



MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1 HAVERING MUSIC SCHOOL - SAVINGS

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)

By Councillor Gillian Ford

In respect of the Havering Music School, would the Cabinet Member please explain:

- a) how will the significant budget cuts proposed from 2012/13 affect the quality and range of classes this service currently delivers?
- b) what is the impact on existing staffing levels?
- c) which services will no longer be provided?
- d) should the consultation be taking place before the viability of an Arts Trust has been determined?

2 OLYMPIC TICKETS FOR STUDENTS

To the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)

By Councillor Denis Breeding

What proportion of Havering Schools have signed up to take an allocation of free Olympic and Paralympic tickets for their students/pupils?

3 THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF QUEENS HOSPITAL

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Jeffery Tucker

The Cabinet Member, Councillor Steven Kelly, has said that the Queen's Hospital in Romford will cope with the extra workload if and when King George's Hospital transfers their A & E and Maternity Departments over to Queen's Hospital. The Cabinet Member also states that Queen's Hospital will in fact provide a better service than it is at the present time. Can the Cabinet Member please explain in detail how this will work and why he believes the service will in fact be better when the transfer is completed?

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4 **CONTRAVENTION OF PARKING REGULATIONS BY CCTV ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Nic Dodin

Would the Cabinet Member please explain under what circumstances the CCTV Parking & Traffic Enforcement vehicles are permitted to contravene parking regulations while undertaking their duties?

5 **HOMES IN HAVERING CONTRACT WITH MORRISONS**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Protection (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Keith Darvill

When was the current Homes in Havering contract with Morrisons entered into and when is it due for renewal?

6 **RETURN OF FUNDS INVESTED IN ICELANDIC BANKS**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Given the welcome news in regards to the Court victory, which supports the return of funds held by a bank in Iceland to Havering Council, it is asked:

- a. What are this Authority's known costs/liabilities to date borne of the action to recover residents/Local Authority monies from the Icelandic banking system?
- b. What are our minimum costs/liabilities going to be in pursuit of the return of funds held in the Icelandic banking system?

or

Are the London Borough of Havering involved in a course of actions at the date of this Full Council meeting, whereby the Administration cannot provide an accurate amount in answer to parts a. or b. of this enquiry?

7 **ELECTORAL REGISTRATION – NON-COMPLIANCE**

To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Councillor Geoff Starns)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many residents have been fined for the non-return of their electoral roll form over the past 5 years and what checks are carried out to ensure that the responses are accurate?

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8 **REDUNDANCY OF MORRISONS STAFF SERVING THE HOMES IN HAVERING CONTRACT**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Paul McGeary

Have Homes in Havering and the Council received notification from Morrisons of its proposal to make 21 members of former Havering Council staff redundant?

9 **SUCCESS OF THE RIGHT TO BUY LEGISLATION**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor David Durant

At the last Council meeting, Cllr Ramsey praised the Right-to-Buy policy and said, "In the 1980s the Conservative Administration used receipts from Right-to-Buy sales to build council houses"!

Strictly speaking this is true, but the figures tell another story and confirm the negative impact of the legislation.

From 1981 to 1990 only **322** council properties were built in Havering, of which **140** were sheltered housing units. **No** properties were constructed after this time.

Also from 1981 onwards, 75% of Right-to-Buy receipts have been taken by Government or used to pay off housing debt. The Council **only** retains use of 25% of the receipt!

Does Cllr Ramsey still believe the Right-to-Buy policy was a resounding success?

10 **EFFECT OF DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF COUNCIL TAX IN FULL**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

For each of the years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12, would the Cabinet Member set out how much council tax revenue was forgone by offering a 1.5% discount to residents who pay the full amount at the start of the year?

11 **CRB CHECKS FOR MORRISONS SUB-CONTRACTORS' STAFF**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Pat Murray

What obligations do Morrisons have to ensure that all sub contractors and their staff are CRB checked?

12 **CONSULTATION WITH TENANTS**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Mark Logan

At the last Council meeting Cllr Ramsey said that the £50,000 tenants' consultation about the future of Homes in Havering was a statutory consultation, but at the following Cabinet meeting Cllr Lesley Kelly said the consultation was **non**-statutory. Who is correct?

13 **RESTORATION OF PARKLANDS BRIDGE**

To the Cabinet Member for Culture, Towns & Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

The saga of the restoration of Parklands Bridge began in 2001 and is no further forward today. Would the Cabinet Member please set out just when, or if, this council owned listed building will ever be restored?

14 **ALLEYWAY/FOOTPATH BETWEEN DAVENTRY ROAD AND HILLDENE AVENUE**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn.

When will lighting be installed in the recently created narrow alley way between Daventry Road and Hilldene Avenue?

15 **OCCUPATION OF WILL PERRIN COURT HOSTEL**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Jeffery Tucker

If the Will Perrin Court Hostel is completed, can the Cabinet Member please inform me of the following:

- what is the maximum amount of residents that will be allowed to stay in each of the rooms at any one time and
- what is the maximum amount of residents, including staff, that will be allowed to stay in the Will Perrin Court Hostel at any one time?

Please be specific.

16 **OVERHANGING TREES: OBSTRUCTION**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member explain why this Council deliberately allows highway trees to overhang and obstruct residents' properties causing damage to either their driveway or vehicle upon it?

17 **"PUPILS UNITE AGAINST RACISM"**

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)

By Councillor David Durant

On October 13th, CEME hosted an event by the Kick it Out campaign which was attended by many children from Bower Park, Redden Court and Chafford schools.

Kick it Out originated as a campaign against 'racism' in football, but their organiser Danny Lynch said, "we're not just about football, we're about getting rid of racism in all sports, all walks of life"!

This is a political objective, but the terms 'racist and racism' have become powerful political swear words with no precise meaning. Indeed there is often a 'racial bias' in the misuse of these words which can be very offensive and a form of 'racial abuse', which undermines good community relations!

In view of this do the Administration consider it appropriate for Havering school children to take part in political events organised by the Kick it Out campaign, which is partly funded by the 'institutionally racist' Equality Commission?

18 **ROMFORD MARKET: IMPROVING APPEAL AND COMPETITIVENESS**

To the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment (Councillor Robert Benham)

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Would the Cabinet Member please set out what is being done to stimulate the appeal and competitiveness of Romford Market?

19 **PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

For the period 2010/11 and to date, would the Cabinet Member confirm the number (% and figures) of invoices paid within 10 days? And, if possible, the proportion attributable to small and medium sized local businesses?

20 **STAFFING STRUCTURE**

To the Cabinet Member for Transformation (Councillor Michael Armstrong)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the number of FTE's at the end of March 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and if a current 'family tree' of the entire LBH staffing structure is available?

21 **WHOLE PLACE COMMUNITY BUDGETS**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what his view is in relation to the "Whole Place" community budgets?

22 **BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that the council holds a database of all businesses in the borough and that their trade waste agreement is up to date?

23 **COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION: OWNERS OF A SECOND HOME**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ron Ower

Following the change in regulations which gives Local Authorities the power to ask people requesting council accommodation if they have another home, would the Cabinet Member please confirm what steps are being taken to ensure this process is being undertaken and to confirm that applicants who possess another property will be denied council accommodation?

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24 **CONSULTING TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update as to what steps are being taken to ensure that all tenants and leaseholders are fully informed in respect of the Housing Management consultation process?

25 **EMPTY PROPERTY, DURHAM AVENUE**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ron Ower

Would the Cabinet Member for Housing set out how much rental has been lost on the property at the Durham Avenue Estate which has remained empty for over two years and when will this property be let to a waiting tenant?