

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Corbin will ask the Leader of the Council the following question:

*“The Conservative Party have received complaints from Hatton Parish Council about the lack of attendance and support at Parish Council meetings from the member for Hatton. I am aware that the Leader has had an email from a party colleague, a DCC member, asking him to address this issue - yet hasn't. The complaints still come forwards despite this due to lack of attendance with no action taken. My understanding is that the member for Hatton has attended parish council once since the May 2023 elections. I am further aware that the Clerk for Hatton Parish has also addressed these issues to the leader and still nothing has changed. It has been brought to my attention that the member may live and/or work in London.*

*Attendance at Parish Councils is something we have to deliver in our roles as elected members at SDDC, and whilst some have to be missed and apologies given this should not be the regular occurrence. If we cannot support the wards we are elected to and the residents living there, why would we stand for election?*

*Can the Leader clarify the area of residence for the member for Hatton and also clarify why this situation with no support to the Hatton Parish Council or residents of Hatton has arisen and why no action has been taken to rectify this despite the communications he has received? “*