

CABINET – Thursday 11th April 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: Cllr Paul Osborn

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

Question: “As Leader, what do you think of Harrow Council’s reputation for being a commercial council?”

2.

Questioner: Cllr Paul Osborn

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

Question: “Now that the target “To have moved into a new civic centre by 2020” is marked as Red in the Strategic Monitoring report, do you now agree that we were right to say this was a completely unrealistic target?”

3.

Questioner: Cllr Paul Osborn

Asked of: Cllr Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement and Accessibility.

Question: “How many times in the last six months has the Residents Regeneration Panel met?”

4.

Questioner: Cllr Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Cllr Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Question: “It came to my notice in response to some questions I asked, that the Council is conducting a review of the waste

collection system. Could the Portfolio Holder for the Environment confirm if there are any plans to change the bin collection schedule and/or the way that missed bins are reported?"

5.

Questioner: Cllr Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Cllr Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: "Is the Portfolio Holder satisfied that every effort is made by the Council to tackle planning permission breaches and that we are not using the excuse of it not being expedient as a reason not to take these matters forward?"

6.

Questioner: Cllr Richard Almond

Asked of: Cllr Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Question: "Will the council obtain better or worse value from the new tree contract than from the old one?"

7.

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Asked of: Cllr Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Question: "By which date in 2020 do you aim for cost neutrality in Environmental Services, how much is being raised now by Project Phoenix and what percentage of costs does that represent?"

8.

Questioner: Cllr Richard Almond

Asked of: Cllr Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources.

Question: "How much is being brought into the council's budget in commercial contributions apart from Project Phoenix?"

9.

Questioner: Cllr Richard Almond

Asked of: Cllr Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources.

Question: "What is the administration's view of staff sickness figures and the way they are presented in the Strategic Performance Report for Quarter 3 of 2018/19?"

10.

Questioner: Cllr Christopher Baxter

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

Question: "Nearly a year since your election as Leader of the Council in 2018 and your subsequent reconfiguration of the Cabinet roles, what do you regard as the advantages of having a combined "Community Cohesion and Crime" portfolio?"

11.

Questioner: Cllr Pritesh Patel

Asked of: Cllr Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment

Question: "How have you achieved and exceeded your housing delivery targets?"

12.

Questioner: Cllr Pritesh Patel

Asked of: Cllr Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Question: "What plans do you have for fly-tipping on private service roads where landlords or joint owners refuse to clear up?"