

CABINET THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2022

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 Natasha Proctor

Asked of: Councillor David Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Human Resources

Question: “It is clear from the Q1 Revenue & Capital Budget 2022-2023 Out-turn report that the cost of living crisis is hitting frontline statutory council services hard with rising demand and rapidly growing inflationary costs. What actions have been put into place to ensure the demand can be met in priority services within directorates, especially; Adult Social Care, Children’s Service and Residents facing hardship?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Natasha Proctor

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

Question: “Please could you update on how the Cost of Living Summit is progressing?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Stephen Hickman

Asked of: Councillor Hitesh Karia, Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services

Question: “Between February – May 2022, sewage samples in London Beckton Sewage Treatment Works suggest the discovery of a vaccine-derived Polio virus. Most people will be asymptomatic and some will have flu-like symptoms but for 1 in 100 to 1 in 1000 infections - the Polio virus attacks the nerves in the spine and base of the brain. This can cause paralysis, usually in the legs, that develops over hours or days. If the breathing muscles are affected, it can be life threatening. No specific therapy is

available against the virus, it can only be prevented by immunisation.

Is there any evidence of increased community-transmission of Polio in Harrow?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Stephen Hickman

Asked of: Councillor Hitesh Karia, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services

Question: “Local schools have survived (ABC) Austerity, Brexit and COVID and now they have to cope with a growing funding crises. Harrow schools face unprecedented challenges; apocalyptic energy price hikes and cost pressures from unfunded but deserved public sector pay awards that were announced after budgets had been set. Schools have not seen an increase in core funding to meet these challenges and will have to decide about cuts to educational provision or having an unbalanced budgets.

What actions are the council taking to ensure Harrow schools are able to maintain essential services to our local communities during this time and what support will be made available?

5.

Questioner: Councillor Peymana Assad

Asked of: Councillor Anjana Patel, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Safety

Question: “The introduction of your free bulky waste collection service means that there will be an increase in demand of 30% (as estimated in your report) for the service. How do you plan to meet this demand, as you have detailed in the report that this initiative requires no new staff?”

6.

Questioner: Councillor Peymana Assad

Asked of: Councillor Anjana Patel, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Safety

Question: “Is the bulky waste service, going to be free, for the first year only?”

7.

Questioner: Councillor Peymana Assad

Asked of: Councillor Anjana Patel, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Safety

Question: “What are your plans to help those who do not have internet at home or a computer to get appointments on the booking system?”