



FULL COUNCIL, 10th JUNE 2015

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1. StreetCare enquiries

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

From Councillor B. Mugglestone

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the number of StreetCare enquiries on the CRM system that have not been closed down and the date of the oldest outstanding service request?

Sale of Council owned land (three questions, taken together)

To the Leader of the Council, Councillor R. Ramsey

From Councillor L. Webb

2. In the last five years how many parcels of the council owned land have been sold, with and without planning permission?
 3. Of the parcels of land sold with planning approval, how many of them had a subsequent planning application made for more properties or indeed a property with a larger footprint?
 4. Please provide a breakdown of the prices achieved for each of these parcels of land?
- #### 5. Planning permission for gravel extraction and landfill

To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety, Councillor O. Dervish

From Councillor K. Roberts

There are a number of live and pending gravel extraction/landfill applications in the south of the borough that are being individually recommended for approval, but which would be rejected if they were all submitted as one application!

Does the Cabinet Member agree the planning department should consider and report on the cumulative impact of individual gravel extraction/landfill applications before recommending approval?

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6. Highways contract

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

From Councillor R. Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member advise how a Highways Maintenance Support Sub-Contractor (Miller Bros) has been able to operate for the Council without a contract since September 2009?

7. Council Tax on empty properties

To the Cabinet Member for Financial Management, Councillor C. Barrett

By Councillor L. Webb

Given the Council's recent decision to charge a higher Council Tax for those properties that have been empty for two years and are 'substantially unfurnished' can the Cabinet Member give a legal definition for the term 'substantially unfurnished'?

8. Legal action against the Government

To the Leader of the Council, Councillor R. Ramsey

From Councillor D. Durant

A Recorder (15/5/15) news item reports the Council Leader saying, "Havering will not join other boroughs in suing the Government over funding."

Can the Council Leader expand on this by naming the other boroughs, the action taken, costs involved and whether this 'group action' is a matter for the new North East London Strategic Alliance [includes Havering] to pursue?

9. Public Realm

To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor D. White

From Councillor B. Matthews

Given the difficulties that members have in distinguishing between Housing and StreetCare land, would the Cabinet Member agree that it is time to review whether the Council could operate a "one Public Realm" operation.

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10. Romford Leisure Development

To the Leader of the Council, Councillor R. Ramsey

From Councillor J. Tucker

Just prior to the General Election the Council erected banners advertising the commencement of work on building the new Romford Leisure Centre. Please provide an update regarding this work and a date for when the Leisure Centre will be completed.

11. CCTV for dog fouling

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor J. Wilkes

Given the increasing number of reports of dog fouling, would the Cabinet Member agree to using covert CCTV to catch offenders in “hot spots” in the same way as they use CCTV to catch fly-tippers?

12. New Plymouth and Napier Houses

To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor D. White

By Councillor M. Deon Burton

Please provide an update regarding the refurbishment of New Plymouth House and Napier House and whether the Council intends to proceed with the ‘Winter Gardens’ balconies?

13. Fly-tipping

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor J. Ganly

Would the Cabinet Member agree to bring forward a report to Cabinet by the Autumn to formalise the Council’s policy on the removal of fly-tips from private land?

14. **Recycling**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor S. Nunn

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how StreetCare will reach its recycling target set by Government by 2020?

15. **Parking meters**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor R. Whitney

Would the Cabinet Member confirm why new parking meters have been installed so soon after previous parking meters have been put in place, what has happened to the old meters and when the new meters will accept new coinage?