



# Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING

### QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC AT COUNCIL MEETINGS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 25

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JULY 2020

#### QUESTION NO 1

FROM: HONORARY ALDERMAN ALISTAIR THOMPSON

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
COUNCILLOR DAVE ASHMORE

"Portsmouth City Council has introduced a number of schemes and activities to encourage recycling over recent years, such as the introduction of the black and green wheelie bins. Whilst these have improved recycling rates in the City, according to the ONS, in 2018/19, less than 30 per cent of our rubbish was recycled, which is one of the worst records across England. By way of comparison, Surrey Heath BC and Vale of the White Horse DC, have recycling rates above 60 per cent for the same period and Guildford BC, Oxfordshire CC and Milton Keynes Council, all of which are in the South East, have recycling rates in the high 50s. One way to encourage more recycling might be to allow our residents and visitors to recycle when they are visiting the shops, the Common and Seafront, or the many wonderful places in our City, but currently they can't as we do not seem to have public bins designed for recycling. Therefore would the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change instruct his officers to investigate the cost and potential benefits of a) replacing some of the rubbish bins in the City with recycling bins, b) creating two separate internal compartments within

the existing bins so that one side can be used for dry recycling and the other remains available for rubbish, c) introducing new bins that allow for recycling as well as rubbish as used by some other local authorities, or d) a mixture of the above?"

## **QUESTION NO 2**

FROM: HONORARY ALDERMAN ALISTAIR THOMPSON

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
COUNCILLOR DAVE ASHMORE

"Will he further instruct his officers to examine how such a change might impact on the cost of collecting and disposing of this rubbish as landfill tax rose again last April to nearly £95 per tonne and will in all likelihood increase in future years, so reducing what we throw away might deliver a saving to the taxpayers of Portsmouth?"

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/env18-local-authority-collected-waste-annual-results-tables>

## **QUESTION NO 3**

FROM: SELMA HEIMEDINGER

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
COUNCILLOR DAVE ASHMORE

"Are we on track to reach carbon net zero by 2025? Or even by 2030?"

- Extinction Rebellion Portsmouth