

#### FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 12th July 2023

#### **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

#### **Litter in Thurloe Gardens**

## 1) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> From Councillor Judith Holt

Please could you advise what plans are in place to overhaul the bushes and planters in the stretch of the ring-road along Thurloe Gardens, Romford, which are currently full of bottles and weeds?

#### **Timescale for Members' Enquiries**

## 2) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> <u>From Councillor Martin Goode</u>

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm what the service levels are for officers dealing with Members' enquiries and for dealing with Road/Pavements defects once they have been reported to officers?

#### **Public Footpaths in St Alban's Ward**

## 3) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> From Councillor Judith Holt

Public Footpath 157, which runs behind Park Lane and Douglas Road, Hornchurch, is regularly overgrown with foliage and poorly lit. Please could you advise what plans are in place to make the Public Footpaths 133, 156 and 157 in St. Alban's Ward cleaner and safer?

#### Kings Park Estate, Harold Wood

## 4) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> From Councillor Martin Goode

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm the date when all the remaining parts of the King's Park Estate become fully adopted by Havering Council and when will the subsequent parking scheme be implemented?

## **Member Enquiries**

### 5) <u>To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)</u> From Councillor Christine Smith

Can the Administration please explain why officers' response times to members' inquiries is now regularly exceeding the corporate response target of 15 working days?

#### **Biodiversity Net Gain in Planning**

# 6) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Development & Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)</u>

#### **From Councillor Jason Frost**

From November 2023, planning permissions granted in England (with the exception of some small sites) will have to deliver a Biodiversity Diversity Net Gain (BNG) of at least 10%. Can the Administration confirm that the Havering Planning Service is sufficiently aware of its obligations with regard to the delivery of this new nationally mandated requirement?

#### **Supported Accommodation Providers for Looked After Young People**

## 7) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People (Councillor Oscar Ford)</u> From Councillor Jason Frost

As of October, this year, all supported accommodation providers for looked after 16 and 17 year olds will be required to register with Ofsted and meet new quality standards. What actions is this Administration taking to ensure that all Boroughbased providers adhere to these new nationally mandated requirements?

## **Homelessness in the Borough**

## 8) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Paul McGeary)</u> From Councillor Tim Ryan

Could the Administration please outline what it is doing to combat the rise of homelessness across the Borough?

#### **Municipal Planting**

## 9) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> <u>From Councillor Ray Best</u>

Given a disappointing lack of floral display by the Council at the recent Coronation, will this Administration commit to returning the floral crowns to the various Borough communities this coming planting season?

#### **Parking Permit Costs**

# 10) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment Councillor Barry Mugglestone</u>) <u>From Councillor David Taylor</u>

Has the Administration completed its investigation into the parking permit price rises? If so, when will they release the report's findings to the chamber and public for further scrutiny?

#### **Street Cleaning in Romford Town Centre**

## 11) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> From Councillor Nisha Patel

The new street cleaning arrangements have Romford town centre cleaners finishing at 6pm. With the market still packing down at this time, and large amounts of litter being present until 9pm on a regular basis, will the Administration commit to a later finish for town centre cleaning?

#### **IBIS Hotel**

#### 12) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Muglestone)</u> From Councillor Keith Prince

Will the council require the IBIS Styles to register as an HMO, as it is being used for long term accommodation?

### Parking App

# 13) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u>

#### From Councillor Viddy Persaud

How many parking spaces will be become pay-by-app only, in Havering, under current plans?

#### **Romford Car Parks**

## 14) <u>To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon )</u> From Councillor David Taylor

The recent consultation, on selling Romford's car parks, went below the radar. There was no public announcement, no letters to residents and businesses, and no email to ward councillors. The consultation was only published as a 'legal notice' in the Romford Recorder.

Given this Administration's claim to wanting to work with Ward Councillors and to engage the public, will the administration commit to a more visible, public, consultation before Cabinet vote on the matter?

#### **Leaseholders Consultation**

# 15) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Paul McGeary)</u> <u>From Councillor Dilip Patel</u>

Havering Council wrote to Leaseholders on 15th June, inviting them to a new Leaseholder Forum. Letters have been landing as late as 23rd June, by which time the event was already fully booked

Will the Council commit to opening up further dates, to ensure as many residents have a chance to contribute as possible?