Item 9 - To consider any questions by Members under paragraph 19.3 of Part 2 (The Council and District Council Members) of the Constitution, notice of which have been duly given.

1. "Sencio is having financial problems due to a combination of factors ranging from the age of their buildings and plant, effect of COVID, competition from private gyms and rising utility costs.

I am assuming we are all agreed on the value of public swimming pools in Sevenoaks and Edenbridge. Should Sencio fail and government grants not be forthcoming, what are the Council's plans to make sure we retain public swimming pools in Sevenoaks and Edenbridge?"

Cllr. Purves Sevenoaks Eastern

2. "Heavy rains have resulted in the drainage system in Northern Ward becoming overloaded. This has resulted in the culverts discharging untreated sewage into the Mill pond at the top of Mill Lane and local roads and gardens. This unpleasant and potentially harmful to human and wildlife situation has been happening for many years.

Can SDC do anything with the facilities providers to prevent this happening? Potentially this waterway joins up with the cherished chalk stream of the Darenth River. This matter is urgent as there are proposals to build more than 1100 new homes in the immediate area at the Gasworks, Pinehurst Nursing Home and the Greatness Quarry.

Can local residents be reassured that SDC is dealing with this importance matter?"

Cllr. Dr. Canet

Sevenoaks Northern