



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 25 January 2017

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Air Pollution

1) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory services & community Safety

From Councillor Reg Whitney

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that Havering is not breaching legal limits on air pollution and how it ranks against other London Boroughs

Litter Thrown from Cars

2) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services & Community Safety

From Councillor John Glanville

Given that English councils are to be given the legal power to punish car owners who let litter be thrown from their cars and some London boroughs already have this power, will Havering Council be using this power?

The Local Plan and Parking Provision

3) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services & Community Safety

From Councillor David Durant

Due to Government/GLA policy of "housing targets" developers are submitting plans "within the rules" that provide not enough resident and almost no visitor parking and clearly this policy relies on adjoining roads providing the overspill parking. In view of this will the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services recommend a change to the Local Plan and require highway contributions from developers to assist with the provision of more parking to help replace the national policy of "housing targets" with a local policy of "sustainable housing".

The Future of the Harold Hill Crown Post Office

4) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services & community Safety

From Councillor Keith Darvill

What representations have been made to Post Office Limited and the Minister for Postal Affairs about the proposal to close the Harold Hill Crown Post Office in Farnham Road?

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Under Occupation of Council Properties

5) To the Cabinet Member for Housing From Councillor June Alexander

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what proactive steps are being taken to encourage the near 400 single council tenants living in 3 plus bedrooms to downsize.

RIPA Powers

6) To the Leader of the Council

From Councillor Ian de Wulverton

Has Havering used the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) powers, to gather information on the residents of Havering? If so when and what where they used for?

Conservation Areas

7) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services & Community Safety

From Councillor Keith Roberts

Due to the growth in 'try on' applications to build in our Conservation Areas can the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services assure Council that Conservation Area rules will be applied and if necessary strengthened to ensure only schemes that enhance rather than undermine our Conservation Areas will be recommended for approval?

Blue Badge Fraud

8) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory services & Community Safety

From Councillor Barbara Matthews

In order that genuine users of Blue Badges can use them and to protect council revenue, would the Cabinet Member confirm over the past three years how many exercises have been carried to catch those misusing Blue Badges and how many Blue Badges have been confiscated and/or users prosecuted.

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Orchard Village

9) To the Cabinet Member for Housing

From Councillor Phil Martin

At the last Full Council there was a motion put before the council to ensure that measures were adopted to deal with the repeated failure of the Orchard Village developers to put right their many failures which have been publicised in the Local and National Press, and on prime time television and which shows no sign of abating. What steps, if any, has the Administration taken to assist the residents of this appalling development whose lives have been blighted by the sub- standard building work that has taken place there?

GLA Precept and Police Budget

10) To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services & Community Safety

From Councillor Graham Williamson

According to BBC News and reports in the Evening Standard the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan will increase the GLA precept on council tax bills by 1.99% to meet a shortfall in police budget of £17.4m which he claims has been imposed by the Government. If so will the Cabinet Member for Public Safety make representations to the Mayor seeking the withdrawal of the short-sighted proposals to save money by merging/reducing the Police Borough Commanders of Havering, Redbridge and Barking and Dagenham from 3 to 1?

Harrow Lodge Park

11) To the Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement

From Councillor Jody Ganly

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what steps he has taken to ensure that the council and Thames Water have carried out their promises at Harrow Lodge Park, and in particular, the de-silting of the main sewer.

Tribunal Cases Affecting the Council

12) To the Leader of the Council

From Councillor Lawrence Webb

In the last eighteen months how many non-housing related court and tribunal cases has the Council been involved in?

Please provide the details of those initiated by the council itself and those that the council were defending, how many were won and lost and the cost both in fees and compensation.

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Council House Repairs

13)To the Cabinet Member for Housing From Councillor Stephanie Nunn

Given that the overwhelming majority of council properties have now reached the Decent Homes standards, would the Cabinet Member explain why with less than 10,000 council properties, they generate 40,000 plus repair requests in a year?

Academic Performance in the Borough

14)To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning

From Councillor Julie Wilkes

The London Borough of Havering always had an excellent reputation in terms of educational performance, so would the Cabinet Member explain why Havering has been allowed to fall in the OFSTED league tables in both primary and secondary education and was also forced by Central Government to convert the Pupil Referral Unit into an academy because of its failings?

Transport for London Proposals in the Local Implementation Plan

15)To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services & Community Safety

From Councillor Ray Morgon

At the July 2016 Cabinet meeting, the Leader of the Opposition received assurance that before any proposal was submitted to TFL under the Local Implementation Plan that any proposed submission would be discussed with the appropriate wards Councillors. Would the Cabinet Member explain why this did not happen?