

**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 sub-committee. 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 13 July 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 questions (set out overleaf) that was unsuccessful in the ballot.

**(A) Waste Contract**

Councillor Lisa Nash to Councillor Michael Weeks (Executive Member for Waste, Recycling and Environment):

“What does the Council plan to do after the 3 month start up period of the waste contract should the delivery of the contract still be unsatisfactory?”

**(B) Rail Services**

Councillor Steve Jarvis to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport):

“Given the high number of commuters who live in the District, what action has NHDC taken to lobby for an adequate rail service?”

**(C) Air Quality**

Councillor Sam Collins to Councillor Bernard Lovewell (Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health):

“Given the high death rate due to poor air quality in this Country and with the North Herts & Central Beds Local Plans and HCC's LTP4 what action do the Council plan to take to reduce the risk to local resident?”

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

**14/15 BRAND STREET, HITCHIN**

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

“How Long will the CPO process take to secure 14/15 Brand Street?”

**PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Councillor Ruth Brown to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport):

“Has Parking Enforcement Officer capacity been reduced in the last 12 months?”