



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 23 January 2019

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Homelessness Strategy in the Borough

- 1) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)**
From Councillor Paul Middleton

Given the growing number of people in Havering who are either homeless, rough sleeping or begging, would the Cabinet Member confirm the steps being taken by this Council to deal with these issues and that the full powers available to the Council and other agencies are being used to deal with these growing problems.

Special Responsibility Allowances

- 2) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

Following the creation of new committees with SRAs the Executive decided to fund them from within the SRA budget rather than add to the overall amount. This involved reducing the SRAs of opposition group leaders by 50% to pay for the newly created SRAs. The Council Leader has special responsibility for Executive decisions, but can Cllr White confirm whether this was his idea or was he solely acting on advice?

Penalty Charge Notices issued in the Borough

- 3) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor John Tyler

Of the 120,713 Penalty Charge Notices issued in 2017/18, would the Cabinet Member give a split between how many were issued at a higher level (£130) and how many at the lower level (£110)?

Number of Rough Sleepers in the Borough

- 4) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)**
From Councillor Carole Beth

How many rough sleepers are currently sleeping outside in Havering?

Policing and Community Safety

- 5) **To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)**
From Councillor Martin Goode

What are the Council's initiatives and objectives for working more closely with the Metropolitan Police force, Local Safer Neighbourhood Police teams and Park Security officers to encourage a more consistent and proactive approach in

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dealing with the rising issue of street crime in our Borough? In particular to engage more closely with the local Schools and Youth Education Centres to possibly identify and discourage high risk young individuals that may be currently involved or coerced into being involved with such groups who are committing or the victims of such crimes within our Borough.

Leases in Council Owned Properties

**6) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Barry Mugglestone**

Would the Leader of the Council confirm that all Council owned properties that are occupied by third parties all have current and up to date leases in place?

Staffing in Democratic Services

**7) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor David Durant**

The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Administration, has revised the structure of Democratic Services by creating 3 new Cabinet support positions at a cost of £160,000. If, due to the day job, the 7 Cabinet Members need further assistance answering emails then the £160,000 should be found within the existing SRAs paid to Cabinet Members which now stands at a combined £220,368 per annum. Does the Council Leader agree?

Residents in PSL Properties

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Clarence Barrett**

Further to the pledge made in July 2018 to reassess all 878 people living in Private Sector Leasing (PSL) properties, how many of those residents have since been placed in out of borough accommodation?

Maintenance of Lifts in High Rise Flats

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Denis O'Flynn**

In light of frequent complaints from residents in high rise flats relating to lifts not working, will the Lead Member inform me as to the level of preventive maintenance carried out to reduce the number of reported lift breakdowns?

Grass Verges

**10) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Darren Wise**

With the onset of Winter and the continuing issue of vehicles driving over grass verges and churning these up, could the Administration advise what actions they are taking to eradicate this and whether there are plans to restore them or install bollards especially as it is a problem in Harold Hill?

Enforcement on Gardens

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Ray Morgon**

In order to “Keep Havering Special” would the Cabinet Member introduce a policy with appropriate powers to ensure that front and rear gardens are kept tidy by residents.

Costs of Development, Dovers Green

**12) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Graham Williamson**

The planning committee by 7 to 1 approved a stopping up order regarding Dovers Green, off New Zealand Way. Residents intend to strongly object to the stopping up order in favour of keeping the Green as a high value green open space. In this situation the Mayor of London can instruct the Council to hold a local enquiry to determine the matter.

How much has it cost the Council so far to progress plans to build on the Green, including the Village Green Public Enquiry, and how much more are the Executive prepared to pay contesting a new local enquiry into the future of the Green?

Licences and penalties issued to Landlords of HMOs

13) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)

From Councillor Chris Wilkins

It was recently reported that penalties to the value of £304,250 had been issued against landlords operating inadequate and dangerous living conditions in houses of multiple occupation (HMOs) over the past 11 months. Over that period, how many licences have been issued and how much of the £304,250 has actually been received to date?

Future High Street Fund

**14) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Keith Darvill**

Will the Leader make a statement about the Council's intention to submit an application to the Future High Street Fund for grant funding to support essential improvements to Havering's High Streets and Retail Centres?

Resources to Underpin Future Development in Havering

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

Would the Leader of the Council confirm what pledges he has received from other public sector services that operate within Havering that resources will be

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increased to meet the increased demands placed upon it by the numerous developments in Havering in the next ten to fifteen years?