

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**COUNCIL MEETING -**

**25 FEBRUARY 2016**

### **QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

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**Questioner:** Jacqueline Hooper

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

#### **Question 1:**

“Why have the Labour Counselors approved cutting the Bridge, as part of their Budget plan at Cabinet on 18th February 2016, when the consultation for the Bridge finishes on 16th March 2016?”

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**Questioner:** Robert Koch

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

#### **Question 2:**

“Redundancy notices were served to Rethink the Bridge staff on September 2015 and staff were told to keep it confidential. Was it decided at that time to close the Bridge, if so why have you waited 5 months to let service users know of the proposals to close it?”

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**Questioner:** Mr S Ruparelia

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

#### **Question 3:**

“In a time of austerity, it is important to provide support to good businesses. Premier Banqueting London which is a business within your ward is a good example of this as it currently generates £106,792.00 per annum for the car park, £50,286 per annum in business rates and in 2015 £417,723.56 in expenditure to local suppliers.

We understand the need for re-generation, however ours is not the only business which survives on the use of the Peel House Car Park. Our petition which has generated over 3000 signatures is from members of our local community and businesses which need these types of amenity space. If the council offices are to only move to the Peel House site; how will the council fulfil its pledge to provide enough car parking spaces for the businesses and residents of Wealdstone?”

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**Questioner:** Krishna Lathia-James

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

#### **Question 4:**

“While I understand the Councils position with regards Central Government Cuts, does the Council appreciate the acute negative impact of the proposal to close The Bridge on its fragile service users and the consequent cost to Harrow Council due to this decision.”

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**Questioner:** Mrs Rosalyn Neale

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry (Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration)

#### **Question 5:**

“If Premier Banqueting is forced to close or to leave Harrow, what will the Council do to support the employees who would almost certainly lose their jobs?”

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**Questioner:** Ann Freeman

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

#### **Question 6:**

“Do you remember that the Labour Cabinet in July 2012 decided that high quality facilities that can house services which are critical to the well being of people who experience mental ill health should continue if The Bridge has to close because of the Harrow & Wealdstone Area Action Plan, in an alternative site that would need to be fit for purpose and there should be a seamless transition, in which services do not cease to operate until alternative premises are ready to use?”

Why didn't the suggestion that service users and carers would be involved in this development happen when it was first considered to close The Bridge?”