



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 20 January 2021

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Financial Stability of Academies

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

From Councillor Stephanie Nunn

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what steps have been taken to ensure the financial stability of academies in Havering?

Flooding in Rainham

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

In August council officers responded fast to the flooding in Rainham and are working closely with Thames Water, Network Rail, High Speed 1, the RSPB and council departments to stop if possible further flooding. Please can an update be provided on the action being taken to improve matters?

Provision of Specialist Education to Deaf Children

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

From Councillor Keith Darvill

According to a report in the Independent on Sunday (2/1/21) one in two deaf children in England are not getting the necessary specialist teaching support since returning to school in September. How many deaf children are being educated in Havering Schools and how many receive specialist teaching?

Council Database

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

What enhancements have been introduced or are currently being considered, in order to improve the efficiency of the Council's General information database. In particular, the collation of information that has been obtained or logged from the different departments within the Council, especially, when the information relates to either a complaint or concerns that have been received regarding Residential property or landlords?

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Enforcement on Domestic Waste

**5) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Ray Morgon**

Would the Cabinet Member explain why this Administration has a relaxed attitude to residents who place their domestic waste out overnight for foxes and other animals to spread all the contents all over roads and pavements?

Testing Centre in Viking Way Car Park

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

The Viking Way car park was closed to provide a new corona-testing centre without consulting Cabinet Member for Public Health and local councillors and without an Executive Decision being formally made. As this decision costs money and harms the high street, it is an abuse of emergency powers to close the car park before and without a formal Executive Decision explaining the details and cost of the decision being formally made. Please reference the constitution where it allows Executive Decisions to be implemented without being formally made.

Proposed Revisions to Housing Allocation Policy

**7) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Paul McGear**

What benefit is there to Havering Residents seeking Council homes as tenants to extend the residency requirement from 6 to 10 years?

School Streets

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Jan Sargent**

Following on from the school streets safety initiatives, results showed that the part time closure of streets to traffic was not appropriate for all schools within the Borough.

As road safety around our schools continues to raise serious concerns what further actions will the Council be taking to ensure a plan of action is implemented to identify hazards, evaluate the associated risks and undertake regular/permanent enforcement in these areas.

Housing Waiting Lists

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

Could Council advise how many residents there are on the Housing waiting list with any appropriate breakdown?

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Overcrowded Accommodation in the Borough

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

In the light of your response at Full Council on 15th December 2020 to my question relating to overcrowded accommodation in the Borough and to the Health Foundations research conclusion that overcrowding together with other housing problems such as dampness and insecure tenancies has led to a rise in physical and mental health ailments, will the Lead Member inform Members how many additional homes are anticipated to be delivered over the next three years for each of the 7 initiatives he highlighted in his response to me?

Relaxation of CPZ in Tier 4

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

As we are now in Tier 4 restrictions with non-essential shops closed, has the Council considered relaxing parking restrictions in CPZ areas to allow residents to park outside their homes if they are unable to attend their normal place of work as not everyone has access to off street parking.

Special Urgency Decisions

**12) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan**

There has been a surge in the use of "Special Urgency" Executive Decisions. Would the Leader of the Council explain why so many are non-covid related decisions, where is the justification for such urgency and why has this not been properly documented for appropriate scrutiny?