

Cabinet – 15 January 2015

Written Responses to Councillor Questions 8 and 9 not reached at Cabinet

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

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

Question: “Has your decision to potentially close 4 of Harrow’s libraries taken into account the impact of cuts on other services affecting vulnerable residents?”

Written Response: We are completing a full EQIA for the proposals and have included Age UK Harrow, Youth Services and one of the churches who have volunteered to be part of the group. This will consider the impact of the proposals and takes into account the impact of other proposals on vulnerable groups.

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

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

Question: “Can you confirm which community festivals will have their funding axed by the CHW17 cut in the draft budget?”

Written Response: The proposal is to cease funding all 10 community festivals which currently receive support from the Council, from Under 1 Sky to St George’s Day, Thai Pongal, Black History Month, etc. This proposal forms part of the consultation with the Voluntary and Community Sector (and their service users) which has just been launched and the impact will be assessed as part of the Equalities Sub Group which we have also set up and includes members of the Voluntary and Community sector.