

**COUNCIL
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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) Consultation on Permitted Development for Shale Gas Exploration

Councillor Ian Albert to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning):

"The North Herts District Council Cabinet at its December meeting noted and endorsed a response to the MHCLG consultation on Permitted Development for Shale Gas exploration (Fracking). The response to MHCLG would appear to indicate that Shale Gas Exploration (fracking) could be agreed in North Hertfordshire in given circumstances

Will the Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport explain the reasons for the response to MHCLG and what consultation was undertaken with Councillors and the public before the response was sent?"

(B) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for North Hertfordshire

Councillor Ian Albert to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning):

“The NHDC Cabinet at its December meeting reaffirmed its decision of 30th July 2013 that “a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for North Hertfordshire be not pursued for the time being”. However, a number of other Councils in Hertfordshire have introduced CIL effectively and productively.

Will the Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport explain:

- What factual evidence was used in reaching the decision not to implement a CIL charging schedule in North Herts at this time;
- What wider consultation on CIL took place with Councillors and the public in advance of the December Cabinet meeting; and
- What will the process be to enable the Full Council to make an informed decision on this issue?”

(C) Brexit

Councillor Paul Marment to Councillor Lynda Needham (Leader of the Council):

“What contingency plans has this Council put in place to deal with the implications to the Council and the District in the event Brexit goes ahead on 29th march this year?”