

## CABINET – 13 OCTOBER 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:** Julian Maw, Co-Chair of Hatch End Association

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

**Question:** “The Hatch End Association was very disappointed to read that the Council had not been able to agree the future of the Harrow Arts Centre and Headstone Manor with Cultura London.

The Council press release, we are pleased to note, states services will continue as normal on both sites. However it also states that the Council will explore a “Different direction” for the Harrow Arts Centre.

The HEA and the 6000 signatories to petitions for maintenance of the Harrow Arts Centre and Headstone Manor are concerned for their future and duration of the ‘Normal Service’.

What is the Council’s plan for fully consulting the residents of Harrow on any proposed changes to the sites’ estate and usage?”

2.

**Questioner:** Sandra Jayacodi

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “A number of consultation events in September-October 2016 are stated in the Harrow Council Voluntary & Community Sector Funding Proposals 2016/17 consultation document with local voluntary sector organisations who are affected by the proposed service funding cuts. How will the Council be consulting with mental health service users and other disadvantaged groups, who are impacted by these Proposals, as there is no reference in the consultation document to direct engagement with service users?”

3.

**Questioner:** Raksha Pandya, Mind in Harrow

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “As Harrow Council's Voluntary & Community Sector Funding Proposals 2016/17 to cut all non-statutory Adult Social Care SLAs will mean that that all funding to Mind in Harrow's Core Activities and Mental Health User Involvement Project will be cut from April 2017, how will the Council fulfil its statutory duties to consult with mental health service users about Council changes to mental health services and policy in the future?”

4.

**Questioner:** Leroy Rose

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Have you consulted with Harrow CCG and CNWL Foundation Trust about the **Consultation for Voluntary & Community Sector Funding Proposals 2016/17?**, as the impact of these proposed cuts will have adversely impact both service users and these NHS organisations?”

5.

**Questioner:** K Patel

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

**Question:** “The condition of trees in Harrow Weald Recreation Ground were reported by another resident and myself over a year ago and the then Arboriculture Officer had confirmed that action would be taken within 6 months of his letter of 3 June 2015. Thirteen months down the line we are still waiting for something to be done and the situation has got worse. I have written to the Council and tried phoning the relevant department to find out what is happening but have been passed from pillar to post. When will this matter be addressed?”