

COUNCIL, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

**1 Harrow Lodge Park**

**To The Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement, Cllr M Wallace**

By Councillor Cllr J Mylod

**Question:**

As we were informed prior to the recent election that the Environment Agency would be financing works in Harrow Lodge Park, could the Cabinet Member set out what these works are, their cost and a timetable for when they will be carried out to ensure this park is brought up to the standard of other parks in the borough?

**2 Social Housing Stock**

**To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr D White**

By Councillor P Hyde

**Question:**

With an ever greater strain being put on our limited social housing stock. It is imperative that all recipients of this discounted social asset should be in a social wealth bracket that it is intended for. To this end, I would like to request information on the number of council property tenants that earn over £50,000 and £100,000? This can be as a joint or single income.

**3 Chaffords School**

**To The Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement, Cllr M Wallace**

By Councillor J Tucker

**Question:**

Chaffords School, Rainham has recently been granted Academy status. What impact will this have on the school's relationship with the Council and future of the swimming pool? Will the swimming pool be retained and open to the public and what action can/will the Council take to assist in keeping it open?

**4 Care Act – April 2015**

**To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services & Health, Cllr W Brice-Thompson**

By Councillor J Alexander

**Question:**

With much of the Care Act coming into force in April 2015, would the Cabinet Member set out what progress is being made in order to meet the requirement for this Council to carry out 'needs assessments' for all carers?

**5 Infrastructure plans for development of the old Somerfield site**

**To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety,  
Cllr O Dervish**

By Councillor P Martin

**Question:**

What are the infrastructure plans for the proposed development of the old Somerfield Site? Please provide particular detail for; Schools, Doctor's Surgeries and NHS support clinics?

**6 Parking charges for employees**

**To The Leader and Cabinet Member for Value, Cllr R Ramsey**

By Councillor D Durant

**Question:**

The recently imposed Town Hall parking charges for all employees [irrespective of job description and working hours] are a de facto pay cut that cost the lower paid proportionately more than the higher paid.

The poll tax nature of these parking charges will incite a grievance far beyond the amounts involved and be bad for employee relations at a time when employees are being asked to do more for less.

In view of this why did the Administration refuse to negotiate with staff and unions and seek a compromise over these parking charges before they were imposed?

**7 Brettons Site and Associated Land**

**To The Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement, Cllr M Wallace**

By Councillor B Mugglestone

**Question:**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm why the previous two Conservative Administrations failed to develop a long term strategy for the Brettons site and associated land?

**8 Risks to flooding in Havering**

**To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety –  
Cllr O Dervish**

By Councillor L Webb

**Question:**

Given that the Environment Agency states that the principal risk to flooding in Havering excluding the Thames is along the rivers Rom and Ingrebourne, what plan is in place to deal with flooding in areas affected by these two rivers?

**9 Audit of merger with Newham**

**To The Leader and Cabinet Member for Value, Cllr R Ramsey**

By Councillor G Williamson

**Question:**

How does the Council intend to audit the progress of the merger of all back-office administrative services with Newham?

**10 Funding for pot holes**

**To The Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr R Benham**

By Councillor D Wise

**Question:**

Given the recent allocation of £404,000 from the Government to repair pot holes across the borough, would the Cabinet Member set out, on a ward basis, how and where this will be spent and how ward members will be involved in the allocation process?

**11 Dog mess fines**

**To The Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr R Benham**

By Councillor J Wilkes

**Question:**

Given the recent campaign to tackle dog mess, would the Cabinet Member set out how many fines have been issued in the last six months and what measures will be taken to reinforce the Council's commitment to confront this issue?

**12 Community Infrastructure Levy**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr R Benham**

By Councillor Cllr L Hawthorn

**Question:**

Would the Cabinet Member update Members what progress is being made to introduce a Havering based Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) schedule for planning applications?

**13 Excessive basal growth – borough trees**

**To The Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr R Benham**

By Councillor G Ford

**Question:**

Would the Cabinet Member advise Members what measures are in place to tackle excessive basal growth (feathering) affecting many of the borough's trees?

**14 Weed Spraying Contract**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr R Benham**

By Councillor R Morgon

**Question:**

Given the concerns raised about the effectiveness of the weed spraying contract over the last couple of years, would the Cabinet Member please set out the Council's plan to ensure that our roads and pavements will be as free as possible from weeds this year - including what checks will be in place to ensure that the terms of the contract are adhered to by the contractor?

**15 Gallows Corner Flyover**

**To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety,  
Cllr O Dervish**

By Councillor R Whitney

**Question:**

Would the Cabinet Member set out what he plans to do to bring about a long awaited solution to the severe congestion and hazardous driving conditions frequently encountered at Gallows Corner Flyover?