



Havering

LONDON BOROUGH

FULL COUNCIL, 15 JULY 2015

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1) To the Cabinet Member for Culture, Councillor Melvin Wallace.

From Councillor Barry Mugglestone

In order to demonstrate the Administration's commitment to remembering those Havering citizens who have either lost their lives in armed conflict abroad and at home, would the Cabinet Member make a commitment to ensure that all names that should be included on the various war memorials in the borough are completed as soon as possible and for steps to be taken to ensure that all those who have lost their lives over the past 50 years are traced and included in the Roll of Honour.

2) To the Cabinet member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham

From Councillor John Glanville

In view of concerns about dog fouling expressed by residents it would be helpful to get some idea of the scale of the problem; would it therefore be possible to know how many incidents of dog fouling have been reported to Streetcare over the past twelve months and how many fines have been issued in that period?

3) To the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham

From Councillor Reg Whitney

Would the Cabinet Member confirm why the former NALGO site in North Street, Hornchurch has been left creating an eyesore in the Town Centre.

4) To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Councillor Osman Dervish.

From Councillor Graham Williamson

Given the present consultation on the Borough's intended Local Plan, does the Administration have any plans, or is it open to suggestions, of removing or re-designating Green Belt land?

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5) To the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham

From Councillor John Wood

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that private vehicles and commercial vehicles are treated in exactly the same way when considering parking violations.

6) To the Leader of the Council, Councillor Roger Ramsey

From Councillor Patricia Rumble

The council produces a number of publications such as Living, in Havering plus housing specific ones.

In total how many publications are there and what is the total print run per year?

7) To the Cabinet Member for Culture, Councillor Melvin Wallace

From Councillor Stephanie Nunn

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the cost of employing consultants for the "Open Spaces Needs Assessment" and that given the current climate of cuts whether this is essential spending.

8) To the Cabinet Member for Financial Management, Councillor Clarence Barrett

From Councillor David Durant

Following the localisation of council tax support and a 10% cut in government funding the Administration made changes to recoup the shortfall. These changes included seeking a partial council tax payment from disabled residents and this change was included and passed in the February Budget. However on 23rd June local resident and former councillor Mark Logan took this matter to the Royal Court of Justice to seek a Judicial Review of this change in defence of disabled people.

Please explain this legal action and provide an update about the outcome of court proceedings, the anticipated costs and the Council's intended response regarding this equality issue.

9) To the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham

From Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what steps are being taken to ensure that Serco honours its contract by ensuring orange sacks and cardboard is placed in the Recycling section of the vehicles and that batteries and small electrical items are placed in the appropriate section of the vehicle. (Cllr Ray Morgon)

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10) To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damian White

From Councillor Ian De Wulverton

How many council tenants were evicted over the last 12 months?

11) To the Leader of the Council, Councillor Roger Ramsey

From Councillor Barbara Matthews

Would the Leader of the Council confirm his view and that of NELSA in agreeing with organisations such as London Councils and London Chamber of Commerce for business rates to be determined locally. (Cllr Barbara Matthews)

12) To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Osman Dervish

From Councillor Michael Deon Burton

In view of the existing and pending applications for gravel extraction, landfill and housing development in the south of the borough, will the Council undertake regular tests of air quality to comply with GLA policy and ensure that planning conditions are put in place to minimise dust and ensure air quality is maintained and improved?

13) To the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Robert Benham

From Councillor June Alexander

Would the Cabinet Member confirm whether there are problems with timers on the new LED street light lanterns. (Cllr June Alexander)

14) To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Councillor Osman Dervish

From Councillor Lawrence Webb

Can the Leader provide a comprehensive update on the progression of the introduction of the Article 4 Direction in the borough covering HMOs?

15) To the Leader of the Council, Councillor Roger Ramsey

From Councillor Keith Darvill

What is the agreed/proposed timetable for commencement of works for construction of the new Romford Leisure Centre and the estimated time for completion of the works and opening for the public of the Centre.

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