

## COUNCIL – 29 JANUARY 2014

### MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

#### Question 1

Councillor M Wood to ask the Leader of the Council:

*Will the Leader of the Council reconsider his rejection of my idea of having an Urban conference on an annual basis for the benefit of the five towns in our District?*

#### Question 2

Councillor C Rowley to ask the Leader of the Council:

*Over Christmas, the majority of us and ordinary families across East Herts would have spent the festive period celebrating with their closest relatives, neighbours and loved ones. But residents in my ward who found themselves on their own, and many of whom are elderly, had the opportunity to come together with other residents who found themselves in the same position and spend Christmas Day being entertained by volunteers at Sele school. This has only been made possible by local organiser, Janet Bird and her team of volunteers who help with cooking the Christmas lunches and transporting residents to ensure as many people as possible are able to attend - And I know that similar events took place organised by local volunteers in Bishop's Stortford and across East Herts.*

*So does the Leader agree with me that these volunteers and events are an invaluable service to many elderly residents and the wider community, and with that in mind, what resources are available to help individuals and volunteers, like Janet in my ward, who want to set up and run these events for residents who find themselves alone - not just at Christmas - but throughout the year?*