

CABINET – 15 FEBRUARY 2018

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: Elia Yousf, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament

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

Question: “Do you agree with the Harrow People's assertion that Harrow is "leading the world" in Children's Services?”

2.

Questioner: Dara Foody, Member of UK Youth Parliament for Harrow

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

Question: “The young people of Harrow would expect your administration to prioritise front line services but tell me and my colleagues that you have failed to do so. So can you tell us which one of these is more important to you leader - market supplements for directors and the maintenance of the chief executive position or front line services like the Harrow Arts Centre and Children's Services?”

3.

Questioner: Rohil Anjay

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

Question: “This administration frequently says that consultation is "at the heart" of what it does. With this in mind young people would expect secondary schools, colleges and youth groups to be fully and comprehensively consulted on the regeneration strategy for Harrow. Can you tell us exactly how many of these institutions have been engaged in this process?”

4.

Questioner: Maya Soni

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

Question: “Vulnerable young people who use the Early Support and Youth Development Services have had to suffer from vacant staff posts, all so that the council can meet the costs associated with restructuring the service and making many highly trained and effective staff redundant. Do you think that was appropriate Councillor?”

5.

Questioner: Farooq Sayed, Harrow Youth Parliament

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

Question: “Over your time as portfolio holder you have consistently failed to control the children's services budget and this is often due to a lack of effective early intervention which means that problems are dealt with later (incurring a higher cost). How can you honestly tell young people in Harrow that you are looking to address this when the budget proposes to end many of the preventative services in public health which vulnerable young people rely on?”