



MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1 HORNCHURCH HIGH STREET: CONTINUED DISRUPTION

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor John Mylod

Owing to the continued disruption to Hornchurch High Street and the detrimental impact this is having on local upon traders in tough economic times, would the Cabinet Member agree that substantial rate relief should now be given as matter of urgency?

2 MEETING WITH THE MINISTER

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

Is the Council Leader's refusal to invite all group leaders to his meeting with the Minister, about local government funding, because he rejects the idea of a cross party Justice for Havering campaign?

3 POSSIBLE MAJOR HUB AIRPORT IN THAMES ESTUARY

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Keith Darvill

What response will the administration make to the Coalition Government's proposed consultation about the future of airports and aviation, in particular about the possibility of a major hub airport in the Thames Estuary?

4 CORBETS TEY SCHOOL

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

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Following a complaint from one of my residents, I highlighted safeguarding issues at Corbets Tey School almost two years ago. In a recent inspection at the same school by OFSTED, they have also criticised the school in the area of Safeguarding. Would the Cabinet Member explain why this issue has been

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ignored by the Council for the past 2 years and what measures are being put in place to rectify the situation?

5 LANDFILLING AT HORNCHURCH COUNTRY PARK: IMPACT ON THE HIGHWAY

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Will the Council carry out a Highway Impact Assessment in Rainham Road, between Dovers Corner and the Cherry Tree, before more landfill is permitted in the Hornchurch Country Park?

6 "MY PLACE" YOUTH FACILITY, HAROLD HILL

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

By Councillor Pat Murray

What are the Council doing to engage with service users about the future use of "My Place" in Harold Hill?

7 FUTURE HOUSING MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor June Alexander

Further to the consultation letter that has been sent to all tenants and leaseholders in respect of the future of housing management in the borough, it was previously agreed by stakeholders that the question of staying with Homes in Havering or going back in-house would be either a 'Yes' or 'No' answer. Would the Cabinet Member explain why another option (ie don't mind) was added in and why, when the format had already been agreed, were the views of stakeholders ignored?

8 EFFECT OF COUNCIL TAX FREEZE

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor David Durant

Will accepting the Government grant to freeze council tax result in further cuts being made to local services?

9 **CHILD POVERTY IN GOOSHAYS AND HEATON WARDS**

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

By Councillor Paul McGeary

Why has child poverty remained stubbornly high in Gooshays and Heaton wards?

10 **LEADER'S BLOG**

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

In order to gauge the effectiveness and appeal of the 'Leaders Blog', as at 23rd January 2012 would the Leader set out how many visits have been recorded for each of the last five entries - ie:

- Christmas Message 2011 (19.12.11)
- Meet the new Youth Leader (15.12.11)
- Visit to CEME (9.12.11)
- Romford Christmas Lights (21.11.11)
- Icelandic Banks (14.11.11)

11 **“HAVERING HOMES FOR HAVERING PEOPLE”**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Mark Logan

Will the new rules regarding housing allocation give substance to the phrase Havering Homes for Havering People?

12 **DECENT HOMES FUNDING: TIMETABLE OF WORKS**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Denis Breading

In view of the revised roll out of decent homes funding, when will Homes in Havering provide details of the new timetable of works so that tenants are kept informed of progress and when improvements to their homes will be carried out?

13 **PARKLANDS BRIDGE, UPMINSTER**

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

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Given that an Executive Decision made over 10 years ago (22.6.01) acknowledged that Parklands Bridge (Upminster) was in need of restoration, would the Cabinet Member explain why no plans were drawn up until 2008 and clarify what the latest position is regarding this matter?

14 **PHOTOCOPYING FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS**

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

By Councillor David Durant

I received a Council email containing the following information.

“In accordance with the agreed strategy of moving from individual "at desk" printers to multiuser printers/copiers (known as multi-function devices or MFDs), the photocopier in the Members' Resources Room has been converted to operate as an MFD.

“The aim is to reduce costs substantially by using more economical means of printing, especially by doing away with individual copiers, which are costly in terms of toner usage.

“Attached are two documents - a poster showing how to use the MFD and a note explaining the background!”

I replied:

“I can understand the change-over for council staff, but I do not think this should apply to councillors.

“There are rules regarding what we can print, but unless you are implying significant abuse, there is still the question of confidentiality. If the MFDs record an image of all printing, then presumably they will be monitored, but by whom? I do not think council officers should be monitoring councillors letters and printing.

“You say "in accordance with agreed strategy", but has the issue of the members room photocopier gone before the Governance committee, bearing in mind that the members room is for councillors not council staff?”

In the absence of a reply to my email, I have submitted my concerns as a question.

15 **ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN NOAK HILL ROAD**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn

Following another serious road traffic accident in the stretch of road between Straight Road and North Hill Drive will the administration take urgent steps to make representations to TfL and the Metropolitan Police to review traffic calming measures and hazard signs in the area.

16 **HOUSING BENEFIT**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the highest amount of annualised housing benefit paid to a Havering resident.

17 **COMPENSATION CLAIMS**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many claims for compensation have been lodged in each of the last five years as a result of:

- a) Tripping on the highway
- b) Damage from highway trees

18 **FRIENDS OF PARKS GROUPS**

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

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

This council is quite rightly proud of its achievement in obtaining eight Green Flag awards, and it's initiative in starting 'Friends of Parks' groups. Would the Cabinet Member please set out how many 'Friends' groups have been established over the past 18 months and what encouragement is given to people who express an interest in starting one?

19 **MAYLANDS FIELD – VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION**

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

By Councillor Brian Eagling

Would the Cabinet Member responsible for the Maylands Field Harold Park Town Green Application please confirm what the latest situation is and when a decision is expected as he must realise that this application has been going on for many, many years and the residents of this area deserve an answer. If there is no definite date could he please make enquiries as to why this application is taking so long?

20 **STOLEN COUNCIL PROPERTY**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that Council property that is stolen in a particular ward, such as drain covers, is reported to the Police and/or local Safer Neighbourhood Team?

21 **EMPTY HOUSING STRATEGY**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Since the Empty Housing Strategy was agreed, would the Cabinet Member confirm the number of properties that have been brought back into use by this Council each year and how many empty properties are currently on the list for consideration?

22 **HOUSING BENEFIT CLAIMANTS**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the number of claimants of housing benefit at the end of December 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?

23 **FUNERALS**

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the number of Council funded funerals in the past three years?

24 **PENSION SCHEME: CONTRIBUTIONS**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the amount paid into the Local Government Pension Scheme in each of the past ten financial years split between staff and Havering Council?

25 **PENSION SCHEME: ALLOCATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that the government's planned 3% increase in pension contributions from staff will actually be paid into the Council's pension scheme?

26 **PROVISION OF POLYCLINICS IN HAVERING**

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor June Alexander

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update as to the future of Polyclinics in the borough and when the next one is due to open?

27 **DEMOLITION OF OLD WINDMILL HALL**

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

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Would the Cabinet Member set out the time table for the demolition of the Old Windmill hall, and what is the latest position regarding the refurbishment of the New Windmill hall?

28 **SALE OF FORMER GARAGE SITES**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Ron Ower

Would the Cabinet Member set out what receipts have been received by the Council in respect of the sale of former garage sites over the last two years?

29 **UNLAWFUL SUB-LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSING**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ron Ower

Would the Cabinet Member state how many prosecutions have been made for sub-letting over the past three years?

30 **WASTE MINIMISATION**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor John Mylod

In respect of waste management, would the Cabinet Member:

- a) Advise how the Waste Minimisation Campaign is proceeding and can we have more detail of how residents can reduce waste and save money, as well as details of the free cookery workshops?
- b) Is the two black sacks limit dependent upon the number of people who live in the house or is it just per household?
- c) How is the scheme being funded and what time scale can be anticipated before we see results?