



**FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 11 July 2018**

## **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **Members' Allowances Scheme**

**1) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)  
From Councillor Ray Morgon**

Under the Local Authorities (Members) Regulation 2003, it states that before a scheme is amended, the authority shall have due regard to the recommendations made by an independent remuneration panel, in this case, the well-respected London Councils. Given that the panel places in band two the Leader of the Opposition and the Chair of the Scrutiny Board, would the Leader of the Council explain how he has complied with the regulations in arriving at the conclusion that the workload and responsibilities of the Chair of the Scrutiny Board at Havering Council is twice that of the Leader of the Opposition, particularly given the fact that the Leader of the Opposition leads all opposition members (not just his own group) and unlike any other council in London opposition members outnumber those in the Administration?

### **New Zealand Way**

**2) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)  
From Councillor Natasha Summers**

To honour an election promise to Keep Havering Special will the Administration now self-register the high value green space off New Zealand Way, Rainham, as a Village Green?

### **Delays in Enforcement Proceedings**

**3) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)  
From Councillor Keith Darvill**

There are currently Planning Enforcement cases in the Borough subject to Appeal which are being delayed due to the lack of appointment of a Planning Inspector by the Planning Inspectorate which are creating uncertainty and worry for all those concerned. What representations are being made to the Secretary of State complaining about the failure of the Planning Inspectorate to allocate Planning Inspectors to process appeals promptly?

**Parking Account**

**4) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)  
From Councillor Clarence Barrett**

The 2016/17 Parking Account shows total income of £4.7million against expenditure of £4.2 million, giving a surplus of £573,000. What was this surplus spent on and where?

**Funding for Special School Places**

**5) To the Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Families (Councillor Robert Benham)  
From Councillor Darren Wise**

I was pleased to read recently that Havering has been granted £598,000 by the government to create more special school places in Havering and to help build new specialist facilities to support children with complex needs, such as sensory rooms and playgrounds with specialist equipment. Would the Cabinet Member elaborate and provide more information on the schools that will receive this money?

**Flag Flying Policy**

**6) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)  
From Councillor Reg Whitney**

Would the Leader of the Council confirm when the flying of the Union Jack outside the Town Hall was last discussed and voted upon in the council chamber?

**Arrival Screens at Bus Stops**

**7) To the Cabinet Member for Environment( Councillor Osman Dervish)  
From Councillor Tony Durdin**

TfL will install time of arrival screens at bus stops with 50,000 boarders per year, but will not fund them and neither will the Council. The Rainham Tesco bus stop (F) serves 4 bus routes, both ways, and far exceeds 50,000 boarders per year. At such a busy stop, just like a train station, there should be a time of arrival screen, rather than expect everyone to have access to a mobile phone.

Please can the Cabinet Member for Environment make representations to TfL to review their policy and install and fund time of arrival screens, even if by raising the threshold above 50,000 boarders per year or agree the council itself should fund from the highway budget these screens at very busy stops to show our commitment to public transport

**Private Sector Leasing Tenants**

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)  
From Councillor Tele Lawal**

Will the Cabinet Lead for Housing make a statement about the Council's decision to review the circumstances of a group of Private Sector Leasing Tenants currently in Temporary Accommodation?

**Empty Properties, Clayfield Close Lexington Way, Cranham**

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Housing, (Councillor Joshua Chapman)  
From Councillor Gillian Ford**

12 new Council properties were completed in Clayfield Close, Cranham, some six months ago yet still lie empty. Given the urgent need for such accommodation, would the Cabinet Member explain this unacceptable delay, when will the properties be occupied and the net cost to both the Housing Revenue Account and General Fund in lost income?

**Council Procedure**

**10) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)  
From Councillor Martin Goode**

At council meetings we generally have a long question and answer session with supplementary questions. In order to help reduce the length of the meetings, could the responses from cabinet members be handed out on a paper prior to the meeting start or the answer provided on screen so that the supplementary questions can be provided more quickly.

**Member Conduct**

**11) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)  
From Councillor Ray Morgon**

Given the reports in the local media about the alleged conduct of one of his group and the negative impact that this has on Havering Council and all its members, would the Leader of the Council confirm if any of his group have been suspended from the Conservative Party by Conservative Central Office?

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## **Illegal Fly Tipping**

### **12) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)** **From Councillor Jan Sargent**

Please can you explain the political, legal and financial reasons why the Council is content to move criminal fly-tippers on rather than prosecute them for the harm they do to settled communities and what, if any, changes in the law are required to deal with this menace.

## **Harold Wood Polyclinic**

### **13) To the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Care Services (Councillor Jason Frost)** **From Councillor Paul McGeary**

What representations have the Council made to ensure the continued provision of walk in care facilities at the Harold Wood Polyclinic and has it responded formally to the CCGs public consultation paper on urgent care services entitled "Right care right place first time"?

## **Fly Tipping**

### **14) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish )** **From Councillor Ron Ower**

In respect of the ongoing blight of Fly-Tipping which affects our borough, would the Cabinet Member please state how much has been spent on dealing with Fly Tipping in each of the last three years (2015/16, 2016/ and 2017/18) and how many prosecutions have been secured?

## **Street Care Programme**

### **15) To the Cabinet Member for the Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish )** **From Councillor Paul Middleton**

Given that grass cutting fell behind and the Borough was left with grass on verges over a foot high, the complaints about street cleaning have rapidly increased over the past few months, the Grounds Maintenance programme is well behind schedule and many areas have weeds/grass in kerbs a foot high, would the Cabinet Member for Environment explain how this meets the Conservative pledge of "Keeping Havering Special".