**CABINET – THURSDAY 23 JUNE 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:** Sindhuya Saseetharan

**Asked of:** Councillor Paul Osborn, Leader of Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy.

**Question: “**Harrow Council signed the BSL Charter in  October  2015 see the following links - [Harrow signs the British Sign Language Charter - British Deaf Association (bda.org.uk)](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbda.org.uk%2Fharrow-signs-the-british-sign-language-charter%2F%23%3A~%3Atext%3DHarrow%2520Council%2520has%2520become%2520the%2520second%2520London%2520borough%2CHarrow%2520are%2520given%2520better%2520access%2520to%2520council%2520services.&data=05%7C01%7CNikoleta.Kemp%40harrow.gov.uk%7C7943bad99e17453f1e5d08da4ddef335%7Cd2c39953a8db4c3c97f2d2dc76fb3e2c%7C1%7C1%7C637907917207927952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2Bd%2BUp6M5yPc%2BGpwQpR58bTlCnuVHdi3rWT1dck0F%2BS4%3D&reserved=0) and  [Harrow Council signed BSL Charter | Harrow & Brent United Deaf Club (hudc.org.uk)](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fhudc.org.uk%2Fharrow-council-signed-bsl-charter%2F&data=05%7C01%7CNikoleta.Kemp%40harrow.gov.uk%7C7943bad99e17453f1e5d08da4ddef335%7Cd2c39953a8db4c3c97f2d2dc76fb3e2c%7C1%7C1%7C637907917207927952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=t%2FugRQa%2B2CD6k6NjUuQ3W33mK2aIQqhrPF9BNLySmZ4%3D&reserved=0). Recently the House of Lords passed British Sign Language Act 2022 on 28th April 2022 [UK Passes BSL Bill, Recognising it As Official Language - Fair Play Talks](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fairplaytalks.com%2F2022%2F04%2F28%2Fuk-passes-british-sign-language-bill-recognising-it-as-official-language%2F&data=05%7C01%7CNikoleta.Kemp%40harrow.gov.uk%7C7943bad99e17453f1e5d08da4ddef335%7Cd2c39953a8db4c3c97f2d2dc76fb3e2c%7C1%7C1%7C637907917207927952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=t22lemh16tNfTOzCdXOu8n4EBWPcc4CyDKgxMYOTlsM%3D&reserved=0)  What have you done to improve services for deaf residents In Harrow?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Simon Eyers

**Asked of:** Councillor Paul Osborn, Leader of Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy.

**Question: “**How you would encourage and promote Deaf Awareness across the council to make sure deaf residents are fully included and working with the council?”

**3.**

**Questioner:** Inthu Ahmed

**Asked of:** Councillor Pritesh Patel, Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health

**Question:** “We are not happy with the Sensory service; the service is poor and the Equipment officer is not available to meet deaf residents' needs. Please can you review the Sensory service to ensure service delivery to deaf residents and access to social care packages etc?”