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In accordance with the Council’s Constitution, a member of the public resident within the Borough may ask a maximum of two questions relating to the business of the Council providing notice has been received by 10.00am two working days before the relevant meeting.

Every question asked pursuant to rule 11.1 of the Constitution shall be put and answered without discussion but the Member to whom the question has been put may decline to answer. An answer may take the form of a direct oral answer at the Council meeting or where there has been insufficient time to research an answer, a written answer will be sent to the questioner. Time for all questions from members of the public shall be restricted to 15 minutes in total. At the expiration of that period of time, any questions which have not been asked shall be answered in writing and the answer placed with the minutes.

Mrs Jan Gearon-Simm has submitted two questions.

1. *Brentwood Borough Council invited The Local Authority Association to produce a Corporate Peer challenge. This investigated the performance of the Council.*

The Corporate Peer Challenge recommended that:

Brentwood Borough Council (BBC), develops a partnership plan to ensure existing partnership arrangement are appraised and compared – with performances and value for money strong considerations.

BBC were also advised to consider these in light of new opportunities with Rochford or others which all provided greater resilience over the longer terms.

Has BBC developed such a partnership plan?

How much has the outsourcing of Council services to other local authorities cost Brentwood Council tax payer?

2. *Clause 99 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill strengthens the procedure for completion notices for planning permission. It is clearly Government Policy to facilitate action to secure completion of development in accordance with approved plans.*

Will you make representation for amending the Bill so that completion notices should also be introduced for Building Regulation application certifying that the works have been carried out according to the plans?

At present , it is a matter of the land owner to apply for completion certificates, but if they do not – and many do not until they come to sell – there is nothing that can be done.