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Questioner: Ms Nicole Lyster

Asked of: Councillor Jean Lammiman (Portfolio Holder for Community and Culture)

Question 1:

“Why are the council closing the borough’s only public gallery for visual arts, in order to turn this windowless room into an office for the Mayor, thus depriving local artists, art groups, schools and colleges of their only facility for displaying their art in a designated, accessible art space in the borough’s only Arts Centre?”

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Questioner: **Ms Cheryl Gould MRSS (of The Royal Society of Sculptors)**

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Question 2:

“As President of Harrow Art Society, having just discovered by chance whilst trying to make a booking for our Annual Art Society Exhibition 2023, that the White Gallery here at HAC, is to be closed, and allocated for The Worshipful Mayor’s Parlour, I feel sure Councillor Lammiman, as a supporter of the Arts Community understands how vital it is that the Public continue to get a chance to interact with the makers of art, and we Artists get opportunities to keep our presence alive as publicly exhibiting art is our life blood.

The White Gallery was initially founded and funded for the specific purpose of exhibiting art with public funding from the Arts Council and Lottery Funding for the sum of £10,000 in 2012. I am asking if any provision has been made to replace the White Gallery with the same viewing safeguards and facilities as the Gallery offers (such as CCTV, electronic tagging of work, and staff on site) for all Artists and those from our community that use this space ?”