the additional transportation costs due to closure of Ashampstead Road for HGVs for nine months (with intermittent closure for cars)? The diversion route is over 20 miles. Will the council be seeking compensation for the additional transportation cost from the applicant?"

C. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Public Safety and Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration:

"What is your vision for the future of the Lrie?"

D. Question submitted by Peter McEwen to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"Has the Council received an independent report justifying that there is no alternative to closing Ashampstead Road for nine months?"