

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**COUNCIL MEETING -**

**5 JULY 2012**

**QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the asking of written questions by Members of Council or a Member of the Executive or the Chairman of any Committee.

**Questioner: Councillor William Stoodley**

**Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson (Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services)**

**Question 1:**

Are you please able to tell me when the advice and guidance for Councillors on blogging and using other such media will be published, as directed by Dr John Kirkland in my Standards Board hearing?

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**Question 2:**

Would you please kindly tell me how many Standards Board for England investigations set directives to be complied with but did not set a time limit within which that directive had to be complied with?

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**Questioner: Councillor Stanley Sheinwald**

**Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)**

**Question 3:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety advise me of the cost of the Hatch End Parking consultation and what has been learned from it?”

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**Questioner: Councillor James Bond**

**Asked of: Councillor Brian Gate (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)**

**Question 4:**

"David Milliband has warned that high and growing youth unemployment is a "ticking timebomb" under the nation's finances and social wellbeing.

Why, then, are Harrow and Brent councils scrapping Brent and Harrow Education Business Service which for years has given thousands of young people in the two boroughs an invaluable advantage as they prepare to enter the jobs market?

And why have the councils looked only at short-term, minor financial savings and ignored the infinitely greater long-term cost, financial and otherwise, of scrapping the service?"

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

**Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)**

**Question 5:**

Could you please provide the quarterly recycling figures for the last two years?

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**Questioner: Councillor Camilla Bath**

**Asked of: Councillor Bob Currie (Portfolio Holder for Housing)**

**Question 6:**

Given this administration's promise to ensure that the Council's housing stock is regularly externally redecorated, could you provide quarterly figures for the last two years of how many houses have been accordingly decorated?

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**Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)**

**Question 7:**

In 2010, you promised a Labour administration would focus on 'invest to save' opportunities, and strive to avoid redundancies. Can you therefore explain why the invest to save / redundancy portion of the Transformation and Priority Initiatives Fund has veered so heavily towards redundancies?

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**Questioner: Councillor Kam Chana**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)**

**Question 8:**

What creative ways to generate income for the Council that you have you so far introduced, and what are your future plans in this respect?

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**Questioner: Councillor Stephen Wright**

**Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)**

**To be responded to by: Councillor Keith Ferry**

**Question 9:**

Can you update us on your administration's efforts to encourage and expand the provision of private leisure facilities for Harrow residents?

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**Questioner: Councillor Manji Kara**

**Asked of: Councillor David Perry (Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services)**

**To be responded to by: Councillor Keith Ferry**

**Question 10:**

Can you provide an update on your plans to introduce a 'Harrow Card' for entertainment and shopping discounts within the Borough?

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**Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)**

**To be responded to by: Councillor Margaret Davine**

**Question 11:**

Do you share my concern at the news reported by the Municipal Journal that £115 million of Department of Health funding provided to councils to fund additional social care with health benefits, has ended up being diverted to other services; and can you assure us this did not happen in Harrow?

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**Questioner: Councillor Simon Williams**

**Asked of: Councillor Margaret Davine (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing)**

**Question 12:**

Have you managed to negotiate with the PCT the provision of extended opening hours and extra services for GP-led surgeries?

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**Questioner: Councillor Stephen Greek**

**Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration)**

**Question 13:**

Can you provide an update on the changes to the enforcement capacity of the Council's planning department over the last two years, and the proposed changes for the next two years?