

## **CABINET – 17 OCTOBER 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:** Raksha Pandya, Mind in Harrow

**Asked of:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing

**Question:** We want to ask about the developments at the Bridge Mental Health Day Centre, what is being done by Rethink Mental Illness, the new provider, to address the concerns raised by Mental Health Service Users, such as lack of staffing, particularly for 1:1 support, the sudden loss of personal budget funded groups, the lack publicity for the service particularly for people who lost their service at Marlborough Hill and marginalised groups such as BMER communities?

2.

**Questioner:** Manisha Ahya

**Asked of:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing

**Question:** For the Council commissioned Transforming Mental Health Personalisation contract being delivered by NDTI, how may Mental Health Service Users have been involved to feedback their experiences of mental health personal budgets in Harrow and how many organisations in relation to their contracted target?

3.

**Questioner:** Carol Martin

**Asked of:** Councillor Tony Ferrari, Portfolio Holder for Finance

**Question:** In the Harrow Observer dated 10<sup>th</sup> October you stated that the last Conservative administration had rejected the idea of not locking the parks in Harrow because of the impact it could have on residents who live nearby and enjoy using them. You went on to say that the Conservative Group will ensure parks are kept locked for as long as the Conservative Group are in control of the Council.

The Council Leader, Councillor Susan Hall, has stated that the Conservative priorities will be to make Harrow cleaner, safer and fairer.

In order to ensure fairness across the whole of Harrow, will Cllr Ferrari please advise when the gates on the parks in Roxbourne, which were removed under a previous conservative administration, will be reinstated and when they will be locked?

4.

**Questioner:** Adolphus Pais

**Asked of:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing

**Question:** The previous administration proposed the development of Whitchurch Playing Fields which was flawed in so many aspects and was opposed by the majority of residents in the area and by all the Councillors of Belmont Ward and good many other Councillors of the current administration. Now that there has been a change of administration and the current administration is not compelled to pursue the flawed development for which there is no support among the residents, why does the current administration not withdraw the Council's objection to the Village Green Application and register this land as a Village Green notwithstanding the outcome of the enquiry?