

CABINET – 18 JULY 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: Yvomne Lee, on behalf of Harrow Mencap

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

Question: “Seemingly the outcome of the day service review is the ghettoization of people with profound and multiple disabilities in day services. How do you justify this?”

2.

Questioner: Devan Pillay, Chief Executive, Harrow Mencap

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idiakkadar, Leader of the Council

Question: “How is the Council Strategically planning for services to meet the needs of Disabled People to fulfil its priority of protecting the most vulnerable in Harrow?”

3.

Questioner: Angela Dias, Harrow Association of Disabled people

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

Question: “Many people in Harrow are reliant on taxicards for achieving access to the local community, and the people who are most reliant on taxicards, are often the most vulnerable people with the most complex needs. Can you please explain how making any kind of reduction to the scheme, which will for some people mean serious social exclusion, is meeting the Council’s stated priority of ‘supporting and protecting people who are most in need?’”

4.

Questioner: Adam Gabsi, representing Harrow Association of Disabled people

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

Question: “The stated aims of the Council for clients of Adult Social Care services, are around personalisation and choice, so can you please explain how planning changes such as closing Bentley and other day centres is offering choice to people, who have made it very clear that their choice is to continue attending Bentley?”

5.

Questioner: Norman Stevenson

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

Question: **Park Grass-Cutting and Maintenance**

I am typical of a number of residents in Pinner South who have expressed concern that Pinner Village Gardens and The Croft parks will no longer have regular grass cutting done. This will mean that these popular and regularly used parks will become wastelands – this is likely to encourage damage to the environment caused by non-indigenous plant-growth, fly-tipping and possibly even encampments such as has been seen in a neglected site in neighbouring Barnet. Do you really want to risk ruining Harrow’s famous green environment and making the borough less safe?