

CABINET - 12 OCTOBER 2017

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: Dara Foody

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People & Schools

Question: The Youth Justice Partnership Plan notes that there are "significant technical difficulties" which have hindered the "effective roll out" of Assetplus. Do you agree with the young people whom the Youth Parliament represents that this issue must be resolved so as to ensure that the council can deliver more effective interventions?

2.

Questioner: Sami Benferi

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People & Schools

Question: The Revenue and Capital Revenue Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 highlights that £0.56 million of the overspend in children's services has been caused by the costs associated with agency staff. When will the time come that we have a children's services team which is fully staffed with permanent employees so as to ensure that we can reduce these sizeable costs and instead invest in the vulnerable young people who need the most support?

3.

Questioner: Nathan James Griffith

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

Question: The Council's 2012 Redefining Youth Engagement report states that Harrow Youth Parliament should 'consider expanding its

remit to that of a Youth Adviser Network', pledging to achieve change through committing to involvement with Harrow Council. Do you maintain that Harrow Youth Parliament has a legitimate role in advising Harrow Council on matters affecting young people?

4.

Questioner: Pranvera Merkaj

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People & Schools

Question: Youth crime is a prevalent issue in Harrow including in the Wealdstone and Rayners Lane areas. Therefore isn't it only sensible that new youth centres - which should provide opportunities for vulnerable young people to access support services - are incorporated into regeneration plans for wards where youth offending is a prominent issue?