Questions pursuant to Council Procedure 11.2

The following questions have been received, on notice, from Members:

Question One

From Councillor Richard Everett to Councillor Tom Howard, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Revenues & Benefits:

"Can the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Revenues and Benefits please set out the process / stages for collection of council tax arrears paying particular intention to the following issues (and the timescales over which they are taken):

at what point do arrears become counted as overdue;

when communications are sent to individuals in arrears;

at what point do arrears become a debt;

when is court action considered;

at what point is court action commenced;

when, if appropriate, attachment to earnings are commenced;

and can he advise whether this procedure is different in any way when it involves a Councillor?"

Question Two

From Councillor Jo Henderson to Councillor Giles Watling, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration:

"Could the Portfolio Holder for Planning, confirm that he is confident that there are enough resources to provide a responsive service to meet the needs of Councillors, Residents and Businesses within the Planning Enforcement department that he has responsibility for?"