



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 1st September 2021

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Harrow Lodge Sports Centre Development

1) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)**
From Councillor Paul Middleton

Would the Cabinet Member confirm at what stage in the planning approval process for the new Harrow Lodge Sports Centre was it agreed that the spoil from the site would not be removed?

Carbon Emissions in the Borough

2) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor John Tyler

At the Full Council Meeting held on 25 September 2019, a motion by the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Group to declare a climate emergency in Havering was defeated, with all Conservative Group members present voting against it. Since then, the number of councils across the country that have declared a climate emergency has now exceeded 300.

The Local Government Association (LGA) recently stated that local authorities '...through their policies and partnerships, they have strong influence over more than a third of emissions in their area.'

How many of the following measures recommended by the LGA to cut carbon emissions has the Administration currently taken?

- Measured the council's carbon emissions and developed a climate action plan
- Undertaken a policy and service review to align policy, spending and functions with net zero
- Run a net zero training and capacity building program
- Adopted a decision-making process that considers the carbon impact of its decisions

Clean-up of Rainham Creek

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

On 16th June the Interim Highways Manager advised local councillors the Council does not have the equipment to clean-up Rainham Creek, but require and will arrange for a specialist contractor to look at the area and confirm when they are able to undertake the clean-up. Please provide an update on this matter.

Households in Temporary Accommodation

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

What are the current number of households that the Council have placed in all forms of temporary accommodation (whether in Borough or out of Borough) and the amount of spend from the General Fund on all forms of temporary accommodation in the financial year 2020/21?

Electrical Safety Certificates

**5) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)
From Councillor Brian Eagling**

Due to Harvey Tyrell, aged 7, being electrocuted in the King Harold Public House, Harold Wood, will the Cabinet Member agree to write to Havering's clubs, pubs and restaurants to ask them to voluntarily display, in a prominent position, their Electrical Safety certificate as at present there is no requirement for them to do so by the Council? The General Public visiting these premises would then be able to see that the Electrical Safety tests had been carried out and that the Certificate is in date.

Free Swimming Sessions

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

Given the financial impact that the pandemic has had on the finances of both SLM and the Council, would the Leader of the Council confirm how the Council and/or SLM are able to afford to provide 60,000 free swimming sessions for children over the summer?

Healthy Streets Scorecard

**7) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Gillian Ford**

As Havering has once again scored bottom on the Healthy Streets Scorecard, could the Leader of this Council confirm if the Administration have lobbied TfL for Active Travel funding?

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Roadworks in Rainham & Wennington Ward and disruption to Bus Routes

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

When the bus route in Rainham and Wennington ward north of the A1306 is disrupted due to road works, all buses are withdrawn from this area, rather than rerouted for a temporary period. This is a serious problem for many people, particularly if the disruption extends over many days. What action can the council take to expedite road works and ensure a TfL bus service continues north of A1306 during road works?

Flood Prevention in the Borough

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Keith Darvill**

What measures are being taken by the Council and other statutory authorities to improve flood prevention in the Borough?

Vehicle Crossovers

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

Could the Cabinet Member please confirm the extent of the backlog of vehicle crossover applications from residents and what is the average time taken in 2021 from when the application was submitted to when the formal quotation was accepted and work completed?

Impact of Flooding in Havering

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan**

During the last few months, various areas in Havering have suffered from very serious flooding. Would the Cabinet Member confirm what specific measures he has put in place to minimise the effects of flooding in these areas and to ensure that the Thames Water drainage system is fit for purpose?

Hornchurch Football Club

**12) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Chris Wilkins**

The Upminster Councillors were as delighted as the rest of Havering by the very great success of our home team in the recent cup final, and were also very pleased that the Council are acknowledging this by organising an open bus ride and reception for the team.

To give them a lasting memory of their achievement, will the Council update the antiquated showers currently used by Hornchurch Football Club?

CCTV in the Borough

- 13) **To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)**
From Councillor Graham Williamson
An FOI request of May this year highlighted that some 26% of the Council's monitored 318 cameras were not operational. Apart from this hampering the MET's ongoing fight against crime, what will Council be doing to rectify this situation and will it recompense Council tenants for their CCTV charges when not working?

Strategic Plan for Parks

- 14) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)**
From Councillor Paul McGeary
When will the Strategic Plan for Parks be published?

“Love Clean Streets App”

- 15) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)**
From Councillor Gerry O’Sullivan
The Council encourage residents and members to use the “Love clean streets” App. Would the Cabinet Member explain why so many jobs are closed down on the system before the work has actually been completed and who is actually responsible for monitoring the system to ensure that the information on it is accurate?