



# Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

## QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 25.

ORDINARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 19 March 2024

### QUESTION NO 1

FROM: EDWARD BATTERBURY

Back in November 2021 Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson said he had 'no confidence' in Southern Water to tackle untreated sewage discharges into Langstone Harbour.

“We cannot trust the government. We have to make sure that we sort this ourselves.” He said at the time at a Full Council meeting, and said he would see “if we can buy [it] out”.

Since then, residents have seen a continuation of sewage discharges polluting our bathing waters, ruining the health of local people and affecting our local economy.

The residents of Eastney and Craneswater would like to know these words weren't just hollow words. Therefore what actions has the Administration taken to purchase Southern Water since this statement?

### QUESTION NO 2

FROM: ROBIN HEAD

Can the cabinet member confirm if the council has a plan to support local schools with resources or infrastructure given the new housing development at Tipner East and what other plans are there to support new and young families moving into the catchment area of Stamshaw Juniors and Infants?