

COUNCIL 16 JULY 2026

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TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

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

(A) Charnwood House, Hitchin Vacancy Period

Councillor Chris Lucas to Councillor Tamsin Thomas, Executive Member for Enterprise:

'In the Members Information Service (MIS) bulletin released on 3rd July, I read with interest that BTG Eddison's have been appointed to undertake a new campaign marketing for Charnwood House, Hitchin this summer.

Can the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise explain how long the property has been vacant?'

(B) Thomas Bellamy House, Hitchin Vacancy Period

Councillor Chris Lucas to Councillor Tamsin Thomas, Executive Member for Enterprise:

'Can the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise explain how long Thomas Bellamy House in Hitchin has been vacant?'

(C) Charnwood House and Thomas Bellamy House, Hitchin Maintenance and Security Costs

Councillor Chris Lucas to Councillor Tamsin Thomas, Executive Member for Enterprise:

'Could the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise please explain how much money has been spent on maintenance and security for Charnwood House, Hitchin and Thomas Bellamy House, Hitchin since they have been left vacant?'

(D) Impact of the Planning and Infrastructure Act on North Hertfordshire

Councillor Ralph Muncer to Councillor Val Bryant, Leader of the Council:

'To ask the Leader of the Council what assessment has been made as to the impact of the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 on North Hertfordshire?'

(E) Approach to Active Travel

Councillor Ralph Muncer to Councillor Donna Wright, Executive Member for Place:

'To ask the Executive Member for Place to set out the Administration's approach to Active Travel policy ahead of the Local Plan Review and the upcoming consultation on Hertfordshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 5?'