

Cabinet

Public and Councillor Questions accepted

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AGENDA PART I

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

Under Rule 16 of the Executive Procedure Rules members of the public may question the Executive and Portfolio Holders at meetings. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

Questioner: Will Jackson

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: “I recently visited Hartington Close and some of the surrounding area. I was shown around by a very concerned resident. The Close is in a terrible state. The roads and footpaths are in an awful condition. The brickwork to the walkways is falling apart and, in some areas, has become very dangerous. Street lighting is not working which makes certain parts of the estate a no-go area for many. Recent repairs are completely unacceptable and have actually made the area worse. There is also a serious anti-social problem regarding the drinking of alcohol in the nearby streets. Residents do not feel safe to go out at night. The residents feel as if they have been forgotten about by Harrow Council and any effort to resolve the issues always seems to fall on deaf ears.

What plans do the council have to improve this area and when will improvements begin?”

2.

Questioner: Miep Golabi

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: “While the Council has put forward a plan of improvements for North Harrow, I could not find anything in there that made the lights at the main crossing of the Pinner Road safer for pedestrians and cyclist. A fatal collision between a bike and Truck a couple of weeks ago shows how much that is needed.

Could you explain why you have not included safe boxes for Cyclists to stand in at the lights and where possible separate

lights for the cyclists and one for the pedestrians? There is none at the moment for pedestrians at the righthand side on the Pinner Road crossing coming from Harrow. This crossing is very busy and was even busier when the LTN barriers were in place.”

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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 Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: “Have the plans to redevelop the council owned land at the Horticultural Society and Doctor’s Surgery in Long Elmes been shelved?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Regeneration, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: “As the Leader has responsibility to champion the Council’s media relations and promote its brand and reputation, does he believe that he is making a good job of it?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Anjana Patel

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change.

Question: “If you had listened to us in the first place and not put in unwanted LTNs and ghost cycle lanes and then had to remove them, would you then not have had the money to fund the promised speed restriction scheme in Royston Park Road?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Norman Stevenson

Asked of: Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement, Accessibility & Customer Services.

Question: “Can you please confirm the Council’s strategy to ensure that no residents are digitally excluded from using services by not having access to the internet?”

5.

Questioner: Councillor Norman Stevenson

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change.

Question: “Has Covid increased the length of time for consideration and implementation of safety improvements for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians to junctions and roads in Harrow?”