

## **CABINET – 20 JUNE 2013**

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)**

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:** Jeremy Zeid

**Asked of:** Councillor Zarina Khalid, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families

**Question:** In view of the shocking cases in Blackpool, Oxford etc.. What assurances can you give to Harrow Residents from across the community, that Harrow has robust checks, balances, public accountability in place, no veil of official secrecy and no culture of political correctness, to ensure that children removed from families and put into care, are fully protected from predatory gangs, and that girls from particular sections of the community are being protected from FGM?

2.

**Questioner:** Angela Dias

**Asked of:** Councillor Krishna James, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing

**Question:** There are very few services to support people with physical disabilities in Harrow. Can you guarantee that the outcome of the consultation will not leave us without an accessible, shared space that is easy to get to, and provides the same advantages as Bentley Day Centre?

**3.**

**Questioner:** Chris Stewart

**Asked of:** Councillor Krishna James, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing

**Question:** I want to raise the serious concerns of HAD, and service users at Bentley Day Centre, regarding the Council's plans to reduce access to the Taxicards scheme. Are you aware that this service is very unreliable, poor quality and expensive, and that few people would ever use it if they had any other choice, so what options can you suggest for people who cannot use public transport at all, or without a lot of support, cannot drive, and cannot get into a mini cab?'