

CABINET – 21 MAY 2015

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: Abdi Gure, Mind in Harrow

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Equality and Wellbeing

Question: “In relation to the Khat ban on 25 June 2014, how many Somalis have been supported over the past year since the Khat ban to the present date by Harrow Council Public Health commissioned services with a breakdown by individual services?”

2.

Questioner: Eileen Kinnear

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

Question: Re - **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON HARROW SCHOOL STATUTORY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

"This document was put out to Public consultation on 30th March 2015: the closing date originally was 1st May, subsequently extended to 31st May.

We are told that this is a 'Draft' but that once the Consultation period has closed public representations on it will go to the LDF Committee and then direct to Cabinet - i.e. the substantive document will not be put out to (further) Consultation as has been the case ordinarily with Conservation Area documents in the past. This means that Officer's comments on the representations made by the public is what the Committee will consider and consultees will have no further opportunity to comment on those analyses presented to the Committee or on any suggested revisions.

We are also told that - once it is adopted the Document will carry material weight in dealing with Planning Applications for the area.

Why have you chosen to deal with the 'Consultation' in this way

please?"

3.

Questioner: Clare Goldschmidt, Representing Hatch End Association

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

Question: "In the paper [for Agenda item 8] on future options for Harrow Arts Centre, there are several references to the Council's Regeneration Strategy and potential development of rented housing on the Harrow Arts Centre site but the interrelationship is not entirely clear. In what ways – if any – is the paper's recommended Option C dependent on the Strategy aims and in what ways might it hinder them?"

4.

Questioner: Raksha Pandya, Mind in Harrow

Asked of: Councillor Anne Whitehead, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Older People

Question: "When is the final version of the report from NDTI commissioned by Harrow Council to further improve the uptake and experience of personal budgets for people with enduring mental health needs to be published?"