

COUNCIL 10 JULY 2025

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TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

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

(A) Impact of Luton Airport Expansion

Councillor Chris Lucas to Councillor Daniel Allen, Leader of the Council.

'In light of the Labour Secretary of State for Transport's announcement on 3rd April giving the go-ahead to expand Luton Airport from 16.7m passengers to 32m passengers and Alistair Strathern, the Labour MP for Hitchin's endorsement of the expansion plan, could the Labour Leader of North Hertfordshire District Council explain the impact this will have on the residents of North Hertfordshire, specifically those who live under the current flight path or adjacent to the airport?'

(B) Lithium-Ion Battery Hazards

Councillor Jon Clayden to Councillor Mick Debenham, Executive Member for Regulatory.

'Given ongoing public concern about industrial fires caused by lithium-ion batteries, could the executive member please update us on what the council has done to understand and mitigate their impact on residents?'

(C) Recycling Rates

Councillor Ralph Muncer to Councillor Amy Allen, Executive Member for Environment.

'What the recycling rate for North Hertfordshire is projected to be following the introduction of the new waste contract?'

(D) Penalty Charge Notices

Councillor Matt Barnes to Councillor Donna Wright, Executive Member for Place.

'How many Penalty Charge Notices were issued in Council car parks in each locality during the periods March to May 2024 and March to May 2025?'