

**COUNCIL
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TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

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

(A) Support for Compassionate Neighbours Scheme and Other Schemes

Councillor Jon Clayden to Councillor Daniel Allen (Executive Member for Governance):

"The sadly precarious financial position that Garden House Hospice Care finds itself in has recently led to the short-notice closure of the North Herts Compassionate Neighbours scheme. This scheme provided very much-needed support and companionship to many residents across our district, including to an elderly man in my ward who wrote to tell me how important it had been to him since the death of his wife. Could the Executive Member please update this council on the future of these schemes in North Herts, including any help the council is planning to provide?"

(B) Protection of the Romano-British small town and Late Iron Age settlement at Baldock

Councillor Sam Collins to Councillor Donna Wright (Executive Member for Place):

"The Late Iron age and Romano-British town at Baldock has been placed on the at-risk register by Historic England who state that the site has major problems, has high vulnerability and is declining. Historic England has also highlighted that there is no action or strategy identified or agreed to protect this site of national importance. What is the administration doing to protect this nationally important historic site?"