

CABINET – 12 JULY 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: Lalita Gokani

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “Firstly, we would like to congratulate you on your election result and your new leadership role. We commend Harrow Council’s mental health initiative by organising the Thrive London Event in February 2018 and signing the Time to Change Pledge last year committing to tackle mental health discrimination.

Would you please tell us how these initiatives will be followed up and how will you involve residents such as me, who are members of Harrow Mental Health Service User Group, in this process?”

2.

Questioner: Pranvera Merkaj, Harrow Youth Parliament

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “Given that youth crime has reached a peak in Harrow, what are your plans to minimise youth crime and how do you believe these can be implemented into the Council’s Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy?”

3.

Questioner: Shania Malik

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

Question: “Now that exams are over and schools are breaking up for summer, the rates of anti-social behaviour are set to skyrocket, since young people aren’t given sufficient activities to participate in. What are your plans, as the Portfolio Holder responsible for young people, to change this?”

4.

Questioner: Sahil Ahmadi

Asked of: Councillor Krishna Suresh, Portfolio Holder for Community Cohesion and Crime

Question: “Education and the role schools are said to play huge role in preventing youth crime - however, it has been made clear that there isn’t enough support from schools to young people vulnerable to crime. What are your plans to ensure education is used as a strategy in preventing youth crime?”

5.

Questioner: Brian Stoker

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “Council policy as declared in Harrow Development Management policy DM16 is to protect and defend the Green Belt in Harrow from development.

Why is the Council willing to negotiate a lease (if planning permission is granted), on its own Green Belt 1 acre open field at the entrance to the Bannister Sports centre, for development of a dinosaurs themed (sized 16m x 7m) 18 hole mini golf course (with associated hard standing car park on 50% of the land)?

The Council should be refusing **on principle** to even consider

discussing a lease arrangement with the developer for this Green Belt open site.”

6.

Questioner: Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “As you enter the main car park at the Leisure Centre, the first parking bay on the left has a sign saying parking is suspended until 23:59 on 31st December 2018 for carriageway improvement works. Can you advise what works have been undertaken and/or are being planned during the period that parking in this space has been suspended?”