

Uttlesford District Council Meeting

18 December 2025

Written Questions to Members of the Executive and Committee Chairs

Answers to be published on 17 December 2025

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

"To ask Cllr Coote what progress has been made on remediation of the problems discovered at Reynolds Ct, the cost to date and the extent to which those costs have been recovered?

When does he think this matter will finally be resolved?"

2. By Councillor Haynes to Councillor Hargreaves – Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Economy:

"UDC recently obtained planning permission and Listed Building Consent for 'energy efficiency and decarbonisation works' at the London Road offices. Whilst appreciating that these works are to be partly financed by a grant from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme is there a business case for the project available for us to see accompanied by a cash-flow showing expenditure and anticipated cost savings over time?"

3. By Councillor Gregory to Councillor Sutton – Portfolio Holder for Communities:

"Following the September meeting of Scrutiny Committee, what actions has she taken to facilitate a discussion/briefing between all Members wishing to attend and C Insp Richards and ACC Pavelin?"

4. By Councillor Sell to Councillor Lees, Leader of the Council:

“Princes Alexandra Hospital in Harlow has recently been rated by National Health Service England 120th out of 134 Trusts. This assesses the performance of trusts. Does the Leader share my concerns and what can this Council do to assist Princess Alexandra?”

5. By Councillor Sell to Councillor Evans, Portfolio Holder for Planning:

“Data from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Building show that the highest housebuilding rate in Essex went to Uttlesford. This relates to the period April 1 2025 to November 9 2025. Does Cllr Evans share my concerns that our infrastructure is failing to keep pace with development and what additional measures can the Council take?”

6. By Councillor Moran to Councillor Coote, Portfolio Holder for Housing:

“Could the cabinet member for housing update council as to the current position regarding the progress of plans to build much needed new council homes on the site that the council owns adjacent to All Saints in Ashdon. Have any approaches been made to other providers of rural social housing to assist UDC with this project?”

7. By Councillor Regan to Councillor Coote, Portfolio Holder for Housing:

“The safety, security and wellbeing of the tenants of UDC owned properties is of paramount importance and in this regard, I have been approached by several of my residents who are complaining both about the slow progress and poor quality of works scheduled for completion to their UDC properties. Will the Cabinet Member, Cllr Coote, please give details of what is being done to expedite timely completion of all works and to ensure that such work is of an acceptable quality?”

8. By Councillor Gooding to Councillor Coote, Portfolio Holder for Housing:

“Officers of this Council recently visited Stansted Parish Council for a meeting with some of the residents of the Flats at Manor Road, Stansted. I attended that meeting and noted that a number of promises were made regarding the ongoing refurbishment of the buildings together with waterproofing of the structure to reduce the instance of Mold within the residential parts of the properties.

As the Cabinet Member is aware, the ongoing condition of these flats has been the matter of much concern, and it is of relevance that Awaab's Law is now on the statute and social landlords will be held responsible for ensuring safe living environments for their tenants.

Can the Cabinet Member Confirm that this work will now be completed in a timely manner?"

9. By Councillor Moran to Councillor Coote, Portfolio Holder for Housing:

"Can the cabinet member for housing please gives us an update on the HRA maintenance contract performance figures for the last quarter?"