

COUNCIL 2 OCTOBER 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) Local Government Reorganisation Options

Councillor Ralph Muncer to Councillor Daniel Allen, Leader of the Council.

'To ask the Leader of the Council to outline the Administration's preferred option for Local Government Reorganisation in Hertfordshire?'

(B) Penalty Charge Notices – Free After 3

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

'What advice has the Council received about issuing penalty charge notices for non-registration during the free after 3 parking period in Royston?'

(C) Events on Council land

Councillor Chris Lucas to Councillor Mick Debenham, Executive Member for Regulatory.

'Could the Executive Member for Regulatory advise what would the Council's liability position would be if an event took place on North Hertfordshire District Council land without a licence and an injury occurred to a participant or member of the public?'

(D) Hitchin Lido Closure

Councillor Louise Peace to Councillor Amy Allen, Executive Member for Environment.

'When the Leisure Centre Decarbonisation project was discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in May, Councillor Mick Debenham left the Committee in no doubt that this was a challenging project. The Committee carefully examined the submitted paper. The proposed extended opening of the Hitchin Lido until the end of October was, to me, a crucial part of maintaining goodwill with centre users while the work was carried out. This proposal was agreed by Cabinet on May 20th.

A decision has now been made to close the Hitchin Lido at the end of September. The press release regarding this decision does not refer to a named officer or yourself as portfolio holder. What was the process for reversing the decision made at Cabinet?'