

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: Ann Freeman

Asked of: Councillor Jean Lammiman, Portfolio Holder for Adult Services & Public Health

Question: The Gunning Principles for public organisations have not been followed, why was the consultation process changed for the Mental Health Community Service, Item 9 of Agenda?

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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 Natasha Proctor

Asked of: Councillor Pritesh Patel, Portfolio Holder for Cleaner Streets and Public Safety

Question: Could the Portfolio Holder give an update on how many licence applications have been received for HMOs in Harrow over the past 12 months?

2.

Questioner: Councillor Natasha Proctor

Asked of: Councillor Pritesh Patel, Portfolio Holder for Cleaner Streets and Public Safety

Question: How many licences have actually been issued for HMOs in Harrow over the last twelve months?

3.

Questioner: Councillor Natasha Proctor

Asked of: Councillor Pritesh Patel, Portfolio Holder for Cleaner Streets and Public Safety

Question: How many properties are the council taking enforcement action against for being illegally used as an unlicensed HMO or not meeting the required standards for a licensed HMO?

4.

Questioner: Councillor Stephen Hickman

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

Question: A new report from Believe, the national charity for children in care and young care leavers, has found that just over 9% of care leavers aged 18-25 were statutorily assessed as being homeless or facing homelessness last year - compared to around 1% of their non-care-experienced peers.

What actions are the Portfolio Holder implementing to ensure barriers to young people in Harrow securing housing support are removed?

- 5.**
Questioner: Councillor Stephen Hickman
Asked of: Councillor Hitesh Karia, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
Question: It was welcome to see that the Council will be appointing a member of staff to be responsible for tackling alcohol and drug abuse among young people. Even though we have comparatively low levels of substance abuse compared to other London boroughs, the cases we do have still impact on health, wellbeing and ASB in the local area. If this appointment proves successful / effective, what further steps will the Portfolio Holder be taking to combat alcohol and drug abuse amongst young people in Harrow?
- 6.**
Questioner: Councillor Natasha Proctor
Asked of: Councillor David Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Highways
Question: When will the current year 2024/25 roads and pavements resurfacing programme be made publicly available for residents?
- 7.**
Questioner: Councillor Eden Kulig
Asked of: Councillor Mina Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Housing
Question: Could you clarify what support is available for Grange Farm residents who were issued eviction notices on 6 November, with eviction dates of 21 November, from the council in terms of re-housing and support with moving?
- 8.**
Questioner: Councillor Eden Kulig
Asked of: Councillor Pritesh Patel, Portfolio Holder for Cleaner Streets and Public Safety
Question: Would Harrow Council consider following the lead of other local councils, including Camden Council, in ending the use of petrol-powered leaf blowers, considering their impact on noise pollution, air pollution and biodiversity, and moving to more environmentally friendly methods of dealing with build-ups of leaves?