

FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 9 September 2020

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Quality Assurance in Residential Accommodation for the Elderly

- 1) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Reg Whitney

In a recent radio interview, the Leader stated that he had introduced the Quality Review Panel. We would certainly agree the need to ensure quality developments are built in Havering, so would the Leader explain why on the Serena, Solar and Sunrise complex for elderly residents they will have to take their rubbish down in the lift and then walk outside to dispose of it.?

Capital Borrowing

- 2) **To the Cabinet Member for Finance & Property (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**
From Councillor Christopher Wilkins

Could the Cabinet Member give details of all the Capital Borrowing the Council currently has, what purpose it is for, as well as the cost of servicing the debt. The reason I am interested is that the Council seems to be using a lot of Capital Borrowing recently. The latest news is that the Council will be taking over the building of the first stage of the much-publicised Wates collaboration. Wates have withdrawn and Havering will be providing the £20M shortfall. Can you confirm where the funding is coming from? This is in addition to the properties that have been recently bought on the new Crow Lane development. Borrowing rates are low at the moment, but repayments still need to be made. I raised concerns at full Council in February, and also mentioned that some of the Council's borrowing may be considered to be reckless, in view of the financial uncertainties at that time.

Vision Screening in Schools

- 3) **To the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families (Councillor Robert Benham)**
From Councillor Keith Darvill

The NHS recommends Vision Screening for 4 to 5 year olds and according to Public Health England they are usually carried out in schools. Do all primary schools in Havering carry out such screening test?
If any schools do not carry such test will the Leader a Member disclose those schools and the reasons why they fail to carry such important screening?

Installation of CCTV Cameras in Rainham Village

**4) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker**

In Calendar Brief (10/8) the Cabinet Member for highways recognised the many complaints from residents and businesses about HGVs illegally using Rainham Village Conservation Area as a short-cut to Ferry Lane industrial area.

The solution is to install CCTV cameras at the junction of Bridge Road and Lamson Road by the roundabout by Tesco, Rainham. This solution has the support of London Riverside (BID) Ltd, GLA Assembly Member Keith Prince and local Councillors and is particularly necessary due to an increase in waste facilities in the area. On September 16th the Cabinet will be discussing its CCTV strategy. Will this matter be included on the agenda?

Care Home Visits following the Lifting of Government Restrictions

**5) To the Cabinet Member for Adult & Social Care (Councillor Jason Frost)
From Councillor Martin Goode**

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm what arrangements have been made following the governments guidance to Councils on the restarting of care home visits?

In particular, for the many residents of Havering, who are living with some form of dementia. The importance of regular visits from families and friends play a significant role in their care and wellbeing, regular contact with loved ones not only helps people living with dementia to feel secure, but also helps them to maintain basic cognition and communication skills.

Coronavirus has disproportionately impacted people affected by dementia and lockdown restrictions have meant little to no contact with loved ones in care homes.

Public Space Protection Orders around Schools

**6) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)
From Councillor Ray Morgon**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm why the Council allowed the Public Space Protection Orders around schools to expire in November 2019?

SERCO Contractual Obligations

**7) To the Cabinet Member for Finance & Property (Councillor Roger Ramsey)
From Councillor Linda Van den Hende**

Can the Cabinet Member please give details as to the financial sanctions which apply to SERCO for missed collections, including the requirements placed on SERCO for remedial action?

Review of Private Sector Leasing

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Paul McGeary**

Will the Lead Member for Housing make a statement about the progress in reviewing Private Sector Leasing arrangements and when does he anticipate announcing his proposals?

HGV Traffic in East Hall Lane

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor David Durant**

At last meeting the Mayor kindly presented a petition on behalf of the residents of Wennington Village. In response the Cabinet Member for highways promoted a scheme in Calendar Brief (10/8) to remove East Hall Lane from the local 'weight zone' which means HGVs would only be able to access East Hall Lane from the A1306.

This would be very welcome news to residents who are subject to high speed HGVs driving along Wennington Road at all hours to access a site in East Hall Lane, operating without planning permission – a situation that has been on-going for many years. Please can the Cabinet Member provide an update on how soon this scheme can be progressed?

Public Realm Works at Harold Wood Station

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

Now that we are easing out of lockdown, could the Cabinet Member confirm the situation of the public realm works at Harold Wood station, when the remaining work will be completed and what representations has the Council made to get the station works finished?

Enquiry System Compatibility

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Paul Middleton**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm why applications like "Love Clean Streets" do not link up with other systems to ensure that the enquiry can be properly tracked?

Town Investment Fund

- 12) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor John Tyler

The Government has announced a Town Investment Fund to assist with safeguarding the future of our High Streets, can the Leader please inform us how much Havering has bid for this support for each of our Town Centres?

Management of Borough Sports and Leisure Facilities

- 13) **To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection & Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)**
From Councillor Keith Darvill

What steps are taken to monitor the level of complaints relating to the management and operation of the Borough's sports and leisure facilities and are performance and the delivery of service level agreements monitored regularly to enable performance disclosure to the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee?

Hall Lane Pitch & Putt

- 14) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor David Durant

The Hall Lane Pitch & Putt was included as an Open Space in the draft Local Plan as part of Havering's Open Space Strategy, but was removed to facilitate building on the land. Please can the Cabinet Member advise Council who took this decision?

Harrow Lodge Park

- 15) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Stephanie Nunn

Would the Cabinet Member explain why silt has been allowed to make its way back into the lake at Harrow Lodge Park and why has oil been allowed to build up to the side of the silt lagoon?