

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		13 November 2025	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Julian Joinson, Member Services Manager	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Question Time 1) Bullough Park Changing Rooms 2) Stickerless Private Hire Vehicles for Safety 3) Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) 4) Fly Tipping 5) Community Township Funding 6) Oakhill Park Bowling Greens 7) Accrington Stanley FC 8) Local Elections 2026 9) CCTV Camera, Baxenden 10) Article 4 Direction 11) War Memorials	
EXEMPT REPORT:	No		
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Questions to Council

Questions for the Leader of the Council, a member of the Cabinet, or a Committee Chair may be submitted by councillors or by member of the public, under Council Procedure Rule 2.2(vi).

Procedural Note

- The questions will be read out by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor
- The Leader or other councillor, as appropriate, will give an oral answer.
- The questioner, if a councillor, may ask a supplementary question, if it is directly related to the original question

The following questions have been submitted:-

1) Bullough Park Changing Rooms

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP) or relevant Portfolio Holder

The changing rooms at Bullough Park have been closed for a considerable period. Could the Council provide an update on what plans or actions are in place to refurbish these facilities and ensure they are reopened for future community events and sporting fixtures?

From: Councillor Shabir Fazal OBE
Date of first receipt by Office: 21st October 2025 (10:11)

2) Stickerless Private Hire Vehicles for Safety

***To the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder Housing and Regeneration
(Councillor Melissa Fisher)***

Wolverhampton also allows stickerless private hire vehicles to reduce the risk of vandalism and break-ins during off-duty hours. Will Hyndburn consider a similar policy to protect drivers and vehicles, particularly those parked overnight in residential areas?

From: Councillor Shabir Fazal OBE
On behalf of: Sohail Asghar
Date of first receipt by Office: 21st October 2025 (10:13)

**3) Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Application No. 11/24/0389 –
Knuzden Moss Farm**

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP)

The Planning Inspectorate has overturned HBCs decision to vote down the proposed BESS system in Stanhill, Oswaldtwistle. Will the Council support residents in seeking a judicial review, to prevent setting a precedent of significant infrastructure on our greenbelt when more suitable urban, brownfield sites exist?

From: Councillor Zak Khan
On behalf of: Vinette Davitt
Date of first receipt by Office: 5th November 2025 (18:23)

4) Fly Tipping

To the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services (Councillor Stewart Eaves)

Given the lack of uptake for recent skip days and the fact that it is fly-tippers that cause a stain on our communities, would the monies spent on this initiative not be better spent on more fly tipping deterrence measures such as cameras?

From: Councillor Zak Khan
Date of first receipt by Office: 5th November 2025 (19:51)

5) Community Township Funding

To the Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Town Centres (Councillor Clare Pritchard)

Community Township Funding for £80,000 was agreed at the budget - please can an update be provided on when a report will be brought to Cabinet and how the scheme will work?

From: Councillor Steven Smithson

Date of first receipt by Office: 8th November 2025 (20:38)

6) Oakhill Park Bowling Greens

To the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services (Councillor Stewart Eaves)

Please could the portfolio holder give the exact dates of when work will start on the protective fence around Oakhill bowling club?

From: Councillor David Heap

On behalf of: Robert Rothery

Date of first receipt by Office: 9th November 2025 (19:32)

7) Accrington Stanley FC

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP)

Please could the Leader of the Council give an update on progress to a resolution with regards to the Accrington Stanley planning issues?

From: Councillor David Heap

On behalf of: Andrew Buckel

Date of first receipt by Office: 9th November 2025 (19:32)

8) Local Elections 2026

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP)

Please could the Leader confirm if May's 2026 local elections will be going ahead in Hyndburn?

From: Councillor David Heap

On behalf of: Kevin Laycock

Date of first receipt by Office: 9th November 2025 (19:32)

9) CCTV Camera, Baxenden

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP) or relevant Portfolio Holder

Please could the relevant portfolio holder give an update on the CCTV camera at the top of Southwood Drive, Baxenden?

From: Councillor David Heap

On behalf of: Lee Scholfield

Date of first receipt by Office: 9th November 2025 (19:32)

10) Article 4 Direction

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP)

Please could the Leader give an update as to when he thinks Baxenden will be covered by Article 4 protection with regards to HMOs.

From: Councillor David Heap

On behalf of: Catherine Laycock

Date of first receipt by Office: 9th November 2025 (19:32)

11) War Memorials

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP)

The War Memorial restoration programmes was allocated £55,000 at the budget - please can an update on the programme and which war memorials will be part of the programme be provided?

From Councillor Steven Smithson

On behalf of: Mr and Mrs Westell

Date of first receipt by Office: 9th November 2025 (20:40)