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Dear Councillor

## **COUNCIL - 15 MAY 2024**

Please find attached the following reports which were marked "to follow" on the agenda for the above meeting:

### 10. Public Questions (Page 3)

To receive any public questions.

### 11. Members' Questions (Page 4)

To receive any Members' questions.

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# Agenda Item 10

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## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

<b>Question 1</b>	<b>Carl Warnell to ask Cllr Tim Hoskin, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability</b>
<p>I notice the Simplifying Recycling legislation proposed by DEFRA in October 2023 has been published today (9th May 2024) and contains requirements for a single commingled dry waste bin and at worst, fortnightly collection of residual waste bins (more regular preferred). Could the executive member explain how this impacts the 2025 waste recycling and street cleansing contract (discussed in the Extraordinary Executive meeting on 21st December 2023) from both a financial and non-financial perspective?</p>	

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## MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

<b>Question 1</b>	<b>Cllr David Jacobs to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability</b>
<p>At full council on 18th December during a discussion on the proposed changes to car parking tariffs in Bishop's Stortford, the Deputy Leader stated with particular reference to the Northgate End multi-storey car park that "many people are scared and frightened of using it" and that "I would like the council to take urgent action to improve the stairwells, lighting, and disabled access...I hope these changes can be made as soon as possible and before these changes (the new car parking fees) come into effect in April." During the same debate the Executive Member for Planning and Growth confirmed "there is a shopping list of improvements for Northgate End – I know there is a budget set aside for them".</p> <p>Can the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability confirm a) how much money has been set aside for these improvements, and b) when they will happen?</p>	
<b>Question 2</b>	<b>Cllr Nahum Clements to ask Cllr Mione Goldspink, the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods</b>
<p>'Affordable' housing is typically defined as being 20% below local market rates. However, the high cost of housing in East Herts means that 'affordable' housing remains unaffordable for many people.</p> <p>EHC's Corporate Plan commits the council to "<i>prioritise actions that can provide housing which is <b>truly</b> affordable</i>". In light of this, and the ongoing housing crisis, does the administration have any plans to update its housing strategy?</p>	