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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 1 MARCH 2023
TIME : 7.00 PM

Agenda Item 8

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1	Cllr Rishi Fernando to ask Cllr George Cutting, the Executive Member for Corporate Services
<p>With the introduction of Voter ID being required in elections for the first time this May, I would like to ask the Executive Member for Corporate Services what steps East Herts has and is taking to make all residents and especially those groups most affected ie young people, older people and people with disabilities aware of this new requirement and would the Executive Member be able to give me specifics on how many applications there have been so far locally for the new Voter Authority Certificate.</p>	
Question 2	Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr George Cutting, the Executive Member for Corporate Services
<p>What work is EHC doing with the groups most affected by the introduction of photo voter ID (young people, older people and people with disabilities), to raise awareness of this new requirement and how many applications so far have there been locally for the new Voter Authority Certificate (for people who don't have an approved Photo ID)?</p>	
Question 3	Cllr Ben Crystall to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth

Please can councillors be updated on alterations made to the plans for Hertford Leisure Centre and Hertford Theatre since DMC approval? In particular can you provide information on any that will impact the public realm, sustainability and services which the buildings provide to the public?

Question 4

Cllr Chris Wilson to ask Cllr Jan Goodeve, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth

As part of a recent major planning application, a traffic report was submitted with reference to Bishop's Stortford. Essentially, it argued that the development would not have a severe impact on the levels of traffic in the town as by the time the development was built, the traffic would be at such a high level that any additional congestion would make no significant difference. Would you agree that such a report needs to be looked at very seriously, and that if it is correct it puts into doubt whether the District Plan is now fit for purpose? Do you also agree that the District Plan intended for there to be mitigation in place to stop air pollution in Hockerill increasing further as a result of nearby major developments, and that it is now clear that this mitigation has not and is not working? Do you therefore agree that we must seriously consider placing a hold on all developments in Bishop's Stortford until we can be sure that they are not damaging the town centre's viability as a place for business, and residents' ability to travel in the town as well as threatening their health and wellbeing due to the unacceptable levels of air pollution in Hockerill and beyond?