

# Cabinet

## Public and Councillor Questions accepted

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**CABINET – THURSDAY 27 MAY 2021**

**AGENDA PART I**

**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:** Mike Williams

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution, Customer Services & Regeneration

**Question:** “Will Harrow Council please add an ‘Overage Clause’ to any future sales of council land to restrict the ability of developers making short term excessive profits and to provide an effective assurance that the council always gets best value on any land sale?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Jitesh Raghavani

**Asked of:** Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change

**Question:** “Does the Council take flooding in the residential roads of Harrow seriously?”

**3.**

**Questioner:** Miep Golabi

**Asked of:** Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change

**Question:** “We have heard that Varsha Parmar and an ex Councillor called Mr Divine of Beresford Road are looking into reinstating some kind of barrier on the junction of Beresford road and Cunningham Park and possibly another one in Canterbury Road. I would like an honest answer on this as I would like to remind you of how many residents were against these (including the ones I petitioned last September in Beresford road and Grafton road where I live). There are other traffic measures that

could cut the amount of drivers using it to avoid the speed humps on Pinner View. “

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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:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution, Customer Services & Regeneration.

**Question:** “Now that the Leader is in charge of Planning Policy, would he advise us when we will be holding a long overdue Planning Policy Working Group, a forum he is not on, and when will we be adopting much needed local planning policies that will safeguard our suburban areas from inappropriate developments and high-rise tower blocks?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution, Customer Services & Regeneration.

**Question:** “Can the Leader explain how his administration ended up selling Vaughan Road Car Park, without going to auction and without the benefit of covenants or any overage clauses, having already given itself permission for an eight story high tower block, and does he believe this action was a good move on the Council’s part and for the people of West Harrow?”

**3.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

**Asked of:** Councillor Peymana Assad, Portfolio Holder for Community Cohesion, Crime & Enforcement.

**Question:** “It is appreciated that days after the recent escalation of anti-Semitic incidents in the U.K., the Communications Department issued a statement to Community Leaders on Cllr Assad’s behalf on this subject. Will Cllr. Assad outline her strategy for

supporting and showing solidarity with the Jewish community in Harrow?"

4.

**Questioner:** Councillor Anjana Patel

**Asked of:** Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change.

**Question:** "The Council has sent out by Royal Mail a corrected bin collection schedule and this has gone to every household. What did it cost the Council to correct this avoidable mistake?"

5.

**Questioner:** Councillor Pritesh Patel

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution, Customer Services & Regeneration.

**Question:** "Do you agree that the scope for the redevelopment of the depot at Forward Drive has changed significantly?"

6.

**Questioner:** Councillor Pritesh Patel

**Asked of:** Councillor Natasha Proctor, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

**Question:** "What capital contribution will be provided by Wates to the HSDP partnership?"

7.

**Questioner:** Councillor Pritesh Patel

**Asked of:** Councillor Natasha Proctor, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

**Question:** "Can you advise whether the financial statement of accounts for 2019-20 been signed off by our auditors Mazars?"

8.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Natasha Proctor, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

**Question:** “What is the Council doing to push Harrow up the league table of councils for Central Government funding?”

9.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution, Customer Services & Regeneration.

**Question:** “What do you consider needs to happen for Councillors to be able to hold actual rather than virtual meetings?”

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