



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 21 November 2018

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Vision for Havering

- 1) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Leader of the Council set out his vision for Havering and what are the key priorities that he will be focussing on over the next 12 -24 months.

Chafford Sports Complex

- 2) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

The Council contract with Sports and Leisure Management Ltd to manage Chafford Sports Complex ends in December. The statutory consultation on the future of Chafford ends on December 10th with a Cabinet decision on the outcome expected in early 2019. Will the Council Leader provide assurances that the Complex will remain open until a Cabinet decision about its future is made?

Strategic Development

- 3) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Where new developments are being built, for example in the 'Rainham and Beam Park' and 'Romford' Strategic Development Areas, what measures are being applied to ensure that the expansion of each area is cohesive, avoiding uncoordinated piece-meal development, and takes special regard to green and natural features, such as the planting of trees and opening up the Rivers Beam and Rom?

Fly Tipping

- 4) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Tele Lawal

What is the criteria for deciding when to use Council resources to clean up fly tipped material on Council Land, Green Spaces, and Commercial/Business Premises?

Community Hubs and Library Centres

**5) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Martin Goode**

What is the Council's vision of the operating module for the proposed Community Hubs and what extra facilities will they generally provide for the public. In particular, where existing Library buildings and their services may be impacted.

Housing Targets and the London Plan

**6) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Ray Morgon**

In the new draft London Plan from the Mayor of London he intends to raise his housing target to 60,000 homes per year and no doubt Havering will have to take its share of this increased target. Would the Leader of the Council agree that this much higher housing target threatens "Keeping Havering Special?"

Affordable Homes in the Borough

**7) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Graham Williamson**

Given the growing number of properties in Havering, what is, and will, the Council be doing to ensure that developers and Housing Associations will market homes for sale, and ensure affordable homes go to Havering residents to at least ensure our housing waiting lists are cleared.

Cost of Romford Market

**8) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Clarence Barrett**

How much Council funding (excluding TfL) has been spent on the Romford Market over each of the last three years in each of the following two categories?

	Capital/Investment/One-off	Revenue (day to day)
	£'000	£'000
2017/18		
2016/17		
2015/16		

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Council Powers over Unauthorised Vehicle Trading

9) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Keith Darvill

What powers of investigation does the Council have, if any, to obtain evidence from the DVLA and HMRC to enable prompt enforcement where residential dwellings are being used unlawfully by occupiers for vehicle trading?

Preparations for Road Safety for the Forthcoming Winter Months

10) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Brian Eagling

Is the Council organised and prepared for the winter weather conditions regarding roads and shopping areas in our Borough for 2018/19?

Councillor Surgeries

11) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Stephanie Nunn

The Leader of the Council recently held a "Councillor Surgery" in Elm Park Library. Would the Leader of the Council confirm who paid for the hire of the room and will a member of Democratic Services be available to any Councillor wishing to hold a "Councillor Surgery"?

Leisure Contracts in the Borough

12) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor David Durant

The composite Council contribution to the very expensive £28.8m Romford Leisure Centre was £26.726m. This involved £21.950m from the "asset swap" and a further council contribution of £4.776m, with an additional £2.074m from Sports England. The old ice rink site now has planning permission for 620 flats which increases the value of the council asset swapped from £21.950m to 620 x the gross average value of a central Romford flat. Even a modest £200,000 delivers £124m.

In other words, rather than develop the old ice rink site ourselves to make a profit and funding stream to offset cuts in government funding, the Council sold an asset cheap to pay upfront for an overpriced leisure centre. In view of this does the Council Leader believe council taxpayers got a good deal from the "asset swap"?

Service Delivery in Neighbourhoods Directorate

13) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Chris Wilkins

Following our Group raising serious concerns with the Chief Executive and other officers over issues including Gerpins Lane, Hoppy Hall car park and the ladies public toilets in Upminster, can the Cabinet Member for Environment please give

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us assurances over what steps will be taken to improve the service delivery of the Neighbourhoods Directorate?

Council Budget

**14) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Paul McGeary**

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury (RH Liz Truss MP) stated on BBC TV's Newsnight Programme on 3rd October 2018 "we are not making cuts to local authorities" and the Prime Minister stated at the recent Conservative Party Conference that "austerity has ended". If these statements are accurate and not intended to be misleading why is the Council planning to save £38 million in its MTFS over the next 4 years?

Hornchurch Police Station

**15) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Sally Miller**

In a recent Conservative leaflet in Elm Park Ward, it is stated that Hornchurch Police Station has been purchased by Havering Council. Would the Leader of the Council confirm the full details of the purchase