



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 30 March 2016

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1) To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and Community Safety, Councillor Osman Dervish

From Councillor David Durant

The Nov 25th 2015 Council meeting debated what to do about two anti-social two-metre-high front walls outside one neighbour's front door and another neighbour's front window that reduce light, obstruct street view, highway sightlines and are an eyesore. The meeting referred the matter to the Towns & Communities O&S sub-committee to consider and recommend to Cabinet any action the Council can take to address the problem.

Alas 4 months later and despite two T&C meetings being held no recommendations have been forthcoming. In view of this protracted delay, will the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and Public Safety agree to consult and provide the political leadership needed to resolve this matter, using applied common sense, by taking enforcement action to lower both front walls in the public interest and to avoid the need for an Article 4 Direction.

2) To the Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement, Councillor Melvin Wallace

From Councillor Graham Williamson

Please provide an update regarding the tendering for leisure contracts at Central Park, Romford, Hornchurch and Chafford, Rainham Leisure Centres

3) To the Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement, Councillor Melvin Wallace

From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

Following enquiries by a local resident, please provide an update regarding Council support for the Romford Football Club and in securing them a home ground.

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

From Councillor John Wood

Given the council's aim of keeping our borough clean, would the Cabinet Member for StreetCare confirm what plans he will put in place to ensure that all shops and business premises take the necessary action to deter pigeons from constantly messing public footways. This is following problems of this nature in Hornchurch Town Centre, but applies to all areas in the borough.

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

From Councillor Julie Wilkes

Would the Cabinet Member confirm whether all restaurants, food outlets and garages have been asked for their waste transfer agreements to confirm how they dispose of all their waste, and in particular, cooking and vehicle oil.

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

From Councillor Reg Whitney

Would the Leader of the Council confirm what specific benefits Havering has received during each of the last three financial years from the London Borough Grants Scheme.

7) To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety, Councillor Osman Dervish

From Councillor Jody Ganly

Would the Cabinet member confirm what steps are taken to ensure that planning conditions that are attached to any planning approval are robustly enforced.

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

From Councillor June Alexander

Would the Cabinet member confirm what regime is in place to ensure that all council housing properties are inspected, inside and out, and in particular, the front and back gardens, on a regular basis?

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9) To the Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement, Councillor Melvin Wallace

From Councillor Barbara Matthews

Would the Cabinet member confirm what arrangements are in place to ensure that all charities, voluntary groups, including groups involved in regeneration projects have their constitution checked, minutes reviewed and outcomes monitored.

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

From Councillor Ray Morgon

Given the increasing importance to the council of the business community, would the Cabinet Member agree with me that a review of all business activities including collection of business rates, waste enforcement activities, regeneration, business support, etc should be undertaken to determine the feasibility of placing all business activities under one department.

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

From Councillor Patricia Rumble

Since Havering adopted the enforcement powers for moving traffic violations, how many tickets have been issued in and around the ring road including Western Road. Please give a breakdown of the types of offence.

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

From Councillor Philip Martin

Some time ago, I drew the Council's attention to the recent BBC Television programme highlighting the complaints about the build quality of homes built by Persimmon, the company to be involved in the Dover's Court Development. They have recently replied to the Council's Borough Plan consultation and I quote, "Local Plans will set out standards and expectations the Council has on Developers. The Council must ensure that these standards do not render sites unviable as higher standards often entail higher costs to them. This can be achieved through on-going discussions with Developers, landowners, agents." In the light of this how will the Council ensure the build quality of the homes in this development?

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

From Councillor Ian DeWulverton

What is the expected time of repair of a Zebra Crossing belisha beacon, which has been hit by a motor vehicle? Who bears the brunt of the cost of repair?

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

From Councillor Keith Darvill

Why are the estimates for major works given to the Council's Leaseholders during the Section 20 consultations so inaccurate?

15)To the Cabinet Member for oneSource management, Councillor Ron Ower

From Councillor Michael Deon Burton

When the Government localised the Council Tax Support Scheme did they specifically reduce funding for the Scheme or were the changes in council tax support deemed necessary as a way to raise revenue due to the general reduction in funding? Please reference the details.