

FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 22 January 2020

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Hornchurch Police Station

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

In a video outside Elm Park Station prior to the General Election, the Leader of the Council stated that the council had purchased or was about to purchase Hornchurch Police Station. It is my understanding that neither statement is correct. Would the Leader of the Council provide some clarity on the matter?

Approach road to St Helen's Court, Rainham

- 2) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)**
From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

St Helen's Court, Rainham Village is council housing and the approach road is controlled by Housing Department. The Housing Department has left it unrestricted and it appears won't allow Highways Department to introduce restrictions resulting in commuter all day/week parking and anti-social activity.

This is a long running saga as many visits and meetings have been held that go nowhere. Can this matter be looked at again as local Councillors would like restrictions introduced to assist parking for both tenants and high street.

Blocked Drains Leading to Local Flooding

- 3) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Paul McGeary

In view of the apparent increase in local flooding events caused by blocked drains what arrangements are being made with Water Companies and other agencies to expedite clearing of blockages to mitigate the adverse impact on residents and businesses?

Grass Verges in Harold Hill

- 4) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Darren Wise

Could the Cabinet Member confirm what action is being taken by the Council to preserve the grass verges that are being churned up in Harold Hill most notably in Kingsbridge Close and various grass verges in Gooshays Drive which are all known by enforcement officers?

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Enforcement Group Re-Structure

5) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)

From Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm if the re-structure of the Council's Enforcement Group has been completed and is now fully operational?

Gooshays Green

6) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

From Councillor Jan Sargent

Following the decision not to build on Gooshays Green, what measures does the Executive propose to safeguard the land from any future development plans?

Waterloo Road, Romford Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

7) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)

From Councillor Keith Darvill

What is the planned target date to complete the works required to provide a new pedestrian crossing in Waterloo Road, Romford?

Parking on High Streets

8) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

From Councillor Paul Middleton

We have now lost a long established business (over 80 years old) in Upminster. This was in part due to the removal of the free parking that has affected both Hornchurch and Upminster. The traders in both Hornchurch and Upminster are fighting to keep a presence on the high street. Will the Leader reverse his decision and give back the 30 minutes free parking?

Chafford Leisure Centre

9) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

From Councillor David Durant

Does the Council Leader regret his short-sighted decision to close Chafford leisure centre and does he still stand by his promise to build a new centre in the south of the Borough and if so, please provide an update on the situation.

High Street Emergency

10) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

From Councillor Tele Lawal

In view of the nationwide steep decline in applications for new shops District Council Leaders are calling on HM Government to give all districts the long term funding they need to revive high streets and town centres. Does the Leader of the Council agree with the District Council Leaders and if so what steps does he intend to take to address the crisis in Havering's High Streets?

Fire Safety in Housing Stock

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Reg Whitney**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what arrangements are in place to ensure that all private and public sector flats in Havering are safe from the threat of a Grenfell Tower type incident?

Stop Hate UK Group

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

The Council Leader has been hosting a group called "Stop Hate UK". This group claim the "Brexit referendum produced a 41% increase in hate crime focused on Muslim, LGBTQ and BME communities"! Does the Council Leader agree with their claim and any similar claims?