

FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 10 July 2019

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Pavement Weed Control

- 1) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Reg Whitney

Now that road sweepers no longer sweep residential roads, would the Cabinet Member confirm how the weeds and grass are removed from pavements and kerbs?

Removal of Bubble Gum from Pavements

- 2) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

The Council received funding to remove bubble-gum from our pavements and a deep clean by Romford station, which certainly needed it, has been undertaken. However will the funding extend to Rainham?

Tree Planting Programme

- 3) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Gillian Ford

It is good to see street tree planting taking place across the Borough, improving air quality, including within the Cranham Ward. Could the Cabinet Member advise this Council:

- How many new trees have been planted across the Borough during this planting season;
- The average cost per tree and the total seasonal cost.

Neighbourhood Plans

- 4) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Paul McGeary

Will the Lead Member welcome the formation of neighbourhood forums in Havering with the aim of preparing Neighbourhood Plans introduced by the Localism Act 2011?

Portal and process for reporting incidents and issues to Havering Council

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

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Can the Cabinet Member please explain, if there are any enhancements underway, in order to improve the current system in identifying and escalating issues and reported incidents to the appropriate department/authorities? Currently the online reporting system is far from user friendly and telephone enquiries are quiet often being transferred to the incorrect department with no follow up.

Fraudulent use of Blue Badges

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

Would the Cabinet Member confirm, for each of the past 3 years, how many Blue Badges have been confiscated by the Council for their fraudulent use?

Planning Developments

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

Could the Council confirm how many housing units have been passed for development by planning, by the Mayor or on Appeal since May 2018 and how that number splits between apartments and houses?

Parking Consultation

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Linda Van den Hende**

In relation to the decision to withdraw the 30 minutes free parking period, would the Cabinet member confirm how many objections were received and how many responses there were to the formal consultation following the publication of the Public Notice on 26 April?

Pesticide Control

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Carole Beth**

When will the Executive complete its review of pesticides used by the authority and bring a report to Cabinet in accordance with the Motion passed at Full Council on 21st November 2018?

Unauthorised traveller Encampments

**10) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)
From Councillor Keith Darvill**

Will the Lead Member for make a statement to Full Council about the progress in obtaining an injunction in the High Court pursuant to Section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to help prevent further unauthorised traveller encampments in the Borough?

Sponsorship of the Havering Show

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

Given that London City Airport are sponsoring the Havering Show and have created a promotional video about Havering, in which the Leader of the Council appeared, will this leave Havering Council in a difficult position to push back on future airport expansion plans that might be detrimental to Havering residents

Minute's Silence at Council

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

At Council its custom and practice for the Mayor to call for a minutes silence to pay respects to all ex/councillors who have died. However extending tributes beyond this, particularly to people we don't know and with no connection to the Borough creates a problem of who to include and not include to avoid accusations of political bias and risk disrespecting both those named and those not included. Hence once you include some you have to include others and this cheapens the practice of paying respects, by encouraging virtual signalling and making it potentially party political and contentious.

The Council has received a growing number of requests from Government to lower flags and hold silences for certain events described as "terrorist", which are heeded but without these requests, there should be **no** minutes silences to avoid the matter becoming arbitrary? Hence does the Council Leader agree there shouldn't be any one minutes silences beyond tributes to former councillors without agreement of all group leaders, unless the silence follows an official request from the Government to do so, as on previous occasions?

Fire Risk Assessments for Council Housing Stock

**13) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Chris Wilkins**

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing confirm that all Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs) have been completed for all of the Council's housing stock, in line with the Fire Safety Order regulations and in line with prescribed timescales; which are linked to the relevant Fire Management Plan?

Havering Community Wardens

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

What are the proposed alternative arrangements for Community Wardens in Havering?

Special Responsibility Allowance Paid to Committee Chairmen

15) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

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From Councillor Ray Morgon

In the last municipal year, several committee chairmen earnt well over £1,000 an hour with the highest earning well over £2,500 an hour. Would the Leader of the Council confirm if he feels that the council has received value for money from these Chairmen?