

## **CABINET – 13 SEPTEMBER 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:** Mick Oliver, Member of Harrow VCS Forum's Environment and Sustainability Group

**Asked of:** Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

**Question:** "The previous Mayor of London identified 6 sites in Harrow as "air quality action areas", and the Stanmore Society ran a trial that confirmed that Stanmore Broadway did not meet the requirement for nitrogen dioxide.

The previous Portfolio Holder for the Environment has stated that Harrow's Environmental Health team would start monitoring nitrogen dioxide emissions round the borough's schools from February 2018, and that hand-held monitors would be available for schools to conduct their own nitrogen dioxide and particulate tests from June 2018.

Can the current Portfolio Holder please give an interim report on the progress of this work?"

2.

**Questioner:** Elizabeth Hugo, ex-Chair Person of ASAP Harrow

**Asked of:** Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Public Health

**Question:** "Can the Cabinet member for Adults explain what progress has been made on implementing the requirements of the 2010 National Autism Strategy, now whittled down to the 4 recommendations within the 2016-2020 Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disability and People with Autistic Spectrum Conditions?"

3.

**Questioner:** Nathan James Griffith, Member of Harrow Youth Parliament

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

**Question:** "Across the last year Harrow Youth Parliament engaged in several developmental initiatives with Harrow Council and its partners, including the Harrow Regeneration programme, the Needs Analysis, the brilliant Adolescent Collaborative and others. What I see every week is a Parliament eager to engage even more initiatives across the board, and with that in mind I ask you to guarantee supporting Harrow Youth Parliament's involvement in the co-development of more policy, programmes, and initiatives concerning and affecting young people."

4.

**Questioner:** Pranvera Merkaj, Harrow Youth Parliament

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

**Question:** "Looking over the rise in the number of cases of Domestic and Sexual Abuse in 2016 and 2017, what are the Council's plans to combat such crimes from 2018 onwards?"

5.

**Questioner:** Angela Owusu

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

**Question:** "The Harrow User Group was pleased to be able to attend and contribute to the Lateral consultation sessions to develop a new model for resilient communities.

I am sure you know the Harrow User Group has been running as a successful resilient community for over a decade. With over 30 trained mental health champions and hundreds of members. The Harrow User Group enables people to get back to work, offers

peer support and voluntary and paid work and has a unique role to support residents to become active citizens in our local democracy.

Therefore, the Harrow User Group is keen to know how the outcomes of the Lateral consultations will benefit residents with mental health problems?”