

## COUNCIL – 10 DECEMBER 2025

### MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

<b>Question 1</b>	<b>Cllr Bob Deering to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Stability</b>
When did the cross-party asset disposal group last meet and what items were on the agenda?	
<b>Question 2</b>	<b>Cllr Ian Devonshire to ask Cllr Mione Goldspink, Deputy Leader</b>
From the recent survey report (carried out by Aecom) we understand that the repair works will cost £1.6 million to make the hall good and enable it to be reopened.	
What is the Administration's plan for the United Reformed Church Hall now that it has been closed and is unused?	
<b>Question 3</b>	<b>Cllr Yvonne Estop to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Stability</b>
At the Council meeting in July, Cllr Britain answered a question about impediments to selling the former restaurant in Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford, including boundaries and access issues. This relates to land at the rear of the restaurant. In 2019, the previous administration agreed a lease for land behind the former restaurant, for the United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) to use for private parking. The lease is for a peppercorn rent, and the private car park is to be constructed and paid for by EHC. We understand officers have asked URC Regional Synod to surrender this scandalous lease.	
Precisely how much is the United Reformed Church Eastern Region demanding EHC to pay them for surrender of this lease?	
<b>Question 4</b>	<b>Cllr David Jacobs to ask Cllr Carl Brittain, the Executive Member for Financial Stability</b>
Will the Executive Member provide a progress report on the Council's property Water Lane Hall in Bishop's Stortford with specific reference to the remedial and restoration work recommended by Aecom in their report from earlier this year and any discussions with community groups or other potential tenants about the long-term future and use of the property?	

