

CABINET – 10 APRIL 2014

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: Ramesh Nadarajah

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

Question: “The Whitchurch Playing Fields is being offered on a long lease for a free school. Why has the feasibility study showing the site can accommodate a school not been provided?”

2.

Questioner: Peter Karan, Whitchurch Consortium

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

Question: “You were part of the cabinet that put the tender out in 2009 for organisations to bid to take over management of Whitchurch Playing Fields. As part of the consortium we have been patient for the last five years following all instructions and carrying out all studies requested by the council and being selected as "preferred bidders". Why are you now offering the site for a free school, without even contacting us to inform us of this?”

3.

Questioner: Arvin Mahendran

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

Question: “You invited us to meet you in February 2014 and explained that the council has now discovered that the Whitchurch Playing Fields is not owned by Harrow council but the Education Authority. In the same meeting you said you will contact us after the a feasibility study had been carried out to see if a school can be constructed on the site. However Harrow council are now looking to offer the grounds to a free school and you failed to contact us to inform us of this or even forward the feasibility study. Please explain why you mislead us in this meeting?”

4.

Questioner: Lily Shinkwin

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

Question: “For someone who has been quoted many times in the press complaining about lack of public consultation regarding Whitchurch playing fields, Why do you not have any complaints now when the grounds are being allocated for a free school with no public consultation at all, especially as it falls in your ward?”