

COUNCIL – 18 FEBRUARY 2009

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor P A Ruffles to ask the Executive Member for Planning Policy and Transport:

Is the Executive Member able to give a progress report on the "Mead Lane Master Plan Study" at East Herts Council? I ask in view of the fact that the "Hertford Urban Transport Plan" is about to be developed by Herts Highways as an inter-dependent exercise.

Question 2

Councillor D Clark to ask the Leader of the Council:

Last July the Executive agreed that an appraisal of the detailed financial and property issues would be brought forward so that a firm decision could be made on the move to Wallfields. As yet the move has only been approved in principle - no final business case has been presented or approved for this proposed £2.67m capital investment. However, activity on the project continues apace, consuming resources and causing concern and uncertainty for staff. Can the Leader explain the delays and tell us when the business case will be presented?

Question 3

Councillor D Clark to ask the Leader of the Council:

What are the most important qualities that the Leader looks for in his statutory officers?

Question 4

Councillor N Clark to ask the Leader of the Council:

Can the Leader confirm, or otherwise, that East Herts Council's surveillance policy prohibits surveillance for all but the most serious criminal offences and requires the Leader to sign off all requests for surveillance in accordance with last year's Conservative Party policy announcement?

Question 5

Councillor N Clark to ask the Leader of the Council:

Legislation requires the arrangements for councillors' allowances to be reviewed every four years. Last March the Leader stated that this review "would be undertaken shortly." Another 11 months has passed without a fundamental review and without the independent remuneration panel meeting. Will the Leader explain why?