

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1	Cllr Eric Buckmaster to ask Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward, the Executive Member for Planning and Growth
Given the recent experience with the Buntingford application that was sent back to committee and eventually approved owing to the lack of 5 year housing supply, has the council undertaken a proper assessment to understand the scale and risks of more speculative applications that are not allocations in the District Plan.	
Question 2	Cllr Aubrey Holt to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability
We know that when formulating the proposed budget for 2025/26 year the Green/Lib Dem coalition administration considered cutting back on planning enforcement officers. This comes as a big surprise given the importance of planning enforcement to very many of our residents, as all our post bags will testify. Can the Executive Member please give us an assurance that this idea was dropped and that it will not be revived in future years?	
Question 3	Cllr David Jacobs to ask Cllr Ben Crystall, the Leader of the Council
Has the administration considered the possibility of holding council meetings, either full council or sub-committees, in venues outside of Hertford? Doing so would enhance the council's visibility in the community, improve accessibility to members of the public wishing to attend meetings in person and address perceptions that the council is overly Hertford-centric. What considerations would need to be taken into account to identify suitable venues, and what investigations have been done to date?	
Question 4	Cllr Graham McAndrew to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability
Can the Executive Member explain the rationale behind proposing a £10 increase to Green Waste charges in East Herts, given that our	

partner in the joint waste contract North Herts Council is proposing only a £6 increase? How does East Herts Council justify this disparity in charges under a shared contractual arrangement?