

CABINET – 20 NOVEMBER 2014

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

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: Raksha Pandya (Mind in Harrow)

Asked of: Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

Question: “In November 2014, the Supreme Court ruled that Haringey Council’s consultation for changes to their Council Tax Support scheme were ‘unlawful’. What lessons have been learnt by Harrow Council in relation to the lawfulness of the recent Take Part consultation process and its outcome?”

2.

Questioner: Jaqueline Hooper

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

Question: “We welcome the Administration’s recent decision to prioritise funding to those most in need in our borough and scrap the proposed reductions in Council Tax Support for the most vulnerable Harrow residents. We are pleased that the Administration has listened to vulnerable people potentially affected and voluntary organisations who have argued that Harrow has the harshest Council Tax Support scheme in the country. How else will the Administration protect services for the most vulnerable Harrow residents in its budget 2015/16, for example also by scrapping the proposed cut to all voluntary sector services?”

3.

Questioner: Vicki Winsor, Headstone Residents' Association

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

Question: What information does Harrow Council have of current non-farming uses of Pinner Park Farm?

4.

Questioner: Mrs E M Kinnear

Asked of: Councillor David Perry, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Corporate Leadership
or
Councillor Sachin Shah, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Major Contracts

Question: "Recent meetings with representatives of local Charities and the Voluntary Sector will have made you aware of their significant dismay at the proposal floated in the 'Take Part' process that the Grants Budget might be decimated or cut altogether. At the meeting here on 6th November the Leader indicated that there might be only One meeting of the Grants Panel in future years.

If that should turn out to be the case how do you see the Grants system operating next year - assuming that the Grants Budget is not axed altogether?"

5.

Questioner: Cheryl Gould

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

Question: "Can we, the regular Users of Harrow Arts Centre, be kept informed and up to date with progress as it affects all our bookings for room hire and all our Students for the future."

6.

Questioner: Claire McDermott

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

Question: “Could we not lobby the government for all or part of the £400 that David Cameron wants to give to the high earner as a tax break each year so that it is donated to the arts and museums in Harrow?”