

Cabinet

Public and Councillor Questions accepted

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CABINET – THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

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: Dipaque Bhatt

Asked of: Councillor Anjana Patel – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety

Question: “What is Harrow Council doing about public baiting for rats in areas where there is a known infestation across our borough? West Harrow seems to have a ridiculous amount. However, baiting seems to be left to the residents.

I do think that Harrow Council should be working in collaboration with Thames Water drains to bait drains for example. And also deploy public baiting in high-risk areas.”

2.

Questioner: Finley Harnett

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

Question: “The Portfolio Holder will be aware that the Council’s consultation on Discretionary Freedom Passes closed on 3 September. I am opposed to the proposals to cease issuing Freedom Passes for people with mental health issues and phase out the existing passes. As a number of local organisations and charities including Mind in Harrow have argued, freedom passes are an indispensable lifeline for some of the most vulnerable people in Harrow. They tackle loneliness, support independence, and ensure fares aren’t a barrier to passholders making crucial appointments. Pinner residents opposed to the proposals have raised with me their concerns that the feedback they have given via the consultation will be ignored, and that the Council will press ahead with the cuts regardless of the level of local opposition. To allay their concerns, then, I wonder what assessment Cllr Ashton has made of the potential merits of publishing the full criteria by

which a final decision will be made, so that Harrow residents can be assured their feedback will be given due weight?”

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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 Stephen Hickman

Asked of: Councillor Paul Osborn, Leader of the Council and PH for Strategy

Question: “With recent concern about RAAC in schools, what reassurances can the Leader give us that the public buildings in Harrow are safe for residents?”

2.

Questioner: Councillor Stephen Hickman

Asked of: Councillor Mina Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Housing

Question: “Grange Farm Phase 1 residents were told to start packing their boxes in April 2023 and again in June 2023 and then told mid-August 2023. They have still not moved in. Why have there been so many delays for residents?”

3.

Questioner: Councillor Stephen Hickman

Asked of: Councillor Mina Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Housing

Question: “The new Grange Farm Estate is a flagship development. What is the timeline for phase 2 and phase 3”?

4.

Questioner: Councillor Krishna Suresh

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

Question:

“Since the roll out of the new tennis court charging booking system in our parks, could the portfolio holder update on the usage of the courts during the summer period?”