

**4 February 2015**

**Ordinary Council**

**Questions from the Public**

**Report of:** *Jo-Anne Ireland – Acting Chief Executive*

**Wards Affected:** *All Wards*

**This report is:** *Public*

**1. Executive Summary**

1.1 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.

1.2 If the person wishing to ask the question is not present at the meeting when the item is called the question(s) will be deleted from the list of questions to be asked.

1.3 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.

1.4 At the time of publication of the agenda two questions had been received from members of the public as follows:

1. Question from Mrs Gearon-Simm (re-submitted since a formal response was not given at the 10.12.14 Council meeting): *"Before Hutton Community Centre needed major refurbishment, why had the building been allowed to deteriorate so badly?"*

2. Question from Mrs Gearon-Simm: *"Some tenants renting from private landlords in Brentwood are in receipt of Housing Benefit.*

*How many of the properties in which these tenants live have been inspected by Brentwood Borough Council to find out if the properties are fit for purpose?"*

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