

CABINET

THURSDAY 30 MAY 2019

**PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR
QUESTIONS ACCEPTED**

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AGENDA PART 1

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

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: Mrs Christine Hawkes, Community Champion

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

We were promised some time ago that the trees in the park behind gardens in Weighton Road would be removed as they were causing problems to our houses and gardens. We were amazed when the Council allowed 'Friends of Harrow Weald Recreation Ground' to plant numerous saplings in between the existing trees after all the problems we have had. Only about half of these saplings have been removed. One example is the tree at the rear of my garden, No.25 and next door No.27. When they removed all the branches some time ago the men doing the job told me that it was being done because the base of the tree was unsafe and could fall, possibly causing damage to our gardens and injury to anyone nearby. They said that they would be coming back to remove the trunk, which they never did. New branches have grown and it is in full leaf. Another example is where the residents of No.21 contacted their house insurance as large cracks were appearing in their kitchen wall. On investigation it was found that roots from the clump of trees at the park entrance were undermining the foundations of their house. The Council were contacted but nothing has been done.

With regard to the trees in the road, many of these are now huge and overhanging residents front gardens causing problems. The pruning that was promised has not happened.

Please could you tell us when the park and road trees will be dealt with.

2.

Questioner: Mr Patel

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

My black food bin has not been collected today - Thursday 23rd. This has happened before and has happened to other residents (in Weighton Road) as well. Some people have had brown bins missed on occasions. As we now have to pay for this refuse collection please could those concerned make sure it is done properly.

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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: Cllr Paul Osborn

Asked of: Cllr Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services.

Question: “Having already wasted £35 million on the Council’s regeneration plans, why have you not carried out a detailed viability assessment for the Council-owned site on Greenhill Way?”

2.

Questioner: Cllr Paul Osborn

Asked of: Cllr Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services.

Question: “What’s your long-term vision for Harrow’s road network?”

3.

Questioner: Cllr Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Cllr Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “Recently there have been numerous cross-party meetings cancelled. How serious is the Leader’s commitment to truly work cross-party on the strategic life-changing regeneration projects?”

4.

Questioner: Cllr Marilyn Ashton

Asked of: Cllr Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Question: “Does the Portfolio Holder for Environment believe the Council is offering our residents a fit for purpose refuse collection service?”

5.

Questioner: Cllr Richard Almond

Asked of: Cllr Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources

Question: “What happened to Project Infinity?”

6.

Questioner: Cllr Richard Almond

Asked of: Cllr Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Public Health

Question: “How does the administration propose to achieve what it had hoped to achieve through Project Infinity?”

7.

Questioner: Cllr Richard Almond

Asked of: Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

Question: “What value do you expect to be added to the Council’s work by your Portfolio Holder Assistants?”

8.

Questioner: Cllr Richard Almond

Asked of: Cllr Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question: “Has any calculation been made of the likely capital and revenue costs to the Council of giving effect to the Transport Local Implementation Plan as it now stands?”