

COUNCIL, 26 NOVEMBER 2014

COUNCIL QUESTIONS:

From Cllr June Alexander - to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Health (Cllr Wendy Brice Thompson)

- Q.1 Would the Cabinet Member confirm what changes this council and local health authority have made under the Children & Families Act to ensure that they work more effectively to fulfil needs identified in the new Education, Health and Care Plans?

From Cllr Ian De Wulverton – to the Cabinet Member for Housing Company Development and One Source Management (Cllr Ron Ower)

- Q.2 Is the council aware that the public availability of a Cllr's declaration of interests includes information which is privileged and protected under the data protection act?

From Cllr Jeffrey Tucker – to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment (Cllr Robert Benham)

- Q.3 There have been further reports of fly-tipping at Arnold's Field by people who open and close the gates with a key and more recently that the gates have been left open for many days.

Please provide an update on the situation at Arnold's Field and assurances that action is being taken to secure the site and deter further fly-tipping.

From Cllr Keith Darvill – to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing (Cllr Damian White)

- Q.4 What alternative Council house developments have been considered by the Administration as additions to or as an alternative to the proposed development in the Briar Road Estate Heaton Ward?

From Cllr John Mylod - to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment (Cllr Robert Benham)

- Q5 Since the Green Points scheme was introduced in Havering, would the Cabinet Member confirm whether the recycling of waste has increased, and if so, by how much.

From Cllr David Johnson (UKIP) - to the Cabinet Member for Financial Management (Cllr Clarence Barrett)

- Q6 Can you confirm what steps have been taken to reduce the fees of the pension fund manager that was selected at the last pensions committee meeting given that their fees were £200k more than the other quotes?

From Cllr David Durant - to the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning (Cllr Meg Davis)

- Q7 The Cabinet approved an expansion of Parsonage Farm Primary school to 4th form entry!

But is it wise for the school to begin enrolling pupils for a 4th form entry before securing the planning permission needed to expand the school buildings and facilities to manage a 4FE, particularly as the planning committee may reject their expansion plans and when the Chafford Headteacher is willing to assist with a more practical expansion of Brady school?

From Cllr Barry Mugglestone – to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment (Cllr Robert Benham)

- Q8 Would the cabinet member confirm how many hours of Area Liaison Officers time was lost in the last 12 months as a result of preparatory work and appearances in court to defend claims against the council.

From Cllr Lawrence Webb – to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Cllr Osman Dervish)

- Q.9 Given that the playing field in front of Pyrgo Pk School was not passed on to the academy as part of the land transfer, what assurance can you give the local residents that this will not be used to build houses on?

From Cllr Michael Deon Burton – to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Cllr Osman Dervish)

- Q10 The Essex Wildlife Trust in partnership with Havering Council and funding from various sources is building a visitor centre in Hornchurch Country Park overlooking the River Ingrebourne.

This is very welcome news, but it is important that all those organisations involved in building and funding this new wildlife and heritage project are informed about planning application P1066.14 to extend Ingrebourne Hill

into the Hornchurch Country Park, because these landfill plans could adversely impact on local wildlife and restrict access to the visitor centre!

To ensure all interested parties are aware of these landfill plans will the Council insist the applicant holds stated public consultation meetings and provides information about the intended soils treatment and recovery facility contained within their proposals?

From Cllr June Alexander - to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Health (Cllr Wendy Brice-Thompson)

Q11 Would the Cabinet Member explain why the important Voluntary Sector do not have any representation on the Health and Well Being Board.

From Cllr Ian De Wulverton – to the Cabinet Member for Housing Company Development and One Source Management (Cllr Ron Ower)

Q12 When a Councillor is unable to attend a meeting it is recorded in their attendance statistics, however due to the number of meetings that sometimes clash or are added to the calendar it is not possible to be in two places at once. Why therefore should Councillors be unfairly penalised for non-attendance?

From Cllr John Wood - to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Cllr Osman Dervish)

Q13 Would the Cabinet Member confirm why Councillors were not informed about the new Safety Zone Initiative and how it was decided which wards will benefit from the initiative?

From Cllr Stephanie Nunn - to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Health (Cllr Wendy Brice-Thompson)

Q14 Would the Cabinet Member confirm the footfall figures for the Carepoint facility for the years 2012-13 and 2013-14.

From Cllr Reg Whitney - to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Cllr Osman Dervish)

Q15 Given the rapid increase in London's population and the growing shortage of accommodation across London, does the Cabinet member think that the relaxation of planning rules by central government will force Havering Council to build on land currently designated green belt under its Local Development Framework