

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING – 21 NOVEMBER 2016

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 44 QUESTIONS – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Notice of the following seven questions has been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 44. The Mayor will call each question in the order in which they were received, but will alternate between the parties.

1. Question to the Leader from Councillor Barbara Fitzsimon

"There has been a lot in Social media and in the press about the proposal to charge for green waste collections.' Can the Leader please explain to us why this is being looked into?"

2. Question to the Leader to be asked by Councillor Paul Zukowskyj

"Will the council leader sleep well on Christmas night knowing a resident of the area will be spending her second Christmas sleeping rough, and she may well be joined by many others in not having a roof over their head of any sort?"

3. Question to the Executive Member, Policy and Culture to be asked by Councillor John Fitzpatrick

"Now that the terrible events at the high-ropes course have been dealt with by the courts, in which a woman was severely injured, please would the Cabinet Member responsible make a detailed statement to Members regarding the overall events, including the court's decision?"

4. Question to the Deputy Leader to be asked by Councillor Sara Johnston

"Following the report to Cabinet in April this year setting out how the Council intended to support the resettlement of Syrian refugees into the Borough, please can you provide an update on what the Council has done since and what progress has been made in resettling Syrian refugees as agreed?"

5. Question to the Deputy Leader to be asked by Councillor Rachel Basch

"Since the recent report from the council's planning department that compared to neighbouring councils, our staff are underpaid, and that compared to RTP1 recommendations, their workload is excessive, what steps have you taken to remedy this situation, which was leading to excessive turnover and shortage of staff?"

6. Question to the Leader to be asked by Councillor Helen Quenet

“Does the Council recognise the critical importance of good research methodology in questionnaire design and if so, will they acknowledge the data generated from such a flawed brown bin questionnaire is therefore useless?”

7. Question to the Deputy Leader to be asked by Councillor Malcolm Cowan

“According to a recent survey WGC is amongst the bottom 10 of towns for the proportion of independent shops. Are you concerned about this, and if so, what steps will the council be taking to raise our proportion significantly?”