

CABINET – 21 FEBRUARY 2019

AGENDA PART I

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for Members of the Council to ask a Portfolio Holder a question on any matter in relation to which the Executive has powers or duties.

1.

Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: “When was Council’s Regeneration Strategy approved?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: “Do you believe the implementation of the Council’s Regeneration programme has been well managed?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Having repeatedly asked this question over a number of weeks, could the Leader share with us the financial outcome of the Harrow Winter Wonderland which was running before Christmas?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question: “In the last three months, how many refunds has the Council given for individual cases of missed garden waste bin collections, and what is the cost in officer time and processing fees?”

5.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Does the Leader of the Council believe that it is cost effective in the long run to deprive our residents, many of whom are not skilled in using the Internet, the opportunity to speak to a human being at the Council on the phone about Council services?”

6.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “The Conservative group is grateful that Members are now receiving briefings and updates about the Administration’s decisions. However, as the Council is facing severe challenges, particularly with regard to the Regeneration projects many of which are long term and critical to Harrow’s future success, surely it is selling yourself short that you are not exploring the ideas of the largest opposition group in London?”

7.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: “Has the Council put anyone at risk by the savings of £92 million referred to in the Revenue Budget?”

8.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: “How much revenue and capital have been spent on the Regeneration Programme?”

9.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: "Who will make any decision for the Pension Fund to divest itself of investments in fossil fuels?"

10.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: "What are the lessons learnt from Buckinghamshire County Council's serving notice to terminate the shared HR and Legal Services agreement with the Council?"

11.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question: "How much is treating bank holidays as Sundays in terms of parking enforcement costing the Council?"

12.

Questioner: Councillor Pritesh Patel

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

Question: "Do you agree with me that organisational objectives serve to provide, guidance and direction, facilitate planning, motivate and inspire employees and more crucially, help an organisation to evaluate, control and track performance?"

13.

Questioner: Councillor Pritesh Patel

Asked of: Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finances and Resources

Question: "The Rayners Lane Triangle project was launched with great

fanfare in September 2017 as a crowdfunded project. Can you give me an understanding of the finances for the project, in particular the breakdown of contributions from crowdfunding, Harrow Council, the Mayor of London and any other major source?"

14.

Questioner: Councillor Pritesh Patel

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question: "What is the justification for borrowing £400,000 to be spent on 'Unmanned aerial vehicles' and can you provide a breakdown as to how will this money will be spent?"