

CABINET – MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2022

AGENDA PART I

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: Georgia Weston

Asked of: Councillor Christine Robson – Portfolio Holder for Education and Social Services for Children and Young People

Question: “Do the council plan to continue with your Social Workers in Schools project and will it be extended to include more schools?”

2.

Questioner: Matthew Goodwin-Freeman

Asked of: Councillor Sue Anderson – Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement, Accessibility and Customer Services

Question: “What is the latest update on stories that the telephone service to pay Council Tax in Harrow will soon be closed?”

3.

Questioner: Raj Vakesan

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

Question: “Cllr Henson, as you know January 2022 marks the Tamil Heritage Month with the commencement of Thai Pongal on 14th January. What is your message to the Tamil Community on this occasion and can you tell us how is the Harrow Council recognising and promoting Tamil Heritage and the contribution made by Tamils in Harrow?”

4.

Questioner: Daniel Katz

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

Question: “Why is cycling allowed to continue at Bentley Priory when it is prohibited by the byelaws? The council have been made aware of the issue.”

5.

Questioner: Nischal Sheetal

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

Question: “Why hasn't the PSPO for Bentley Priory SSSI and nature reserve (regarding the lighting of fires and requiring dogs to be under control) not been enacted yet? The consultation period ended over a year ago. Covid restrictions ended many months ago so there is no reason for the delay.”

6.

Questioner: Brian Stoker

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

Question: “Q: In a prepared response to a question at the 9th December Cabinet meeting concerning consultation by the Council about leasing of land at the Bannister Centre for a dinosaur golf course, the leader stated that:

“The Council considered its obligations under the 1972 Local Government Act and it was concluded that as the land at Bannisters was not held to be Open Space land there was therefore no requirement on the Council to advertise disposal as the Statutory obligation under Local Government Act 1972 had been completed”

But this land is designated by the Council to be Open Space land.

The Council policy document “Harrow Core Strategy” shows quite clearly on the map plan in it for Policy Sub Area Stanmore

and Harrow Weald that this land is designated both as Green Belt (dark green hatching) and Open Space (green colouring).

In addition, in both the Planning Officers' report supporting approved planning application P/0672/18 for the dinosaur golf, and in the Planning Officers' report for application P/5094/19 fulfilling approval conditions, this land is stated as being within "Green Belt and Open Space".

So why did the Council not fulfil its Statutory obligation in Section 123(2A) of the Act to advertise the proposed leasing of this Open Space land?"

7.

Questioner: David Summers

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

Question: "A legal notification for a Parking Scheme involving Double Yellow Lines in the Grimsdyke Road Area of Hatch End was carried out in June/July 2021.

At the time of submitting this question, residents have still not been informed as to what if any proposals are to be taken forward.

When will they be informed?"