

CABINET – THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 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 Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Is the Leader satisfied with the manner in which the Council promotes and represents itself online, and does he believe it is done in an accountable and transparent way?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Does the Leader have an optimistic attitude towards Harrow’s ability to take advantage of international trade opportunities?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Does the Environment Portfolio Holder think it is acceptable that Harrow is now one of the 5 worst boroughs in England for residents cycling at least once a week?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Does the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Employment believe that the proposed residential developments

at Canons Park and Stanmore Stations will encourage residents to switch to sustainable travel methods?”

5.

Questioner: Councillor Vina Mithani

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

Question: “Does the Adults & Public Health Portfolio Holder think the Council is doing enough to promote and publicise the importance of Harrow residents attending free NHS Health Checks?”

6.

Questioner: Councillor Norman Stevenson

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

Question: “Following the Climate Emergency motion being passed at the Council Meeting on 18th July, although sceptical about the timescale set, I left the meeting excited that at long last Harrow was taking the issue of climate change seriously. I monitored my phone and emails during the days that followed but heard nothing about the emergency action we had agreed to take. Although the motion didn’t indicate this, perhaps the emergency wasn’t due to begin until after the summer holidays? Can you please let me know what progress has been made on the 5 resolutions stated in the motion which were agreed to on 18th July?”

7.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: “Do you expect to bring Environment and Culture and Commissioning and Commercial Services spending within budget by the end of the current financial year?”

8.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: "What is the Council doing about beds in sheds?"

9.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

Asked of: Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

Question: "What has been the Council's net income so far from the 72 units it owns at Gayton Road and why has projected income from them declined so drastically only 3 months into the year?"

10.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

Asked of: Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

Question: "What is the projected Income realisation from the letting of the private block of 53 units at Gayton Road?"

11.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

Asked of: Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

Question: "How much of the sum of £2.7 million for a Corporate IT Capital project written off back to revenue was wasted?"

12.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: "What stage has the review of SEN Transport commissioned by the Corporate Director of Resources reached and when do you expect it to be completed?"

13.

Questioner: Councillor Stephen Greek

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

Question: “Why is the Council leasing off Green Belt land at Bannister Sports Centre in defiance of local residents wishes?”