

## **CABINET - Wednesday 24 January 2024**

### **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 Graham Henson

**Asked of:** Councillor Mina Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Housing

**Question:** “Please could the Portfolio Holder confirm what widespread consultation has taken place with local tenants and leaseholders to inform them and seek feedback on your proposed 7.7% rent increase across the board for tenants and the upcoming increases in service charges in the 2024/25 HRA budget?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Peymana Assad

**Asked of:** Councillor Anjana Patel, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Infrastructure & Community Safety

**Question:** “In the Autumn of last year, the brief and public title of your Environment & Community Safety Portfolio appeared to change. What was the reasoning behind this change and what does this mean in practice?”

**3.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Peymana Assad

**Asked of:** Councillor Anjana Patel, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Infrastructure & Community Safety

**Question:** “When will the ‘Managing Potholes in the Borough’ report be published and what caused such a delay in its publication in the first place?”

4.

**Questioner:** Councillor Natasha Proctor

**Asked of:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “What message do you think the Council’s regeneration plan sends out to future developers whereby the affordable housing percentages currently sit at 15% and 30% for Poets Corner and Byron Quarter Respectively?”

5.

**Questioner:** Councillor Natasha Proctor

**Asked of:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “The council’s stated ambition in the ‘Place’ element of the regeneration programme is to *Provide the homes, schools and infrastructure needed to meet the demands of our growing population.*

With this said, working with local health partners, how many additional doctor, dentist and infrastructure services have been discussed and secured to avoid overwhelming the current services when populations increase locally?”

6.

**Questioner:** Councillor Natasha Proctor

**Asked of:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “The latest projections in the Regeneration Programme and the draft New Harrow Local Plan project significant increases in housing units in the Harrow & Wealdstone Area, therefore, please could the Portfolio Holder provide greater justification for the future exclusion of a school on the Poets Corner site. Surely, this provision will be needed now more than ever before?”