

COUNCIL – 23 FEBRUARY 2011

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor A M Graham to ask the Leader of the Council:

Does the Leader of the Council advocate the Big Society and if so could he enlighten us on what it means in terms of this council's priorities?

Question 2

Councillor A M Graham to ask the Leader of the Council:

In terms of the latest unemployment gloom in which the young, i.e. 16-24 year olds have been worst hit, in what ways is this council addressing positively the support it gives to this age group?

Question 3

Councillor V Shaw to ask the Executive Member for Planning Policy and Transport:

I understand Ware Town Councillors have now successfully persuaded East Herts Council to provide funding not only for Tudor Square, but also funding for further projects in the town. I would like to know when this was agreed, what the further projects are, and how they have answered the questions as set out in Councillor Carver's letter to Ware Town Council on 7th September.

Question 4

Councillor V Shaw to ask the Leader of the Council:

I have become aware that costs in the region of £400,000 have been provided to The Drill Hall in Ware in the past few years. I would like to know how this sum has been spent when there appears to be very little material difference to the building and I understand on good advice that only basic repairs are made?

Question 5

Councillor V Shaw to ask the Executive Member for Community Development, Leisure and Culture:

Hertford Museum has been provided with a very generous £100,000 for their refurbishment and was recently given a further £10,000 to cover a shortfall, from East Herts Council. Ware Museum was given just £5,000 for their refurbishment. Ware Museum has embarked on an ambitious project to bring the Great Bed of Ware to the Museum in 2012 and has made an application for £10,000 from East Herts Council to help support this exciting scheme. The Great Bed will generate civic pride, visitors, and economic benefit to the town in the Olympic year. To deny this grant is very unfair to Ware who continually miss out on funding compared to the money being invested in other East Herts towns. I would like to comprehend why this request has been turned down, and why the trustees have been told there is no likelihood of funds being granted?

Question 6

Councillor V Shaw to ask the Executive Member for Community Safety and Protection:

Am I right in thinking if any towns default on their payment of CCTV cameras, East Herts Council have to pick up the cost because of the way the contract was written?

Question 7

Councillor K A Barnes to ask the Leader of the Council:

Can the Leader of the Council explain why meeting dates have been altered in the lead up to the Local elections on 5th May? Is he aware that neighbouring local authorities are holding meetings as late as 18th and 19th April? If it is so important to observe Purdah in such a strict manner, can he explain why meetings took place in the lead up to the two recent by-elections in November and December 2010 and the 2007 local elections of this Authority?