

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 19 JULY 2023

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Notice of the following questions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule Number 15:

1. Question to the Leader from Councillor Bernard Sarson
Could the Leader of the Council please explain what the other party in the administration meant in their election leaflet promising “Free parking on small business SATURDAYS to help the high street “. Can we have an update when this due to commence and how many Saturdays this would entail in a year?
2. Question to the Leader from Councillor Kasumu
“On 19th June of this year, when asked about recent bin strikes the Leader said on the radio “I thought 6.8% was a pretty decent offer to be honest. As I say the nurses have got 5%. How come these guys think they are getting a duff deal with 6.8%... I am very very disappointed in the attitude of the unions”. In contrast his Labour group coalition colleagues stated that “workers are striking due to unfair pay and conditions”. This paints a confusing picture for our residents in relation to the approach to dealing with future disputes when they inevitably arise considering inflationary pressures on the council, contractors, and the wider public. Can the Leader please clarify whether he still believes 6.8% was a fair offer or whether sticking to 6.8% would have left waste management workers experiencing unfair pay and conditions?”