

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING -

22 FEBRUARY 2018

### QUESTION WITH NOTICE

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**Questioner:** Nathan James Griffith

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

#### **Question 1:**

"In the past you have rightly shown support for the Votes at 16 Bill proposed by the Member of Parliament for Oldham West and Royton, Jim McMahon. This indicated to me you believed in giving young people a greater and more meaningful voice. As you may know, Jim McMahon broke new ground when he gave Oldham Youth Council the constitutional rights to propose motions and amendments at Full Council meetings when he was the award winning Leader of Oldham Council.

Last December you told one of my colleagues that all people are equal, so I look forward to you making the young people of Harrow equal with the young people of Oldham. As it falls under your remit as Leader of the Council to propose constitutional changes, can the young people of Harrow count on you to propose and support giving Harrow Youth Parliament's elected Youth Councillors the right to propose motions and amendments directly at Full Council?"

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**Questioner:** Dara Foody

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

#### **Question 2:**

“Do you believe that the final revenue budget for 2018/19 will benefit the young people of Harrow?”

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**Questioner:** Elia Yousf

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

#### **Question 3:**

“Do you feel that the council is sufficiently supporting young people who have mental health conditions?”

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**Questioner:** Ibrahim Abdulle

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

**Question 4:**

“Do you believe that young people should be empowered?”

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**Questioner:** Orlaith Lindsay

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

#### **Question 5:**

“Are you confident that a comprehensive forecast was conducted regarding the estimated level of demand for children's services in 2018/19?”

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**Questioner:** Pranvera Merkaj

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

#### **Question 6:**

“What is your view on the number of vacant posts within the Early Intervention and Youth Development service?”

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**Questioner:** Daniel Anderson

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson (Portfolio Holder for Environment)

#### **Question 7:**

“Following the positive news that Sudbury Hill underground station is to get step free access. What is the council doing to ensure that other stations in Harrow are also made accessible?”

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**Questioner:** Jack Welby

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson (Portfolio Holder for Environment)

#### **Question 8:**

“Councillor Sachin Shah Labour Leader of Harrow Council said how wonderful Harrow Council is run. This is not the case in Edgware Ward where the Council is using Draconian measures in Methuen Road, Methuen Close, Overbrook Walk, Chandos Crescent and Buckingham Road. The parking restrictions are from 8.30AM to 8.30PM Monday to Saturday. Parking in other wards is 10 to 11 and 2-3PM and is working well. How many people agreed to this scheme?”



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**Questioner:** Peyama Assad

**Asked of:** Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Older People

**Question 9:**

“Can one of the Councillors, on the cabinet, please explain why Alexandra Avenue Walk in clinic, in South Harrow, is about to half the number of patients that can use it?”

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**Questioner:** Matthew Goodwin-Freeman

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

#### **Question 10:**

“Let me tell you the story of thousands of mentally ill young people in Harrow, all failed by our services, failed by the Harrow we live in right now. The only, only way any of them get any help, is through work directly with them - bringing charities such as *Mind in Harrow* to their schools, to the youth centres, directly to them - giving them that push to reach out and take support.

It takes a lot of courage to accept help, to admit you need support, and even greater to actually go through with it, and no-one in this building I think knows that better than myself. As an 18 year old guy who was diagnosed with Depression at the age of 12, I have experienced all the “talks” and “support” out there. I now find myself in the fortunate position to make a real change in today’s society for those who need it - there is no-one more determined than myself to do so

Therefore my question is this: To all members of this council, to all members of all parties, to all members of the public listening, to all staff and workers present and beyond, to all who this message can reach, I ask you, would you be willing to meet with myself and the relevant individuals deemed necessary, to work together on setting an agenda for 2018 that will be continued regardless of election results, all of us, each and everyone one of us working together on this, across Harrow, cross-party, cross-interest, to aid and only better the young people of Harrow, their futures, their healths, and their lives?”