

CABINET - 21 NOVEMBER 2013

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 William Stoodley

Asked of: Councillor Kamaljit Chana, Portfolio Holder for Business and Enterprise

Question: In a recent TV documentary on the Iceland chain store it was claimed that the police will not turn up for a shoplifting offence of less than £20. In the interests of your administration's constant assurances that you are all for supporting small businesses in this borough, would you kindly confirm what our Borough Commander's strategy is with respect to shoplifting in our Borough?

2.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Stephenson

Asked of: Councillor Paul Osborn, Portfolio Holder for Communications, Performance and Resources

Question: Would you agree that the constitution of the Council should both ensure that the majority will of its Members is upheld at the same as protecting the rights of minority groups, and with this in mind will you convene a meeting of the Constitutional Review Working Group to consider how this might be done asking it, in particular, to consider the procedures for suspending standing orders, overruling a ruling by the Chair, removing the Chair, by, for example, in each case a two thirds majority?

3.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Stephenson

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: The Council has recently undertaken and implemented a major and radical overhaul of its senior administrative structure cutting its senior staff from 30 to 20, reducing the number of Corporate Directors to 4 and introducing a new role of Corporate Director of

Resources and a changed relationship for the Section 151 Officer, which has saved the Council over 1 million pounds. Would you not agree that it is important to judge and assess the success or otherwise of this re-organisation before embarking on yet another one so soon on without having this information?

4.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Stephenson

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: Do you agree that where it is proposed to erect a new CCTV camera, it is important that local ward councillors, traders and residents should be informed and consulted. In particular could you provide a list of all proposals to erect new CCTV cameras in Harrow, their precise location and the proposed date of erection.

5.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Stephenson

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: Would you agree that in general a legal PCN cannot be issued solely on the basis of CCTV photos and must be supported by other independent evidence, except in cases such as parking illegally in a loading bay or parking on the pavement, and will you ensure that this does not happen.