

Committee: Ordinary Council	Date: 20 January 2021
Subject: Chairs' reports and Members' Questions	Wards Affected: All
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In accordance with the Council's Constitution a brief written report by each committee Chair covering their area of responsibility is provided for Members' information at each Ordinary Council meeting.

Any Member may ask a Chair a written or oral question on

- (a) any matter included in a Chair's written report; or
- (b) any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Council's area and which falls within the area of responsibility of the Chair's committee.

The period allowed for Chairs' reports, written and oral questions and answers will not exceed 60 minutes without leave of the Mayor.

One written question has been received from Cllr Chilvers, as follows:

The Brentwood Leisure Trust (BLT) was offering a two year gym membership at the Brentwood Centre at a cost of over £550. A contract of this duration is uncommon and is certainly ill-advised according to trusted financial advice website moneysavingexpert.com.

When were Brentwood Council's administration councillors, officers or trustees made aware of this prior to BLT going in to administration? If so, was it raised with the trust as a concern or added to the council's risk register?

Those that paid by credit card may be able to claim via their card issuer but what course of action can those that paid by other means take to recover their subscriptions, bearing in mind it takes many months to recover monies as an unsecured creditor in an administration scenario and only a nominal fraction is usually recovered?

Appendices to this report

Chairs Reports for:

Appendix A: Audit and Scrutiny Committee – To follow

Appendix B: Community and Health Committee

Appendix C: Environment, Enforcement and Housing Committee – To follow

Appendix D: Policy, Resources and Economic Development Committee – To follow