Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 22 March 2017

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Community Infrastructure Levy

1) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**
From Councillor Reg Whitney

Since the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy, would the Cabinet Member confirm how much money has been generated from it and how has it been specifically spent?

Social Care Appointments

2) **To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Health (Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson)**
From Councillor Ian De Wulverton

With the current concerns in the media over the links between 15 minute Social Care appointments and neglect in the quality of the care given, what action is the council taking to evaluate the quality of care delivered to Havering residents and to ensure that care is safe and needs driven?

Policy on Dog Fouling

3) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Keith Roberts

Councils have a statutory duty to keep pavements clear of dog waste but enforcement is an issue. Please can the Cabinet Member for Environment review the scheme promoted by Boston Borough Council to approve new powers under Public Safety Protection Order legislation requiring owners to carry a "waste bag" to clear up after their pet or face a £100 fine, to see if a similar scheme can be introduced in Havering.

Persons Presenting Themselves to the Council as Homeless

4) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Keith Darvill

How many people have presented themselves to the Council as homeless during 2014, 2015 and 2016?

Planning Permission for New Dwellings

5) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Stephanie Nunn

Would the Cabinet Member confirm over each of the last 5 years how many new dwellings have received planning permission and how many dwellings have actually been built?

Housing for Young People with Disabilities

6) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Patricia Rumble

What provision is the council making to ensure that young people with disabilities are suitably accommodated in housing that fits their needs?

Havering Vision

7) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Graham Williamson

In a Romford & Havering Post (Wed 1/3) article headlined "Borough's vision for greater and more active role in the capital" it was reported that the Council's proposed and as yet particularised Vision 'Havering - making a Greater London' includes the building of some 30,000 homes on behalf of London. Can the Council Leader confirm if there is any truth in that figure?

Standards of Parks in Havering

8) **To the Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement (Councillor Melvin Wallace)**
From Councillor Barbara Matthews

Does the Cabinet Member agree that ALL parks in Havering boast the highest possible standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent facilities?

Creation of New Parking Places

9) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety (Councillor Melvin Wallace)**
From Councillor Lawrence Webb

In the last five years how many new public parking places have been created by removing verges? Please provide the breakdown by year.

IT and Data Security

10) To the Cabinet Member for Financial Management, ICT (Client) and Transformation (Councillor Clarence Barrett)
From Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Minded of the attack upon Tiverton Town Council in Devon who found themselves victim of a 'ransom email', which has rendered all files dating back to 2015 inaccessible. (A clerk opened an email, which instantly infected all the council's computers, and now the cyber criminals responsible are demanding a payment to return the information.) Is Havering's I.T, data secure from such attack and are our systems and procedures robust enough to prevent such an occurrence?

Traffic Congestion in Hornchurch Town Centre

11) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety (Councillor Osman Dervish)

From Councillor John Wood

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what actions are being taken to reduce traffic congestion in Havering, and Hornchurch Town Centre in particular, given the increasing number of complaints that ward councillors are receiving on this issue?

Vacant Retail Properties

12) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety (Councillor Osman Dervish)

From Councillor Lawrence Webb

How many vacant retail properties are there within the Romford Ring Road?

Administration of Direct Payments

13) To the Cabinet Member for Financial Management, ICT (Client) and Transformation (Councillor Clarence Barrett)
From Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member explain why, with an annual budget of over £10 million, Internal Audit found a worrying lack of documented procedures and monitoring/control systems in place in the administration of Direct Payments, so much so it has made 5 high and 9 medium priority recommendations for action to mitigate unacceptable financial risks to the council.

Housing Bidding System

14) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Jody Ganly

If we are to actively encourage tenants in properties of 3 or more bedrooms to downsize to smaller properties, would the Cabinet Member confirm why we make it more difficult for tenants to do so by having to bid for properties, particularly when many elderly tenants do not have the means to bid online for them

Fields in Trust Scheme

15) To the Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement (Councillor Melvin Wallace)
From Councillor Barry Mugglestone

Would the Cabinet Member explain why there are now restraints in relation to the Fields in Trust ideas for Hornchurch Country Park, when in the past the council has felt comfortable to have these restraints in place and working with Fields in Trust schemes?