

**COUNCIL
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TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11(b), 3 questions were submitted by the deadline date for questions set out in the Council's Constitution.

(A) Union Flag to be flown outside all public buildings

Councillor David Levett to Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb (Leader of the Council).

'The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport recently announced that changes in legislation allow the Union Flag to be flown outside all public buildings every day as "a proud reminder of our history and the ties that bind us" and has called on local authorities to routinely fly the flag.

Could the Leader of the Council confirm it is the administrations intent to follow that request and fly the Union Flag outside all of its buildings where it has the ability to do so.'

(B) Percentage increase of the County Council precept

Councillor Sue Ngwala to Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb (Leader of the Council).

'Could the Leader of the Council explain why the percentage increase of the County Council precept shown on the Council tax bill sent out is shown as 2%, when the actual increase is close to 4%?'

(C) Safety of women and girls in our communities

Councillor Clare Billing to Councillor Gary Grindal (Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health) and Councillor Judi Billing (Executive Member for Community Engagement).

'Following concerns raised with me about how safe women and girls in our communities feel, both within and outside their homes. Could the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health and the Executive Member for Community Engagement outline what is being done in North Herts to support women and girls locally?'