

CABINET – THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2020

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 Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services.

Question: “Following your comments about some questions at the last Cabinet meeting will you consider a return to the “committee system” of decision making within the Council, as they have done in our neighbouring borough of Barnet?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn

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

Question: “As we approach the mid-point of your administration will you give some thought to having more non-executive voices on Cabinet?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn

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

Question: “Do you regard the reversal of the £473,000 saving from the depot redevelopment in the Draft Budget as a success or a failure?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn

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

Question: “How will the Leader ensure greater cross-party work on regeneration, as recommended by the scrutiny committee report?”

5.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Why does Harrow Council not offer a free Christmas Tree collection service for residents? Other London Boroughs’, who charge lower Council Tax, offer a free collection service in the first few weeks of January. Why are Harrow residents paying more but getting less?”

6.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “Does the Leader believe the Council is doing enough to keep the borough well lit at night, and thus keeping Harrow residents safe?”

7.

Questioner: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

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

Question: “What progress has the Council made in becoming more environmentally friendly since the climate emergency motion was passed last year?”

8.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell, Portfolio Holder for Housing.

Question: "What stage has been reached in the review of options for housing development on the Pinner Grove Estate?"

9.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: "What is the programme for works on the former Waxwell Lane Car Park?"

10.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: "When was the series of reviews of the Community Directorate's budget started and how many of them have there been so far?"

11.

Questioner: Councillor Richard Almond

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

Question: "What information of value to parents can external inspections of schools and standard tests provide?"

12.

Questioner: Councillor Camilla Bath

Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell, Portfolio Holder for Housing.

Question: "The cost of upgrading/renewing fire doors in 3 storey blocks is

'estimated' in excess of £500K, in the papers for tonight's meeting. If the cost of upgrading/renewing these fire doors is more than the estimated cost, where will the extra funding come from?"