



## COUNCIL, 20 JULY 2011

### MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1 **RECORD OF EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF £500**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

Would the Leader explain why the March 2011 items of expenditure in excess of £500 still does not appear on the Council website (or why the delay if it has been updated by the time of this Council meeting)?

2 **ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL**

**To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)**

By Councillor Paul McGeary

Have Havering PCT made any recent decisions about the future of St George's Hospital?

3 **GUYSFIELD DRIVE - HOSTEL**

**To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)**

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Guysfield Drive is a quiet residential turning and is the wrong place to put a large mixed use hostel.

Can the Administration confirm that any structural changes, change of use or alterations to Will Perrin Court will require approval by the Regulatory Services Committee?

4 **TOWN TWINNING – BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Leader confirm the costs of twinning with Ludwigshafen and Hesdin over the past five years, and what tangible benefits for Havering residents can be demonstrated by this relationship?

5 **CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES OF REQUISITIONED DECISIONS**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Keith Darvill

What steps will the Administration take to avoid clashes of overview and scrutiny meetings dealing with requisitions of Cabinet decisions?

6 **ARNOLD'S FIELD, LAUNDERS LANE, RAINHAM – WASTE DUMPING**

**To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)**

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

The situation at Arnold's Field landfill site in Launders Lane Rainham is a disgrace. The earth is being piled higher and higher to the sides to enable more waste to be dumped in the middle and there are real fears that this is toxic waste, because of the criminal activities already uncovered at the site.

What action is being taken to remove the present operators from Arnold's Field?

7 **PROPOSED ROMFORD LEISURE CENTRE**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

Would the Leader please set out the results of the market research carried out to evaluate the demand in respect of the proposed Leisure Centre in Romford?

8 **DEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE SITES**

**To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)**

By Denis O'Flynn

When proposals for developing garage sites are being planned, what consideration is being given to the views of residents expressed through consultations in the recent past?

9 **CLIMATE CHANGE TAXES – ITEMISATION ON COUNCIL TAX BILLS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor David Durant

Our Council Tax bills itemise payments to the Metropolitan Police and ELWA.

In the interests of transparency can the bills also itemise the cost of the climate change taxes that the Government has imposed on local councils?

10 **USE OF TOWN CENTRE CCTV FOR PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Linda Van den Hende

Would the Cabinet Member clarify whether CCTV cameras which operate in our Town Centres can be used for Parking Enforcement?

11 **INVESTIGATION OF INTERNAL FRAUD AND THEFT**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

It has been brought to my attention that this Council has investigated more than 100 cases of internal fraud/theft and other allegations which has, on many occasions, resulted in sacking and disciplinary action against the Council staff involved. Why has this Council failed to involve the Police to investigate in any of these cases?

12 **GERPINS LANE CIVIC AMENITY SITE – FLY-TIPPING**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Linda Van den Hende

Given the potential for an increase in fly-tipping due to the entry changes at Gerpins Lane tip, can the Cabinet Member please state how many mobile and covert CCTV cameras are available to StreetCare to catch and prosecute fly-tippers?

13 **SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Following headlines such as 'Councils are backing the armed forces with a number of measures' and news that many Councils are reviewing their housing policies to fast track service personnel to the top of the waiting list, what are the LBH doing in support of these persons who can often be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice?

14 **LIVING MAGAZINE – 2011/12 BUDGET**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Brian Eagling

Would the Leader set out the 2011/12 budget for the new quarterly Living newspaper incorporating the following categories:

	£'000
Design/Support	x
Production/Print	x
Distribution	x
Advertising Income	x

15 **CUTS IN SERVICE BUDGETS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how budget cuts for this financial year have been achieved when departmental budgets have increased from £160 million to £168 million?

16 **REFURBISHMENT OF CENTRAL LIBRARY**

**To the Cabinet Member for Culture, Towns and Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)**

By Councillor John Wood

Would the Cabinet Member please disclose the eventual cost of the Central Library Capital Project against the agreed budget of £4,087,175?

17 **CUTTING OUT RED TAPE**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

In June *Living*, the Leader talked about cutting out red tape. Would the Leader provide some tangible examples of where this has taken place?

18 **PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS BY THE WORKFORCE**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

In terms of workforce personal injury compensation claims against the Council, would the Cabinet Member set out:

- a) Number of agreed claims over the last three years?
- b) Circumstances of each agreed claim?
- c) Agreed value of compensation for each agreed claim?

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**19 TRAILER ABANDONED ON THE HIGHWAY**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that a trailer left on the highway for several months without good reason can be removed by the Council under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980?

**20 COUNCIL TAX WRITTEN OFF**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Ron Ower

Would the Cabinet Member set out the amount of residential council tax written off in each of the last three years?

**21 TANNING SALONS AND NAIL CLINICS – CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Councillor Geoff Starns)**

By Councillor Ron Ower

Would the Cabinet Member please confirm what steps are currently being taken to ensure consumer protection in respect of Tanning Salons and Nail Clinics?

**22 PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Nic Dodin

Would the Cabinet Member explain how a manually operated CCTV enforcement Vehicle could possibly issue a Penalty Charge Notice to a vehicle delayed in stationary traffic?