

CABINET – Thursday 14 March 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 Natasha Proctor

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

Question: Following the Government's announcement last week to extend the Household Support Grant for a further 6 months until September, please could the Portfolio Holder indicate the additional amount of grant funding which will be received to the Council and the forward plans for investing this locally?

2.

Questioner: Councillor Natasha Proctor

Asked of: Councillor Mina Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Housing

Question: With just 15% of the proposed development of 1100 properties on the former civic centre site being affordable to Harrow residents, will the acquisition of 50 additional properties on the open market be enough to stem the tide of homeless families entering costly and poor-quality temporary accommodation?

3.

Questioner: Councillor Peymana Assad

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

Question: The "A reduction in hospital presentations and admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object and especially among those victims aged under 25" is one of the key measures of success within the Serious Violence Duty strategy. Can you explain what resources the Council will use to make sure this happens?

4.

Questioner: Councillor Peymana Assad

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

Question: 86% of young people accused of serious violence by the police in Harrow have been male, this increases to 100% when it comes to personal robbery. The Serious Violence Duty Strategy does not really highlight targeted actions focused on supporting specifically young men and boys in Harrow. Can you explain why that is?

5.

Questioner: Councillor Krishna Suresh

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

Question: On page 103 of the Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy is outlines a priority action to;

“Review the options, funding and viability of redeveloping Harrow Leisure Centre with increased pool capacity, at least an 8 court Sports Hall, event space and reprovision of current fitness offer. Consider options for enhancing the Squash provision e.g. providing glass back and potentially with a moveable side wall within the feasibility assessments”

Could the Portfolio Holder indicate what early discussions have taken place or are planned to take place in future to meet this priority action other than the brief information mentioned on page 70?