

## **Cabinet – 10 December 2015**

### **Written responses to Councillor Questions 8-12 not reached at Cabinet**

8.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing

**Question:** “When do you expect the finalisation of the Garage Strategy Review?”

**Written Response:** The Review has completed. It has identified potential development sites which are included in the infill development programme.

9.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing

**Question:** “When are the proposed dwellings for private sale expected to come to market so as to provide funds to help finance the building of new affordable rent and shared ownership homes in Harrow?”

**Written Response:** The first of the private sale houses are on Masefield Avenue with works scheduled to commence in March 2016 with a target of Feb 2017 for completion. Marketing will start in advance of completion.

We are in the process of developing designs for additional sales units with target completion dates of July/August 2017.

10.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

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

**Question:** “Are you confident the sizeable commercial ambitions regarding My Community ePurse, as set out in the draft budget, are achievable?”

**Written Response:** Yes.

11.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

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

**Question:** “The ‘review’ of health visits in the draft budget appears to remove the entirety of the funding for this provision. Can you confirm if funding or provision will be made-up elsewhere, or will this ‘review’ effectively stop this service?”

**Written Response:** At Harrow Council’s Cabinet meeting, the Health Visiting Service budget savings proposal was withdrawn before the Draft Budget. We are undertaking the review of the Health Visiting Service in Harrow, and we are awaiting further details from government about the funding settlement for the Council.

12.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

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

**Question:** “Can you explain what impact the cut proposed in the draft budget to the special needs service will have on service delivery, given at £1.1m it’s approaching half the total funding?”

**Written Response:** The saving will require substantial transformation of how services are provided and this is likely to require working together with other authorities in a shared service arrangement.

We are being forced into this position by the £83m of cuts imposed by the Tory Government on Harrow Council, and our residents, from 2014 to 2018.