

CABINET

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**PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR
QUESTIONS ACCEPTED**

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)

Under Rule 16 of the Executive Procedure Rules, members of the public may question the Executive and Portfolio Holders at meetings. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

Questioner: Barry H Kendler

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: “I hope that the Administration agrees with me that when parking restrictions are imposed they are there to ensure a free flow of traffic, to maintain good sight-lines at junctions, to enable local residents to park near, or at their home and to enable customers to access local businesses. I trust the administration is also aware that if most parking restrictions are not enforced, which they are not in the Edgware Ward, this causes danger, traffic jams, frustration to local residents and a loss of business to local traders?

If the Administration does ‘understand’ this what do they propose to do about the lack of resources in Edgware Ward?”

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AGENDA PART I

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 6)

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 Asad Omar

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: “Could you please let me know if the officers produce Annual Parking Report to show precisely where the Council’s Parking revenues come from, how that money is spent, and is that report available to public?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Phillips

Asked of: Councillor Janet Mote, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: “Local residents who live near schools often complain about the inconvenience caused by parents who park in areas that clog up the roads and cause disruption when dropping and picking up their children at school.

What is the Portfolio Holder doing to give protection to local residents?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Phillips

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: “Within Harrow the majority of residents of working age who claim Housing Benefit (HB) are in work. Following the introduction of the Bedroom Tax by the Tory Government in April 2013 - that unfairly penalised people predominately those with disabilities- how many residents have been contacted who due to having been entitled to HB since the 1st January 1996 have had their eligible rent wrongly assessed and what fair and consistent actions are being taken by the Council to ensure that the arrears are paid?”

4.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Phillips

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: “Is it fair that one in eight households in Harrow live in Fuel Poverty?”

5.

Questioner: Councillor Bill Phillips

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: “How many trees have been lost after the recent storms?”

6.

Questioner: Councillor Krishna James

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environment

Question: “In October, you ordered an investigation into allegations of institutional racism in Harrow Council. In a Borough with nearly 60% BAME population and significant BAME staff, could you please provide an update, as 3 months have elapsed, on the progress of the investigation, including when an outcome can be expected?”