

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 17 NOVEMBER 2021

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 15 QUESTIONS – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Notice of the following questions has been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15:-

1. Question to the Leader from Councillor Russ Platt

“I understood this council was proud of its openness and transparency, however we have still not had confirmation the internal report into the housing compliance problems will be made public. Can the leader confirm that when the report is eventually complete it will be published?”

2. Question to the Leader from Councillor Lucy Musk

“Welwyn Hatfield Council often promotes great causes around improving the lives of local residents. However does the leader agree with me that the Council made an error in not being part of the 'Purple Tuesday 2021' programme to improve the customer experience for disabled people in Welwyn Hatfield?”

3. Question to the Leader from Councillor Ayesha Rohale

“At the last council meeting, in response to my question, there was a statement which suggested a notification system flagging properties in need of checking statutory compliance had only just been implemented. Since this is a really basic task, could the administration explain why such a system was not in place previously?”

4. Question to the Leader from Councillor Tamsin Jackson-Mynott

“As at the last council I was not provided with a satisfactory answer, I want to ask again, in the light of the focus on fire risk assessments after the loss of so many lives in the Grenfell disaster, how is it possible for the Council to have failed to notice that statutory fire risk assessment testing had not taken place on 90% of council properties?”

5. Question to the Leader from Councillor Paul Zukowskyj

“We were told at the last council meeting that, other than Fire Risk Assessments, the statutory checks (electrical, asbestos, water) for all outstanding properties would be complete within two weeks. I am informed the council failed to meet that target. Has the regulator for Social Housing been informed and were they content with this council missing a target yet again?”

6. Question to the Leader from Councillor Frank Marsh

“The council’s failure to deliver statutory checks on council properties is clearly an issue that needs the continued full attention of this council and it’s members, however to date no scrutiny of the issues has been scheduled and a single, very limited, report has been presented to the Housing Panel. I would still like to know when there will be an honest question and answer session for councillors with senior officers, past and present portfolio holders and including members of the cabinet.”