

**COUNCIL**  
**10 APRIL 2018**

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**AGENDA ITEM No.**

**8A**

**TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

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

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11(f) – Maximum Number of Questions:

“A Member may ask only one question under 4.8.11(b) or 4.8.11(c) except with the consent of the Chairman of the Council, committee or subcommittee. The maximum number of questions that may be asked at any meeting of the Full Council is three. If there are multiple parts, then each will be treated as an individual question for the purposes of this Rule and if the number of questions exceeds three the questions to be asked shall be determined by ballot to be conducted by the Proper Officer. Any outstanding questions unable to be asked should be addressed in writing to the Proper Officer for a written response to be provided to all Members.”

Accordingly, a ballot was conducted on 5 April 2018 and the three questions set out below were selected at random. In accordance with the Constitution, written answers will be provided to all Members in respect of the two questions (set out overleaf) that were unsuccessful in the ballot.

**(A) Hitchin Town Hall**

Councillor Paul Clark to Councillor Tony Hunter (Executive Member for Community Engagement and Rural Affairs):

“Has the Council approached Hitchin Town Hall Ltd in regard to an interim deal to allow access while parties keep talking to resolve the issue outstanding?”

**(B) Appointments to Outside Organisations**

Councillor Ian Albert to Councillor Lynda Needham (Leader of the Council):

“At the North Herts District Council AGM in May, the Council will make a large number of appointments to external organisations. Does the Leader agree that to demonstrate complete transparency, that alongside the list of organisations, we should indicate whether the NHDC nominee will receive or could potentially receive a Fee or an Allowance from that organisation for representing the Council and the amount of that Fee? This would build upon our existing Register of Interests.”

**(C) North Herts Transport Strategy**

Councillor Terry Tyler to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning and Enterprise):

“At the Local Plan examination in public the North Herts Transport Strategy was referred to; how was this approved by this Council?”

**The following questions were unsuccessful in the ballot, and will be dealt with by way of a written response from the Executive Member to all Members of the Council:**

**Brown Bin Waste Charges**

Councillor Steve Jarvis to Councillor Michael Weeks (Executive Member for Waste Management, Recycling and Environment):

“Does the Council have any plans to introduce payments by instalments for the Brown Bin Charge?”

**Members' Allowances**

Councillor Steve Jarvis to Councillor Lynda Needham (Leader of the Council):

“What steps did the Leader of the Council take to ensure that the proper procedures had been followed before she moved the motion to increase Members' Allowances at the meeting on 18th January?”