



ANNUAL COUNCIL, 25 MAY 2011

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1 **"YOUR COUNCIL, YOUR SAY": SATISFACTION LEVELS**

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Is the Leader of the Council able to provide an explanation as to why in the "Your Council, Your Say" survey, the top three wards by satisfaction with their local area were Cranham, Hacton and Upminster Wards?

2 **CLAMPING COMPANY**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Jeffery Tucker

A well known South Ockendon clamping company continues to clamp local residents in Parkway, Rainham, including family members visiting the houses and flats.

Does this Council intend to take any action or can this Council advise local residents what further steps they should take when pressured to pay many hundreds of pounds and in some cases lose their cars?

3 **BRIDGEWATER ROAD, HAROLD HILL: ROAD WIDENING**

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

By Councillor Pat Murray

What is the estimated cost of the proposed widening of Bridgewater Road and how will the cost be funded?

4 **NEW HOMES BONUS**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Barbara Matthews

Further to the £397,000 new Homes Bonus awarded to Havering for 2011/12, and in line with government guidance which states that local councillors should be involved in the expenditure plans, would the Cabinet Member set out how this process will work?

5 **CCTV CAMERAS**

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

By Councillor Jeffery Tucker

Is Rainham Village still in line to receive CCTV as promised by this Council and how much longer does this part of the borough have to wait before they are installed?

6 **SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERA AT THE JUNCTION OF NOAK HILL ROAD, STRAIGHT ROAD, LOWER BEDFORDS ROAD AND BROXHILL ROAD**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn

Is the Speed Enforcement Camera at the junction of Noak Hill Road, Straight Road, Lower Bedfords Road and Broxhill Road functional and if so how many drivers have been prosecuted for exceeding the speed limit during 2009 and 2010?

7 **GERPINS LANE RRC – PRODUCTION OF IDENTIFICATION**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

In respect of the recent requirement to provide a driving licence and Council Tax bill to use the Gerpins Lane RRC, would the Cabinet Member explain:

- (a) While accepting the need to limit the use of Gerpins Lane RRC to those residing in the ELWA (East London Waste Authority) area, why no

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consultation was undertaken with councillors regarding the imposition of new entry requirements?

- (b) Why a permit scheme (given out free with the council tax demand) could not have been introduced, as successfully used in many other councils?
- (c) What measures are being taken to deal with the potential increase in fly-tipping?

8 FOOTBALL PITCH CHANGING ROOMS: HOT WATER

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

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

How many of our football pitches, as a percentage, have changing rooms with hot running water that our football clubs can use?

9 SERVICE CUTS IN EARLY YEARS AND PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

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

By Councillor Paul McGearry

Will the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning make a statement about the recent reduction of 6 members of staff in the Early Years Service and 1 member of staff in the Parents in Partnership Service with particular reference to the need for parental support for children with Special Education Needs?

10 FUNDING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE DISABILITIES

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet member confirm what impact there will be on the Council, if any, as a result of the recent High Court decision made against Birmingham City Council which reduces funding to the disabled unless they were assessed as having "critical" needs?

11 **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS - REDUCTIONS**

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

By Councillor David Durant

There is concern that elected Police Commissioners will undermine the operational independence of the Police, but the Government say they "will be more responsive to local needs"!

In London this post would be taken by the GLA Mayor Boris Johnson who was elected on a promise to represent outer-London, but who may make cuts to the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

If cuts are made to the Safer Neighbourhood Teams would this negate the claim that elected Police Commissioners "will be more responsive to local needs"?

12 **PENALTY CHARGE NOTICES: APPEALS**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

In 2010/11, 32,885 Penalty Charge notices were issued for parking offences of which 16,193 were via the CCTV enforcement vehicles and 16,692 via handheld units. Would the Cabinet Member set out the number of appeals as set out below:

	Number of appeals	Successful appeals
16,193 (CCTV)	x	y
16,692 (handheld)	x	y

13 **ONGAR WAY, SOUTH HORNCHURCH – VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION**

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

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Is it true that the South Hornchurch Conservatives have delivered leaflets supporting Village Green status for the land at Ongar Way and was this cleared with Councillor Michael White?

If yes, why is the Council determined to ignore Ongar Way residents who want the garages developed but the open space retained?

14 **CCTV ENFORCEMENT**

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

By Councillor Ron Ower

The Havering Council Code of Practice for the operation of CCTV Enforcement Cameras (paragraph 2.3.5) states that 'Relevant camera enforcement signs should be displayed in areas where the system operates. The signs will not define the field of view of the cameras but will advise that CCTV camera enforcement is taking place in the area.' Would the Cabinet Member confirm that this guidance is adhered to across the borough?

15 **PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: ENFORCEMENT**

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Jeffrey Tucker

There are all day Monday to Saturday parking restrictions outside the Rainham Village shops. However a Rainham resident who parked outside the shops on Bank Holiday Monday May 2nd was outraged when he received a parking ticket for doing so, because he thought Sunday rules applied on Bank Holidays. He paid the fine but felt morally cheated.

How many parking tickets were issued on Bank Holiday Monday 25th & Bank Holiday Friday 29th April and do you think penalising unsuspecting motorists on quiet days in our smaller shopping centres is a good policy?

16 **WITHDRAWAL OF YOUTH SERVICES**

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

By Councillor Gillian Ford

Would the Cabinet Member advise this Council what impact studies have been carried out prior to the proposal to withdraw 19 youth service posts, the withdrawal from Angel Way development and the reorganisation of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award service?

17 FUTURE OF WILL PERRIN COURT

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Jeffery Tucker

A proposal has been brought to the attention of residents for a change of use of the empty Will Perrin Court, Guysfield Drive into a hostel. In this respect, I would ask:

- (a) To bring this intention to fruition, are any consents required and, if so, what are they?
- (b) Are residents to be officially notified by the Council about this change?

18 QUALITY OF HIGHWAY REPAIR WORKS

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what steps are taken by this Council to ensure that repairs undertaken to roads and pavements following works carried out by utility companies and Council contractors meet the relevant standard set by this authority?

19 COUNCIL TAX ARREARS

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Ron Ower

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the level of residential Council Tax arrears as at 1st April 2011 and what measures are in place to recover these debts?