

FULL COUNCIL, Tuesday 15 December 2020

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Parking Charges in Hornchurch and Upminster Town Centres

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

Businesses in Hornchurch and Upminster Town Centres are suffering due to the Covid19 pandemic. Hornchurch is losing a major retailer (Peacocks) which is a huge loss to the area and we are likely to see more shops close unless more positive action is taken. An experimental order to introduce 29 on-street parking spaces in Hornchurch Town Centre with a free hour parking has been introduced, but is having little impact and are in the main next to existing car parks that remain mostly empty. During the lockdown period these car parks were made free to use and were 90% full – which shows there is a requirement for off street parking. Would the Cabinet Member introduce one hour free parking in Hornchurch and Upminster Town Centre car parks to encourage the use of the car parks and help save the shops?

Parking Review in Upminster and Cranham

**2) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Ron Ower**

Last year the Council sought views from residents concerning parking restrictions for Maple Avenue, Acacia Avenue and Sycamore Avenue. The scheme was put on hold pending the consultation on a borough-wide parking plan, the details of which have not been revealed to Members. What is the status of the borough-wide review and how much did it cost?

Lockdown Restrictions

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

The Council Leader has suggested there will need to be many lockdown restrictions until a COVID-19 vaccine is available. Surely this is a recipe for mental/health and economic devastation! Is this still his view?

“Laptops for Schools” Programme

**4) To the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families (Councillor Robert Benham)
From Councillor Paul McGeary**

How many laptops have been provided for Havering's children as part of the 'Laptops for Schools Programme'? How many have been provided directly by

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schools and separately by the Council? How many such laptops have been gifted to children and how many are on loan?

Public Protection

- 5) **To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)**
From Councillor Martin Goode
What powers do the Council's Enforcement officers have when dealing with issues regarding Covid-19 and related matters.

Mayor's Charities 2019/20

- 6) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Ray Morgon
Would the Leader of the Council confirm how much Councillor Michael Deon Burton raised as Mayor for his chosen charities?

School Streets

- 7) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Christopher Wilkins
The Council has introduced the School Streets' Scheme in Cedar Avenue, where Branfil School is situated. Local Members were provided with very short notice regarding the scheme. During the consultation period, Local Members did raise concerns regarding increased congestion and pollution for those living in adjoining streets, prior to the scheme being introduced. There appears to have been no, or little, consultation with residents in adjoining roads. Can the Cabinet Member confirm:

What steps will be taken to alleviate the pollution and congestion in the adjoining roads, where the School Streets' Scheme was introduced?

"DoingMyBit" Campaign

- 8) **To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)**
From Councillor David Durant
The Council's "DoingMyBit" campaign was launched without undertaking a Medical Risk Assessment into the pros and cons of mask wearing and without a report being approved by Cabinet. This failure matters as the morally coercive campaign could undermine human and employment rights and result in an increase in Disability Hate Crime, and make the council potentially financially liable for any medical harm caused to people from heeding the campaign.

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In view of this does the Cabinet Member for Public Protection agree the “DoingMyBit” campaign should be halted until an MRA is undertaken and a full report on the matter is prepared and approved by Cabinet?

SEND Pupils in Havering

9) To the Cabinet Member for education, Children and Families (Councillor Robert Benham)

From Councillor Keith Darvill

How many SEND pupils are there in Havering and what is the current cost of sending some of those pupils out Borough for their education needs separated between private and public sector providers?

Public Firework Displays

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

From Councillor Brian Eagling

Further to our agreed Motion at January’s Full Council meeting, what progress has the Council made to encourage all public firework displays within the Local Authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event? A public awareness campaign about the impact fireworks have on animal welfare and vulnerable people will allow residents to take appropriate precautions and encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display

Educational Attainment Information

11) To the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families (Councillor Robert Benham)

From Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what steps he will take to ensure that all schools provide clear and transparent information on their results performance and place the collective information on the Council’s website?

Havering Local Register

12) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Linda Hawthorn

There are many buildings in Havering, which although of local interest, are not eligible for national listing. We used to have a local list of such buildings, which gave them some protection. This has been shelved for many years now. Can the Cabinet Member please advise when this list will be returned, and Councillors are able to apply for buildings in their wards to be added to it?

Testing Centre in Cherry Tree Car Park

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

From Councillor David Durant

Despite claiming to support the High Street the Executive harmed the High Street by closing the Cherry Tree car park, for 6 months, and opening a 'coronavirus testing centre'. No shopkeepers, residents or local councillors were consulted and the centre was operational before the decision to close the car park was made. Will the Cabinet Member for the High Street admit a terrible mistake has been made and relocate the testing centre to a more appropriate location?

Council and PSL Tenants

14) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Keith Darvill

How many Council and PSL Tenants are currently living in overcrowded accommodation (as defined in housing legislation) and have applied to the Housing Department to move into a property that meet their housing needs?

Charging Points for Electric Vehicles

15) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Reg Whitney

Given the increasing demand and need for electric vehicles, would the Cabinet Member confirm the Administration's Strategy on charging points?