

## **CABINET - THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2023**

### **AGENDA PART I**

#### **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)**

*Fifteen minutes will be allowed for Members of the Council to ask a Portfolio Holder a question on any matter in relation to which the Executive has powers or duties.*

**1.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Hickman

**Asked of:** Councillor Hitesh Karia, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services

**Question:** "Could the Portfolio Holder update us on the timeline and process for the upcoming social care staffing consultation regarding the service redesign in Children's Services?"

**2.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Hickman

**Asked of:** Councillor Mina Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Housing

**Question:** "As a Ward Councillors for Harrow on the Hill, we are seeing a worrying rise in Section 21 evictions in our casework. How many Harrow residents have been made homeless due to a Section 21 eviction in the last 12 months?"

**3.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Hickman

**Asked of:** Councillor Paul Osborn, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy

**Question:** "Harrow remains one of the lowest funded Councils both within London and nationally. The Council does not benefit from large reserves compared with other London Boroughs and is at the lower end of the lower quartile for reserve balances held. Over the last 10 years, up to 2022/23: The Council's revenue support grant has reduced from £50.5m to £1.825m. What conversations has the Leader had with central government about the cuts to Harrow Central Government Grant?"

**4.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Eden Kulig

**Asked of:** Councillor Stephen Greek, Portfolio Holder for Performance, Communications & Customer Experience

**Question:** “How can the Council better use its communication channels to advertise ward surgeries and public meetings held by Councillors so the public know how to speak to their Councillors if they need to and can this be regularly updated on our website pages?”

**5.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Eden Kulig

**Asked of:** Councillor Stephen Greek, Portfolio Holder for Performance, Communications & Customer Experience

**Question:** “Could Council-owned noticeboards be used to advertise upcoming Councillor surgeries and provide their contact details?”