

## **CABINET – 12 DECEMBER 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:** Jackie Hooper

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

**Question:** “Employment for people experiencing mental health problems is a stated priority of Harrow’s Health & Well-being Strategy and therefore what supported permitted work opportunities does Harrow Council offer for mental health service users?”  
[Note: Supported Permitted Work is a DWP approved scheme allowing people in receipt of welfare benefits to work and earn income.]

2.

**Questioner:** Raksha Pandya, MIND in Harrow

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

**Question:** What has been the progress of the Harrow Council commissioned NDTi Mental Health Personalisation Project in terms of the number of people who have engaged with project to date compared to their contracted targets?

3.

**Questioner:** Mr M Talukder

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

**Question:** “Can you please explain why you have implemented a caveat on a political decision when you were the opposition party this relates to the decision to overturn Parks locking; the caveat you

unilaterally placed on this service, is only funding for 2013/14 which was not part of the political decision to reinstate this service?"

4.

**Questioner:** Mr Davis Searles

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

**Question:** "You state that your administration has implemented and supports a fairer Council; can you please explain why operational staff at Central Depot does not receive training especially when Agency staff across the Council are lawfully entitled thus receiving more beneficial employment opportunities against those that have been directly employed in the Council for more than TEN Years thus substantially disadvantaging staff in obtaining redeployment opportunities."

5.

**Questioner:** Mrs J Lawrence-Ricketts

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

**Question:** "Can you tell me what activities were promoted in Harrow by Harrow Council on the "Small Business Saturday" last week to help local traders and reinforce the benefits of local trading?"