

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING -

13 NOVEMBER 2014

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the asking of written questions by Members of Council or a Member of the Executive or the Chairman of any Committee.

Questioner: Councillor James Bond

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar (Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety)

Question 1:

“Can you explain why you are paying above market rates for a Divisional Director who is agency staff and can you tell me what PERTEMPS charge for employing the individual concerned, and to complete this inquiry, how much PERTEMPS are charged by the secondary company?”

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Asked of: Councillor Simon Brown (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People)

Question 2:

“The Children Act 1989, which was revised in 2004 and 2006, states that education and social care services for children be brought together under a specific corporate director in each local authority. With the wide scale closure of the Children’s Centres being identified in the first round of cuts, how will this council meet its obligations for a duty of care to safeguard the many vulnerable children who may now be at risk should such a draconian destruction of the Children’s Centres, leading to the closure of the pre-schools, be allowed to come to fruition?”

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Questioner: Councillor Georgia Weston

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

Question 3:

“In 2014 Halls Farm and the O’Hara Family have won a number of prestigious, national awards for their pure bred, free range, Aberdeen Angus cattle which has made them the top in class for the whole of the United Kingdom.

On the 13th of June this year, one of the bulls on Pinner Park Farm attained 1st Prize in the National Aberdeen Angus competition and another bull on the farm attained the 3rd Prize in the same show.

On the 18th of September this year another bull on Pinner Park Farm won the cup for the Breed Championship at the Oxfordshire County and Thame Show.

So you can imagine my absolute disbelief when I read the document titled ‘Summary Note 14th of July 2014 – Pinner Park Farm’ and saw that the second of the four issues bullet pointed in the introduction of the document as being: ‘Poor husbandry of the farm’.

Would the leader of the council work with me in order to have the numerous inaccuracies removed from the summary document, and other documents, pertaining to Pinner Park Farm in order that councillors and members of the public can have an accurate account of the history and workings of the Farm?”

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Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry (Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration)

Question 4:

How much will it cost council taxpayers annually to provide for the upkeep and routine maintenance of a country park on land at Pinner Park Farm, and when will the figures relating to this expenditure be made available for all to see and scrutinise?"

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar (Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety)

Question 5:

“Could you clarify why the dog waste bins in many of Harrow’s parks have been closed, with park users directed to put their dog waste into the general litter bins?”

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Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar (Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety)

Question 6:

“Can you clarify why the Council recently took action against six Brent and Harrow holiday organisers for Trading Standards breaches in relation to packages for Hajj and Umrah, but have chosen not to name them as is usually the case?”

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson (Portfolio Holder Performance, Corporate Resources and Policy Development)

Question 7:

“How much facility time and how much staff cover time are being provided to the unions by Harrow Council?”

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Question 8:

“Could you provide a breakdown of monthly payments and annual totals made to Capita under the ITO, since the contract was signed in 2010?”

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**Asked of: Councillor Sue Anderson (Portfolio Holder
Community, Culture and Resident Engagement)**

Question 9:

“Can you confirm when, to what extent and in which format(s) the results of the ‘Take Part’ consultation will be released?”