

## COUNCIL – 28 OCTOBER 2015

### MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

#### Question 1

Councillor R Henson to ask the Executive Member for Environment and the Public Space:

*Would the Executive Member please set out the measures the Council is taking to work with the Police and other partners, both to combat illegal drug use in East Hertfordshire, and to promote the safety and wellbeing of residents?*

#### Question 2

Councillor N Symonds to ask the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing:

*Whilst acknowledging the excellent work that our Benefits team do, it concerns me that over two thousand people are taken to court which adds court fines of eighty pounds to debts they already have with the Benefits section. I am concerned that some of these people may have mental health issues which Benefits are not aware of, or other disabilities. I know that court is the absolute last resort, but what can be done by the Authority to help our most vulnerable residents?*

#### Question 3

Councillor T Page to ask the Executive Member for Development Management and Council Support:

*Is the Executive Member for Development Management and Council Support satisfied that s106 agreements, under the Council's control, are properly formulated, monitored, and directed to local need? Bearing in mind that significant sums are reserved for major community infrastructure projects beyond its immediate responsibility, can the Council demonstrate that it is successful in working with partners to ensure that there is no irrecoverable loss of earmarked funds?*

#### **Question 4**

Councillor P Phillips to ask the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing:

*Following David Cameron's announcement at Conservative Party Conference earlier this month to incentivise developers to deliver truly affordable housing for first time buyers, does the recent change in the Council's Affordable Housing Policy, need an urgent review to allow us to take a lead with developers in moving this pro-active policy forward, particularly in light of the difficulties this Council has had delivering social housing numbers in recent years with the existing policy.*