

Question from members of the Council**Question 1** from Councillor Mark Ellis

To	Councillor Alan McDermott, Leader of the Council
Question	“As the town hall is shortly to reopen, when is the council going to return to holding evening committee meetings to ensure an equitable balance between working and non-working members?”
Answer	<p>“To be clear, the Town Hall is only re-opening for a limited number of staff in line with government advice on workplaces. It will be some time before it is fully re-opened and before physical meetings can take place.</p> <p>As for when meetings take place, I have had mixed views put to me on this. I have asked council officers to undertake a survey of members to understand when people are able to attend but we need to understand that evening meetings raise a number of issues in terms of cost and complexity and I am also conscious that officers who have been working without a break for the past 100 days often use evenings either to catch up on work or to catch up with their families.”</p>