

FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 17th January 2024

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Locking of Park Gates

1) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Bary Mugglestone)</u> <u>From Councillor Dilip Patel</u>

Could the Administration explain the apparent lack of consistency in the locking of park gates across the Borough; being left open on some days but locked on others?

2) Question withdrawn

Management of Romford Market

3) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)</u> <u>From Councillor David Taylor</u>

Could the cabinet member please outline what work has been undertaken to assess viable alternatives for the management of Romford Market, including the option of engaging with private management companies to reduce cost to the council and ensure its survival?

Penalty Charge Notices

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

Would the Cabinet member, please confirm what protocol will apply for a traffic enforcement officer to issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) to a vehicle for not displaying a valid parking ticket, when the P & D machines, in that vicinity are either 'not working or are out of use'?

Road Repairs Funding

5) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> <u>From Councillor Osman Dervish</u>

Following the government's announcement of over £10m of funding for road repairs in Havering, will the administration please outline how they will allocate that spending?

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Call-in Waivers

6) <u>To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)</u> <u>From Councillor Keith Prince</u>

Following the administration's commitment to putting in place a plan to reduce call-in waivers, can the Leader please outline what progress has been made to develop and implement this plan?

Cycling Infrastructure Projects

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

With work now confirmed on the Eastern Road / South Street junction, to improve cycling connectivity, can the administration outline what other cycling infrastructure projects are in progress across the borough?

Environmental Impact Assessments

8) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change (Councillor Keith Darvill)</u> <u>From Councillor Keith Prince</u>

The council has waived the need for the Upminster battery storage facility to be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment. A similar exemption has been made for the Como St car park site.

Can the cabinet member for Climate Change explain how this fits into the administration's ambition to protect the environment?

Rough Sleepers

9) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property (Councillor Paul McGeary)</u> <u>From Councillor Tim Ryan</u>

Havering has been attracting rough sleepers from other boroughs as it is seen as a 'safe place' to sleep rough. Can the administration outline what they are doing to work with other London boroughs to prevent this migration to Havering?

Housing for Vulnerable Residents

10) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Housing Need (Councillor Keith Darvill)</u> <u>From Councillor Tim Ryan</u>

Can the Cabinet Member give an update on how many Havering vulnerable residents have been housed outside Havering in the last 2 years?

Royal Jubilee Court

11) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Housing Need (Councillor Keith Darvill)</u> <u>From Councillor David Taylor</u> Could the Cabinet Member please provide an update on work to reopen Royal Jubilee Court and provide a projected date for opening?

Waterloo Estate

12) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)</u> <u>From Councillor Viddy Persaud</u>

Could the Cabinet Member please outline what conversations they are having with Wates, over the option of beginning work on the Waterloo Estate, following the government's confirmation that work on such sites can take place?

Refugee Housing

13) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property (Councillor Paul McGeary)</u> <u>From Councillor Dilip Patel</u>

Could the cabinet member please provide an update on the progress of the programme to purchase homes for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees?

Lawns Way Vehicle Speed

14) <u>To the Cabinet Member for the Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)</u> <u>From Councillor Jason Frost</u>

With the Administration decision to remove the width restriction in Lawns Way, will the Cabinet Member for the Environment commit to the introduction of speed monitoring equipment so as to demonstrate to residents that the said restriction had no impact on regulating the speed of vehicles using this route?

Digital Connections for Telecare Devices

15) <u>To the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbreing (Councillor Gillian Ford)</u> <u>From Councillor Jason Frost</u>

Telecoms firms have been obliged to announce a pause on the switching of vulnerable landline customers over to digital connections - after a number of "serious incidents" in which telecare devices, intended to summon assistance in an emergency - stopped working. Telecoms firms have urged local authorities and telecare firms to share more data on which residents have devices whose functioning could be affected. Can the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care ensure this Council that they are cooperating with any requests for data so as to facilitate the safe transition to digital connections among our most vulnerable residents?