

RESPONSES TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS 5 AND 6

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor David Perry (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Corporate Leadership)

Question: “You have started a consultation on whether to restore the Chief Executive position. Can you confirm that your final decision on this will be bound by the result of the consultation?”

Written Response: "The consultation with staff on the top tier of the management structure at Harrow Council, is in now way a ballot, where responses are collated by number. This therefore differs from your question about the Administration being bound by any particular result. The Administration are keen to hear both the preferred option of staff, as well as their explanations for choosing a preferred option. All data will be reviewed from all responses in due course and no final decisions will be made until this has occurred".

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Glen Hearnden (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

Question: “Can you advise on progress on revising the policy for repayment of capital works for leaseholders?”

Written Response: I believe that we have the right policy in place at the moment. We are looking at improving communication with leaseholders, so that they are kept more informed of the progress and costs of projects that they will be charged for under their leases.

It is my view that the current policy provides sufficient breadth to assist leaseholders in paying for the work carried out on their properties. Current arrangements allow for repayment over a four year, interest free period and in certain circumstances we can arrange for a charge to be put on the property.

I am aware of the scale of some of the costs of works carried out on our leaseholders properties and we will keep an open dialogue with our leaseholders, but I do not see the need for a whole-scale policy review at this point in time.