

AGENDA PART I

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 6)

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 Simon Williams

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services, Property and Major Contracts

Question: “McDonald's on Shaftesbury Circle, in my ward of Harrow on the Hill have applied for an extension to its licensed opening hours. Following representation by residents concerned at the amount of litter generated by the restaurant, a public hearing of the Licensing Panel will be held on 22nd July. Objection has also been represented by this Council's Environmental Health based, again, on the amount of litter.

Residents that have presented formal representation are only a few of the residents I spoke with concerned about the amount of litter on and around Shaftesbury Circle and the failure of McDonald's, in this instance, to adequately address the problem. Residents are often reluctant to make formal representation and sometimes find it difficult to speak out, but in my view that is what we are here to do and to speak up for our residents.

Could you advise me please if you think it acceptable for McDonald's to employ a firm of licensing agents to contact residents who have registered representation asking them to withdraw and contact the Council to say they no longer object to the application by the restaurant before the Licence Panel hearing in a few days time. Do you not agree that residents should be free from the fear of a letter from a firm of licensing agents when exercising their rights?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services, Property and Major Contracts

Question: "Do you believe that Councillor Graham Henson's outsourcing of the Council's IT to Capita has been a success?"

3.

Questioner: Councillor Kam Chana

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder of Environment and Community Safety

Question: "Could you provide an update on the Council's plans for the pavilion in the Croft Park, off Cannonbury Avenue?"

4.

Questioner: Councillor Kam Chana

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder of Environment and Community Safety

Question: 'Can you confirm whether your plans to start leaving Harrow's parks unlocked extend to the Croft Park?'

5.

Questioner: Councillor David Perry

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services, Property and Major Contracts

Question: "Do you feel that the unconventional political set up currently in place with your administration is unsettling, and the residents of Harrow should have cause for concern as key services are clearly not receiving the attention they desperately need?"

6.

Questioner: Councillor David Perry

Asked of: Councillor Nizam Ismail. Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services

Question: "At the most recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Leader of the Council mentioned your Administration will increase the support provided to the Third Sector. Therefore please could you clarify over the next 12 months what support this will be?"

7.

Questioner: Councillor David Perry

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

Question: "Please could you outline the detail of the new policy announcement made by the Leader of the Council, at the recent Overview and Scrutiny committee, in reference to your Portfolio, regarding your administrations intention to use vacant buildings on the Civic Centre site as 'Classrooms'?"

8.

Questioner: Councillor Margaret Davine

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

Question: In the report and recommendations on the "Transformation of Day Opportunities in Harrow", which will be considered by the Cabinet tonight, the future use of Bedford House is not clear.

Will the Portfolio Holder please explain her long term plans for the future of this building and its facilities?

9.

Questioner: Councillor Sachin Shah

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services, Property and Major Contracts

Question: "Please could you confirm whether or not you submitted a formal response in your capacity as Leader of the Council on behalf of Harrow Council, to the London-wide draft **LSP5 consultation** on the cuts to the fire service?"

10.

Questioner: Councillor Kam Chana

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder of Environment and Community Safety

Question: "What is being done to fix the pot holes on Cannon Lane and in Cannonbury Avenue?"

11.

Questioner: Councillor Christine Bednell

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

Question: 'Could you please outline your administration's plans to accommodate the increasing and pressing demand for secondary school places?'