

COUNCIL - 17th September 2014

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1 Refund of Penalty Charge (PCN)

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Benham

By Councillor Morgon

Question:

In the Romford Recorder (edition 22 August 2014) there was a letter from Mr. S. Delieu in relation to a disputed parking ticket issued over a year ago. Would the Cabinet Member confirm whether a refund of the Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) was due in this case and if so when was it paid?

2 Pensions Contributions

To the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Value, Cllr Ramsey

By Councillor Webb

Question:

Given that that the numbers of Havering staff have reduced over the last couple of years why have the number of people contributing to the pension increased?

3 Newham merger

To the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Value, Cllr Ramsey

By Councillor Tucker

Question:

Following the merger with Newham how often have senior Havering council officers spent time in Newham covering for absent senior Newham staff?

4 To the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Value, Cllr Ramsey

By Councillor Darvill

Question:

Will the Lead Member make a statement about the progress of the new leisure and recreation complex in Romford and the associated retail development on the former ice rink site at Rom Valley Way?

5 Housing - Landlords Tenancy Management

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

By Councillor Nunn

Question:

In order to ensure that landlords take responsibility for the condition of their properties and tenancy management, would the Cabinet Member consider introducing a borough wide landlord licensing scheme?

6 Residential Care Homes

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

By Councillor Webb

Question:

What provision does Havering Council have to prevent newcomers moving into residential care homes within borough and becoming a financial liability to the council? Given that there are currently 700 people in retirement/residential care homes who cost the borough 17m.

7 Oasis Academy Free School

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning, Cllr Davis

By Councillor Durant

Question:

What relationship does the Council have with the Oasis Academy Free School and are their present difficulties an advertisement or indictment of the Government's policy of removing all schools from local authority control.

8 Planning Applications

To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety, Cllr Devish

By Councillor Ganly

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the current procedure for notifying neighbours of planning applications?

9 Flower beds – planting programme

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Benham

By Councillor Wilkes

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member explain why the flower beds in Hornchurch, Upminster and Romford are beautifully planted and all we have had in Elm Park since 2013 are weeds?

10 Free School Meals

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning, Cllr Davis

By Councillor Ford

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that arrangements are in place to provide free school meals to reception, year one and year two pupils as from this month and what is the additional cost, if any, to this Authority?

11 Illegal Traveller encampments

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

By Councillor Mugglestone

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member set out the cost to this Council of dealing with illegal traveller encampments over each of the last three years?

12 Right to Buy

To the Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr White

By Councillor Alexander

Question:

Can the Lead Member for Housing confirm how many properties have been sold under the Right to Buy privilege in the last four years and then rented back to the Council?

13 Community Engagement & Communications with Stakeholders

To the Cabinet Member for The Leader of the Council, Cllr Roger Ramsey

By Councillor Mylod

Question:

Given the Council is committed to community engagement and communications with stakeholders, would the Leader:

- a) Set out what measures will be put in place to encourage community participation in how the Council is run and the decision making processes since the demise of Area Committees and Ask the Cabinet?
- b) Ensure that ward councillors are kept informed of issues and events pertinent to their wards?

14 Air Pollution

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

By Councillor Whitney

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member clarify what measures are in place to tackle excessive levels of air pollution across the borough which, left unchecked, run the risk of this Council facing substantial EU fines.