

## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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### REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE 29 JANUARY 1998

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#### 1. QUESTION TIME

At the request of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council the Committee have considered a report suggesting that a Question Time for members be introduced.

There is currently no provision in Standing Orders for full Council meetings to allow members to put questions on matters which do not appear on the Agenda.

Having considered the matter, the Committee recommend the introduction of a procedure which would enable questions to be put to the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and Chairmen of Committees about the discharge of their (or their Committees') responsibilities. Standing Order 7 (Questions) would need to be revised as shown in the Appendix.

The new Standing Order 7 would incorporate, with no substantive changes, the procedure for questions to the Hertfordshire Police Authority (which the Council is required by law to have).

A minor consequential amendment to Standing Order 6 would also be required.

#### 1.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Standing Order 7 be amended as shown in the Appendix to the report to include a Question Time for members at Council meetings.
- (2) That Standing Order 6(1)(f) be amended to read:  
  
'to deal with Questions asked under Standing Order 7(1) and 7(2)'.

I H Laidlaw-Dickson  
Chairman  
County Hall, Hertford  
29 January 1998