

## **Cabinet – 10 March 2016**

### **Written Responses to Councillor Questions not Reached at Cabinet**

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**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

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

**Question:** “What steps will you be taking to curtail the continuing and inaccurate use of the figure of £83 million, particularly amongst Cabinet members, in relation to the Council’s funding situation?”

**Written Response:** The figure of £83m that you quote represents the indicative budget gap calculated by the finance team for the period 2015/16 to 2018/19.

The £83m figure is the difference between estimated planned expenditure compared to estimated funding available. For the period 2015/16 to 2018/19 it represented an £83m shortfall of funding needed to meet expenditure.

The explanation of the £83m calculation has been made available and sets out in detail the various components which total the £83m. The main components being a reduction in government funding, inflation pressures and pressure from an increase in demand for services from changing demography.

Therefore, given the factual content of the financial situation facing the Council, I feel it is right for Cabinet members to communicate the facts to our residents.

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**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

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

**Question:** “Can you provide an update on the situation with Pinner Park Farm, given the concern that was raised about proposals to develop the site?”

**Written Response:** We are in constant dialogue with the owners of Pinner Park Farm to ensure that any proposals for the site benefit the local area and community.