

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**COUNCIL MEETING -**

**22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

### **QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

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

#### **Question 1:**

“Does the Leader believe the introduction of the brown bin charges has been a success for Harrow residents?”

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**Question 2:**

“Is the Leader of the Council ashamed by Harrow’s decline in recycling rates?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane**

**Asked of: Councillor Glen Hearnden (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment)**

**Question 3:**

“How have the new council homes, built by your Administration, contributed to tackling homelessness problems since 2014?”

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**Asked of: Councillor Adam Swersky (Portfolio Holder for Finance and Commercialisation)**

**Question 4:**

“Would you describe one “robust” measure you have already taken to tackle revenue over-spending?”

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**Question 5:**

“How do you propose to bring Children’s Services revenue spending within the budget by the end of the current financial year?”

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**Question 6:**

“How many people employed by the Borough, either directly or indirectly, earn less than the London Living Wage?”

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#### **Question 7:**

“The average salary of residents in Harrow is just over £31,000 per year. Does the Leader of the Council believe it is right to award pay rises to officers already earning over £100,000 at the expense of residents earning a third of that?”

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#### **Question 8:**

“What steps are you taking to ensure that the HRA is balanced, given the 1% year-on-year reduction in rental income, following the change in Government policy – a risk of HRA regime change that Scrutiny previously warned about?”



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**Question 9:**

“Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that the key to social mobility is in providing every child with a good education?”

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#### **Question 10:**

“A report by the Children’s Society published last week highlighted some of the many difficulties facing children leaving care. What is Harrow Council doing to support this vulnerable group?”

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#### **Question 11:**

“The Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities said last week; “If we’re going to live with each other, work with each other and tolerate each other, we have to understand each other.” What steps is the Leader of the Council taking in promoting interfaith cohesion among residents in Harrow?”

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**Question 12:**

“Why is this Labour administration incapable of staying within its own budget?”

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**Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson (Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety)**

#### **Question 13:**

“How much savings have been achieved to date in terms of reductions in crews, vehicles and staff numbers from introducing paid-for collections of brown bins, since the majority of households that had brown bins have not signed-up for the paid-for collection?”