

# **Uttlesford District Council Meeting**

## **14 October 2025**

### **Written Questions to Members of the Executive and Committee Chairs**

#### **Responses to be published on 13 October 2025**

**1. By Councillor Barker to Councillor Coote – Portfolio Holder for Housing:**

“Parkside in Saffron Walden and Alexia House in Dunmow are former sheltered accommodation units, which have now been vacant for over five years.

Can the Cabinet Member confirm when these properties were declared empty, what the monthly costs of these properties have been since empty in respect of the following:-

- a. Heating and Light
- b. Rates or Council Tax
- c. Security
- d. Maintenance
- e. any other costs;

and whether these costs fall to the HRA or the General Fund?”

**2. By Councillor Barker to Councillor Coote – Portfolio Holder for Housing:**

“Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether these are the only vacant former Sheltered Units / Older persons accommodation empty in the District?”

**3. By Councillor Gooding to Councillor Coote – Portfolio Holder for Housing:**

“Can the Cabinet member please confirm the timetable to either bring the properties back into use, remodel the properties for alternative uses, or, demolish and replace with other social accommodation?”

**4. By Councillor Luck to Councillor Evans – Portfolio Holder for Planning:**

“Can the Cabinet member for Planning confirm what action the council is taking in response to complaints from residents regarding the smell at the sewage

facility at Debden Drive and that mitigation measures are not signed off until there is no detectable odour from the facility on a day-to-day basis?"