

COUNCIL

THURSDAY 24 JULY 2014

**PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR
QUESTIONS ACCEPTED**

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING -

24 JULY 2014

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the asking of written questions by members of the public of a Member of the Executive or the Chairman of any Committee.

Questioner: Will Stoodley

Asked of: Councillor David Perry (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Corporate Leadership)

Question 1:

“Are you happy with your renewed Labour Group Majority?”

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Questioner: Councillor Georgia Weston

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration)

Question 1:

“The recent consultation regarding the future of Pinner Park Farm was a closed questionnaire with two options – a country park with some authorised development, or a country park with some more authorised development. There was no third option allowing residents to express a view to retain the working farm, and as such they were denied any real choice regarding the future of Pinner Park Farm.

Would this council now recognise the error of their ways and move swiftly to a meaningful conclusion that there is a need to work with the tenant farming family, who wish to invest in the future of Pinner Park Farm, in order to secure a working farm on this site and thus enable an area of great historical importance, outstanding natural beauty and rural delight to continue to be enjoyed by the people of Harrow for generations to come?”

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Questioner: Councillor James Bond

Asked of: Councillor David Perry (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Corporate Leadership)

Question 2:

“The Leader of the Council, in a speech at the last full council meeting, congratulated councillors of all political persuasions on their success at being elected at the May local elections. I saw this as a signal of good intentions that, whilst there will always be obvious political differences of opinion amongst us all, there was a desire for more cooperation and greater scrutiny of council decisions.

Will the leader and his group consider not only appointing councillors from the main opposition group to his cabinet as non-executive members without further delay, but also extend the time limit for both councillor and public questions at cabinet meetings to 30 minutes in order to aid better engagement with the council by both members of the public and other councillors?”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar (Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety)

Question 3:

“Can you confirm how many staff positions will be lost (if any) as part of the change you intend to make next year from cyclical to zonal residential street cleaning?”

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Sachin Shah (Portfolio Holder for Finance and Major Contracts)

Question 4:

“Can you rule out council tax rises as a way of balancing the budget over the next 4 years, and specifically 2015-16?”

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Question 5:

“You have started a consultation on whether to restore the Chief Executive position. Can you confirm that your final decision on this will be bound by the result of the consultation?”

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Asked of: Councillor Glen Hearnden (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

Question 6:

“Can you advise on progress on revising the policy for repayment of capital works for leaseholders?”