



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 23 July 2025

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Subways on Romford Ring Road

- 1) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)**
From Councillor David Taylor

Could the Cabinet Member confirm if there is an agreed start date, or expected start window, for the Liveable Streets scheme on Romford Ring Road i.e. the in-filling of the subways

Use of Bed & Breakfast Accommodation

- 2) **To the Leader of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Housing Need (Councillor Natasha Summers)**
From Councillor Keith Darvill

Will the Cabinet Member for Housing Need provide details of the Council's Bed & Breakfast Elimination Plan and the progress made in implementing it?

Licensing conditions, as set out for the 'The Array' Bar and Restaurant, Shepherd's Hill, Harold Wood.

- 3) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)**
From Councillor Brian Eagling

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm, what oversight and follow up action is taking place for adherence to the licencing conditions that were set out for 'The Array' Bar and Restaurant, following its licence review.

Cabinet Members and Scrutiny

- 4) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)**
From Councillor Phil Ruck

Scrutiny represents a clear way, apart from the ballot box, of holding the Administration of a Council to account. Does the Leader of the Council agree with this and if so, can the Leader explain the absence of Cabinet portfolio holders or their deputies at scrutiny meetings and what will he do to correct this oversight?

Gypsy & Traveller Groups Entering Parks

**5) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Viddy Persaud**

What plans does the Council have to renew the legal restrictions which had been in place to stop Gypsy and Traveller groups from entering the Borough's parks and open spaces illegally?

Support for Residents on Low Incomes

**6) To the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Chris Wilkins)
From Councillor Jane Keane**

What plans does the Cabinet Member for Finance have in place to support residents with low incomes to support the uptake of Pensions Credit, Attendance Allowance and Emergency Household Funds, through in person support sessions in community places?

Highway Tree Maintenance in Harold Wood

**7) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Martin Goode**

Can the Cabinet member please confirm when this Council will be attending to the overgrown trees within the Harold Wood Ward, which are now in desperate need of a prune and cut back, including the trimming of the feathering for a number of trees, which are causing obstructions to the public walkways

Collection of Council Tax

**8) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor Nisha Patel**

Would the Leader of the Council please provide a detailed explanation as to why the Council collected the Council Tax (due on 1st April) earlier than its scheduled payment date?

Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Matthew Stanton**

Following the motion adopted by Council on 15th January 2025 relating to abandoned shopping trolleys, what consideration and/or progress has the Administration made in implementing measures to deal with abandoned trolleys given the powers provided by the Environment Protection Act 1990?

Tree Cutting in the Borough

**10) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor David Taylor**

Would the Cabinet Member for Environment explain why the activity of cutting back 'feathering' is not proactively attended to ahead of the late spring-summer season?

Commercial Activities Unit

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Chris Wilkins)
From Councillor Trevor McKeever**

How much revenue has the Commercial Activities Unit generated and what proposals are being developed to increase the revenue received by the Council?

Potholes

**12) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Viddy Persaud**

Since the Council received additional funding from the Government to repair potholes, could the Cabinet Member for Environment confirm how many additional potholes were filled compared to the last two years?

School Budgets

**13) To the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People (Councillor Oscar Ford)
From Councillor Dilip Patel**

Could the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People please explain the impact of the recent National Insurance rise on schools' budgets?

Gidea Park Library Consultation

**14) To the Cabinet Member for Adults & Wellbeing (Councillor Gillian Ford)
From Councillor Christine Vickery**

Can the Administration please explain why the Squirrels Heath Ward members were excluded from the ongoing discussions on the immediate and future use of the now-closed Gidea Park Library?

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Gallows Corner

**15) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Judith Holt**

In light of the ongoing works at Gallows Corner roundabout, can the Administration confirm whether they are pausing enforcement at the yellow box junction restrictions within the area designated for traffic diversions i.e. Ardleigh Green, Gidea Park and Collier Row?