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Dear Councillor

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

8. Members' Questions (Pages 3 - 4)

To receive any Members' questions.

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting next Wednesday

MEETING : COUNCIL
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023
TIME : 7.00 PM

Agenda Item 8

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1	Cllr Joseph Dumont to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth
<p>The members of Neighbourhood Planning Group in my Ward and Parish Councillors have been working hard and doing their best to develop the neighbourhood plan for Stanstead Abbots. They have found it difficult, especially because it is being proposed that green belt land is released. There is strong local feeling against the requirement to build 94 new homes.</p> <p>Will the Executive Member tell me whether it is or is not the case that Stanstead Abbots will be more susceptible to green belt development, and if the quota of 94 homes can be more easily exceeded by developers if a Neighbourhood plan is not adopted?</p>	
Question 2	Cllr Mione Goldspink to ask Cllr Linda Haysey, the Leader of the Council
<p>What actions can East Herts Council take to demonstrate its support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees who are seeking safety within our District?</p>	
Question 3	Cllr Chris Wilson to ask Cllr Peter Boylan, the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods
<p>Last month, a report was published entitled "The Better Social Housing Review". This report was jointly commissioned by the National Housing Federation and the Chartered Institute of Housing, and both these organisations accepted its findings in their</p>	

entirety. Its recommendations included that Housing Associations should carry out an audit of every single one of their housing stock and that improved housing standards should be adopted by the associations within six months and fully implemented by three years. This of course is with particular reference to the prevalence of health-endangering damp in many of this country's social housing. I, like many other members, have been shocked by the state of some of the housing our residents are living in.

Does Cllr Boylan agree that it is right that the Housing Associations should conduct such an audit and apply the proposed standards? If so does he agree that this council needs to hold these associations to account and make every effort to ensure they comply with all the recommendations of the Better Social Housing Review?"

Question 4

Cllr Chris Wilson to ask Cllr Graham McAndrew, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability

At the full council meeting on 16th November, one of my residents, Mr James Dean, asked if the council would consider the adoption of a permit-type system to discount parking after 6.30pm for local residents who lived near council-operated car parks. Mr Dean, along with some other nearby residents have no other realistic place to park besides Crown Terrace Car Park. It was stated that this would be looked into by officers but the new late-parking charges have since been implemented and there has been no indication of whether such a scheme can be initiated. Can you please provide an update on what discussions and/or decisions have been made so that Mr Dean and other affected residents can be appropriately informed?