

CABINET – 24 MAY 2016

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: Mr S Ruparelia

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

Question: “After the last council meeting discussions over the sale of Premier House have broken down between the council and the parties involved with Premier House.

Premier Banqueting which uses the Peel House Car Park generating will now be staying.

Now that these plans have changed what are the plans are for the Peel House Car Park and how many parking spaces will there be? Many jobs are on the line and since the sale was cancelled through no fault of our own the positive conversations we had have broken down; so as a major stakeholder will we be consulted?”

2.

Questioner: Mr R Ruparelia

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

Question: “With a potential sale of our building we had been looking to relocate over the past 12 months with no sites having been found. During this search, communications have been broken down and the sale of Premier House to Harrow Council will no longer be occurring.

There are major plans for Wealdstone including the London Regeneration Fund Grant which you are portfolio holder. The paper mentions the creation of 450 new jobs in Wealdstone and bring communities to Wealdstone. Our business currently generates 120 jobs to Wealdstone which would be lost and brings thousands of people from all across the borough and beyond to Wealdstone each week, who spend money in the local shops and add value to the local economy.

I ask the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration and the wider council how Premier Banqueting will be facilitated with car parking spaces when the Peel House Car Park is closed and how will the council work with us to ensure we continue to serve Wealdstone – an area which needs businesses like ours.”

3.

Questioner: Raksha Pandya

Asked of: Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader for the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: “We have been informed that ‘As part of the council’s work to improve services for residents, a new Information, Advice and Advocacy Strategy is being developed and we would like to know your views. The new strategy will enable us to respond effectively to new policy and legislative changes, and join up existing services where possible to streamline the customer experience and ensure that people get the information and advice they need as early as possible.

Could you tell us which funding streams you are going to streamline to achieve this?”