

COUNCIL QUESTIONS – 17 NOVEMBER 2003:

PUBLIC QUESTION

Submitted by Rupert Marsh of the Haringey Leaseholders Association

To the Executive Member for Resources

What is the total cost to date of the litigation commenced by the Council against over 500 leaseholders for non payment of service charges for major works and the projected final cost of this action? The answer to include all the costs, including officer time, of all departments of the Council, the number of defended cases, and the financial implications to various Council budgets in the event of the Court finding in the leaseholders' favour.

ORAL QUESTIONS

Oral Question 1 – To the Executive member for Crime and Community Safety from Councillor Patel

Could the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety give me an indication of what general effect she believes the introduction of the 'Police Kiosks' have had? Could she also stipulate the precise opening times of the Kiosks?

Oral Question 2 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Laird

To ask the Leader of the Council what progress has been made following the Council's initial CPA inspection and what results does he anticipate from the Audit Commission's inspection of the Borough's scrutiny process?

Oral Question 3 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Bull

In light of the recent strikes, the issue of the Post Office has increasingly come to the fore. With that in mind, does the Leader of the Council agree with the Liberal Democrats who, in a policy paper passed unamended at their recent party conference, stated,

"We are increasingly coming to the view that a privatised Post Office...on Dutch lines could have a better chance of succeeding than the current structure"

Does Cllr Meehan think the residents of Haringey would benefit from a privatised post office?

Oral Question 4 – To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Hare

To ask the Lead Member for Environment why the Haringey People magazine, advertisements in newspapers, and leaflets delivered by the Council to some homes only, contain no reference to the fact that residents may purchase a copy of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) Given that the document is difficult to read online why has he not publicised its availability in paper form?

Oral Question 5 - To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Councillor Santry

What steps are the Council and the Metropolitan Police taking to address to problems of crime and anti-social behaviour in White Hart Lane ward?

Oral Question 6 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Oatway

To ask the Executive Member for Environment how many collections of bulky rubbish have been made since charging was introduced and what are the comparable figures for the last two years before charging was introduced? What has been the total income to the Council from collections of bulky rubbish and if he will provide a breakdown of the costs involved?

Oral Question 7 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor GMMH Rahman Khan

Would the Leader of the Council tell us how he is planning to measure the views of Haringey Tax-payers before setting next year's Council Tax, bearing in mind that according to ODPM Guidelines,

"Quantitative surveys, qualitative techniques, deliberative approaches, an interactive website and mailed consultation to stakeholders are the recommended tools for the dialogue in making consultations."

Would he be prepared to use all these methods to set a Council Tax that would enable effective management of the Council?

Oral Question 8 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Hoban

To ask the Executive Member for Environment if he will please confirm what measures are taken by the Council to ensure that owners or occupiers of properties affected by planning appeals are given sufficient opportunity to make representations to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of such appeals?

Oral Question 9 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Jean Brown

Could Cllr Dodds please inform me how long each of the two parts of Pelham Road, in the Noel Park ward are? Could he also state how many poles or posts of different kinds - including lampposts - there are on each part of the road's pavements? Furthermore, could he indicate what other items of street furniture have been erected on the pavement?

Oral Question 10 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Councillor Gilbert

To ask the Executive for Social Services and Health under Government proposals local authorities will be given responsibility for Child Trust Funds for looked after children; will he seek clarification from the Government on how 'top ups' to these funds can be provided by councils?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Written Question 1- To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Bevan

In the recent Northumberland Park and White Hart Lane area assembly news pamphlet it is stated that Tottenham Hotspur Football Club are running various youth schemes in the local community, which are generally provided free of charge. I am given to understand that Haringey Council, through single regeneration schemes and other sources, provide funding to Tottenham Hotspur Football Club to run these programmes. If this is the case I would be grateful if you would provide me with full details of funding and in kind support that has been provided during the last three years. In addition what actual programmes are offered? To whom are they offered and to what localities do the participants reside?

What is the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club contribution to these schemes?

Answer:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give you information about the very successful partnership working which has been developing over several years with Tottenham Hotspur's Football in the Community Programme.

This scheme is similar to those run by football clubs across the country, where local Councils and partner agencies work with the clubs to engage children and young people in football. This has many dimensions including sport and fitness promotion, diversionary activities to prevent youth crime and anti-social behaviour, and also projects which use football as a learning tool to raise children's achievement.

All the activities which Spurs provide for children and young people in Tottenham through the Football in the Community programme are free to individual users, and are provided at no cost to the large number of schools and facilities benefiting.

The activities have been funded through a range of programmes including the Single Regeneration Budget, (SRB), The New Deal for Communities, (NDC,) Positive Futures, the New Opportunities Fund, (NOF), and the Department for Education and Skills, (DfES).

I have set out below the regeneration funding over the last three years by area. These are below.

NDC- Football Coaching in Bridge Primary Schools – This project funds year round weekly football coaching for all children in years 3-6 in the seven primary schools in the NDC area. There is also additional coaching during the summer for young people as part of the youth summer activities on offer.

2001/02- NDC- £24,880
Tottenham Hotspur- £3,059
LEA- £1,840
2002/03- NDC- £10,540

2002/03- NDC- £34,000
Tottenham Hotspur- £6,100
2003/04- NDC- To date
Tottenham Hotspur- £3,050

Northumberland Park- Football Coaching in Primary Schools in the Northumberland Park area including St. Paul's and All Hallows Juniors and Lea Valley JMI. Every child in years 3-6 enjoys weekly coaching as part of the curriculum.

2002/03- SRB- £12,000
LEA (In-kind)- £2,000
Tottenham Hotspur- £5,986
2003/04- SRB- £5,500
LEA- £1,000
Tottenham Hotspur- £2,500

West Green- Top of the league. Football Coaching in Primary Schools In the West Green Learning Neighbourhood. Schools include: Belmont JMI, West Green JMI, Woodlands Park Juniors, Downhills JMI. Again, every child in years 3-6 enjoys weekly coaching as part of the curriculum.

2001/02- SRB- £28,878
LEA- £1,200
Tottenham Hotspur- £5,550
2002/03- SRB- £22,660
Tottenham Hotspur- £2,500
2003/04- SRB- £8,170
No match claimed to date

West Green- Top Team Football Coaching (Summer Holiday)

2001/02- SRB- £4,600
Tottenham Hotspur- £1,007
2002/03- SRB- £5,000
LEA- £500
Tottenham Hotspur- £1,000

This project focused on providing football coaching for children attending summer holiday playschemes.

As part of the programme to engage children and offer top quality coaching by the Club, trips to the ground are organised, and tickets are made available to attend league games.

Spurs have also been asked by Positive Futures –a diversionary programme funded through the Department for Education and Skills, to provide summer activities at Ducketts Common. These have happened over the last two years with great take-up and success. The summer football scheme, instituted at Ferry Lane as part of the programme there, established after a child drowned, has become an established activity, and is extremely popular and well-attended. Neighbourhood Management, through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund has provided funding.

Finally, Haringey Council, Spurs and the Department for Education and Skills, have joined together to establish a Playing for Success Study Centre at White Hart Lane. Charles Clarke MP, Secretary of State for Education & Skills, opened this, as his first engagement on being appointed Minister. The Centre is part of a national network of Study Centres, which target children and young people not benefiting from the formal curriculum in their school. The Centre offers an education programme and curriculum, which has football as its theme, as an incentive to help children improve their literacy and numeracy. Many materials are produced nationally, and are excellent in engaging children. The Centre takes children from all local schools in rotation, has termly graduation ceremonies and has made a great contribution to children's learning. The funding is shared three ways.

In summary then, the Football in the Community programme is a very welcome contributor to our schools, curriculum, recreation, and regeneration and youth activities. Our joint work has brought the Club into the community and through our joint efforts thousands of children and young people have enjoyed professional coaching, and a link to White Hart Lane. Finally, I am delighted to say that at least three Tottenham boys have been signed to their academy as a result of our partnership.

Written Question 2- To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Peacock

Can I please be advised as to the latest figures for ACCORD showing the number of agency staff and permanent staff employed on,

- 1) Refuse collection
- 2) Street sweeping

Could I also be provided with a breakdown showing the number of female staff employed in each category.

Answer:

The current number of permanent and agency staff is as follows: -

Permanent Staff	Agency Staff	Total FTE's	Female Staff	
Refuse Collection	57	29	86	0
Street Cleansing	127	120*	247	6

*** This No. includes up to 25 seasonal staff to help deal with leafing and temporary programmes.**

Accord are currently recruiting into both sections.

Written Question 3- To the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning from Councillor GMMH Rahman Khan

Could the Executive member for Lifelong Learning confirm that the school meals being provided in Haringey Schools are reasonably healthy, not causing disproportionate obesity?

A range of work is undertaken in Haringey to provide healthy eating. Meals served in Haringey schools are healthy and comply with the Government's Nutritional Guidelines. As much food as possible is oven cooked rather than fried to ensure a healthier meal. The Catering Service is also involved in initiatives in liaison with the Community Dietician and Healthy Schools' Co-ordinator to further improve on the current position. Our Supervisors' Day in August was an example of this where staff discussed ways to increase the amount of fruit and vegetables children eat, to help towards the recommended "five-a-day".

Projects have also been undertaken through the Healthy Schools' Programme aimed at achieving healthy eating, not just around school meals. This involved:

- 54 primary schools, 3 specials, 1 pupil support centre, 7 secondary involved in Healthy Schools' Programme. Accreditation: 32 primary, 2 secondary, 1 special;**
- 100% infant and primary schools with attached nurseries are part of National School Fruit Scheme i.e. every child up to 7 years gets a free piece of fruit every day. Juicers and blenders provided for Special**

schools through bid to London Food Link to ensure inclusion in scheme;

- a multi-agency School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) has been set up. Healthier menus have been designed in collaboration with the Community Dietician and Catering Service that meets DfES National Nutritional Standards. SNAG has developed methods of monitoring to ensure consistent delivery across the borough;
- healthier eating training offered to school cooks during summer break;
- 21 Breakfast clubs operating in most deprived areas of Haringey, offering a healthy start to the day;
- healthy eating studied as part of science and Personal, Social and Health Education curricula;
- four schools have held "Healthy Schools' Weeks" - reinforcing preventative links between Healthy Eating and Physical Activity. Strategic links developed with School Sports Co-ordinators, to extend Health Schools' Weeks across the borough.

Written Question 4- To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Haley

Does the Leader of the Council agree that representatives on the Older Persons Forum should be genuine advocates for - and supported by - the elderly in the borough?

Answer:

It is entirely appropriate that representatives on the Older People's Forum should advocate for the needs and wishes of older people in the community, and the rolling agendas of the forum indicate a keen interest in a wide variety of community issues for older people.

Written Question 5- To the Executive Member for Organisational Development and Performance Management from Councillor Bull

Does Cllr Basu feel Haringey's IT is value for money?

Answer:

Yes, our IT Service has been evaluated many times in the past.

Past reviews included District Audit, Local Government Improvement Plan (LGIP), Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), Best Value Review and finally an external consultancy (Deloitte and Touche) were

appointed last year by my predecessor to report back on the Value for Money and benefits of our previous IT investments.

All of these concluded that our IT function and associated investments were well planned, managed and implemented in the last five years.

In addition, Haringey's IT has participated in the London-wide Benchmarking exercise for the past three years and on each occasion our service achieved very good results, in fact leading on some of the elements/comparitors.

Our IT Service is critical to Haringey's delivery of the Community Strategy and integral to achieving the Government's e-government agenda.

I have every confidence that all the current projects will further improve Haringey's services to our community.

Written Question 6- To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Williams

To ask the Executive Member for Environment what issues have arisen from the recent judgement that the Hall's Yard Planning decision was unlawful? Does he agree with the criticisms of Haringey's Planning Service for its inadequate handling of the planning pre-conditions, slow responses to legitimate questions from the objector, who applied for Judicial Review, and what plans does he have for improvements in the light of this criticism?

Answer:

The judgement of the High Court on the Judicial Review into the Halls Builders yard case was given on 5 November. Whilst the judge found that there were procedural errors in the handling of the planning application back in 1999/2000, he did not quash the planning permission, so it is not strictly true to say that the decision was unlawful. Further, costs were not awarded against the Council in regard to the substantive hearing.

The procedural errors identified by the judge were the failure to advertise in a newspaper circulating in the Highgate area (the Council had only advertised in the Haringey Advertiser which is not circulated in Highgate), and the failure to give a screening opinion as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment was required from the applicants at the time of submission of the application in September 1999.

The Planning Service has, already improved a number of its procedures prior to this case going to Court. The Service is aware of and has systems to assess the need for Screening Opinions for Environmental Impact Assessment and it ensures that the statutory register of EIA decisions is

maintained. Procedures have been introduced to advertise relevant applications in a paper circulating in Highgate.

With regard to the handling of planning pre-conditions; this concerns the discharge of some of the conditions on the original permission relating to details of materials, landscaping, and tree protection. Counsel for the Council argued that, as these matters had been submitted to the Planning Service and were being negotiated with the applicants, the Council did not see fit to intervene and stop the building works from proceeding; it is not unusual for issues such as landscaping, which is generally put in at the end of a development contract, to be subject of discussion whilst building work is going on. The judge accepted that this is not exceptional in practice and that the required approvals, if not already given, will be forthcoming before long. In his view "the breaches of condition relate essentially to timing rather than to substance."

As far as response to questions from the objector who applied for Judicial Review; the Planning Service (and the developers) have provided him with considerable amounts of information which he brought before the Court; he has been to examine the planning case files on several occasions, had copies of documents he requested, and has had 'cumulative responses' by letter to some of the points he has raised in writing. It has not been possible, due to staff resources, to give individual and immediate replies to the multitude of faxed letters which he has sent to the Planning and Legal Service.

Written Question 7- To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Bloch

To ask the Leader of the Council what measures are taken by Trading Standards to ensure that there is compliance by credit companies based in Haringey with consumer credit regulations?

Answer:

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and Trading Standards Departments have a duty to enforce the provisions of the Consumer Credit Act 1994. The OFT, before issuing or renewing licences to businesses trading in Haringey, invites Haringey Trading Standards (TS) to comment on the potential fitness of the applicants to hold such a licence. In most cases, there is no reason to comment adversely but there have been instances where the department has suggested that it would not be appropriate to grant or renew a licence.

Haringey is served by a variety of loan companies, ranging from Loan Finance, Credit Brokers and Pawnbrokers. All these companies are regulated by the Consumer Credit Act 1974. This Act imposes controls on the conduct of credit and hire businesses and requires those running them to hold a licence. It regulates the form, content and operation of

credit and hire agreements in great detail including setting out rules on how rates of charge must be stated and the rebate of charge that must be applied when an agreement is settled early. When a trader breaches these requirements, the OFT can refuse or revoke a licence and together with Trading Standards can take injunctive action under the Enterprise Act 2002. The most serious breaches are deemed to be criminal offences and enforcement action can be taken in respect of them by Trading Standards.

TS investigate all complaints from the residents and non-residents where the offence has occurred in Haringey and these at the moment average about 40 to 50 complaints a year. From time to time, TS inspect advertisements appearing in local newspapers and shop windows. They are also available to advise local businesses on compliance with the Act. Finally, Trading Standards provides advice and information to consumers to enable them to enforce their civil law rights under the Act and, in complex cases assists with mediation.

Currently there is an initiative run from the Economic Regeneration Team of the Chief's Executive's Service. This is in pursuance of the Council's role as a partner in the Metropolitan Housing Trust and Partners initiative called "Community Led Solutions To Financial Exclusion in Haringey". It is seeking to address problems of access to finance for the most disadvantaged sections of the communities of Haringey, Enfield and Waltham Forest. Enforcement of consumer credit legislation will inevitably form one part of the eventual solution and Trading Standards is providing an input to this initiative.

Written Question 8- To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Laird

To ask the Leader of the Council whether the Council has any plans to extend PFI projects additional to current ones and will the Council be bidding for any new PFI funds, and if he will make a statement?

Answer:

The Council has submitted a bid for the Building Schools for the Future programme. This is a major programme designed to transform secondary school accommodation and the government is expecting to approve programmes up to £150m. The resources set aside by government for the programme include both traditional resources and PFI credits. We would therefore expect any successful Haringey bid to be delivered, at least in part, via PFI.

Written Question 9- To the Executive Member for Housing from Councillor Hoban

To ask the Executive Member for Housing a) How many applications have been made by the Council for eviction of tenants displaying anti-social behaviour (ASB)

since 2000 b) How many of these were successful in evicting Council tenants c) to provide a breakdown of the grounds on which successful and unsuccessful applications for ASB evictions were made?

Answer

Nuisance caused by Tenants is a breach of the Council's Tenancy Conditions (Clause 2 NUISANCE, Clause 3, HARASSMENT and Clause 15 ABUSE & VIOLENCE), as well as a ground for possession under the 1985 Housing Act (Ground 2, Schedule 2) which states:

'The tenant or a person residing in the dwelling-house has been guilty of conduct which is a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours, or has been convicted of using the dwelling-house or allowing it to be used for immoral or illegal purposes'

It is necessary to point out that, with the exception of the most severe cases, the courts are reluctant to award an order for possession unless they have been satisfied that all other avenues (to stop the nuisance behaviour) have been explored. Eviction is a last resort and does not represent the sum total of activity to deal with Anti Social Behaviour, e.g. legal injunctions, warning letters, mediation, Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) and acceptable behaviour contracts (ABCs) have been just as effective in stopping nuisance behaviour, in the vast majority of cases. These actions can be taken independently and irrespective of any possession proceedings the Council may wish to pursue.

In the cases where these actions fail to stop nuisance behaviour the council proceeds with an application to the courts for possession, with the evidence of such efforts being used to create a realistic chance of securing a positive outcome.

According to our records a total of 10 households have been evicted for anti social behaviour during the period in question. We have no comparable collective information on 'non-successful' applications for the same period.

In recent years problems of Anti-Social Behaviour in general (not only within council housing estates) have become a lot more prominent across the country. In response, the council has just expanded and strengthened significantly its Anti Social Behaviour Team, which is also currently involved in a pilot scheme in a part of the borough, designed to refine its systems and overall approach. As a result levels of activity and of effectiveness are steadily increasing to meet the increased need and public expectations in this field, and far more detailed monitoring systems have been instituted which would enable the council to provide in future detailed breakdowns of all the various actions taken and of changing patterns over time.

Written Question 10- To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Gilbert

To ask the Leader of the Council, with regard to the granting of the application by Tree House Trust for a school in Woodside Avenue, and the likelihood of expansion of Tetherdown School onto the same site, will he ensure that the Council does all in its power to secure funding for traffic calming on Woodside Ave; will he report progress on securing such funding from Transport for London?

Answer:

We have already submitted a bid for funding for traffic calming measures / safe routes to school in respect of Woodside Avenue. We are expecting the results of our transport bid to Transport for London in November. A report on our overall allocation will be made through Tel's announcement.

Written Question 11- To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Davies

To ask the Executive Member for Environment, further to his answer of 15 September, what progress has been made with the review of lighting, fencing and operating hours for the planned all-weather pitch at Fortismere School and what stage has been reached with the planned consultation with local residents?

Answer:

Currently, the planning service is holding the application for the floodlighting to the all weather pitch in abeyance at the instruction of Jarvis. Before, any progress can be made on the planning application, the applicants agreed to have a further meeting with local residents to discuss the application.

The applicants have not yet advised the planning service or residents when this meeting is likely to take place.

Discussions between the Education Department, the Planning Department and Jarvis will be taking place to prepare revised proposals for public consultation.

Written Question 12 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Fabian

To ask the Executive Member for Environment what discussions has the Council had with Lynx Express concerning the future of the parcel depot on Coppetts Road?

Answer:

The Council has had pre-application discussion with planning consultants acting for Lynx regarding the future of their land (the holding of pre-application discussions is strongly encouraged by Central Government). They have been advised from the very outset that there are problems in principle with trying to develop this site for residential use, when it is an employment site which the Council wishes to protect; being so close to the North Circular it is eminently suited to industry or warehousing.

Notwithstanding this advice, the applicants have now submitted a formal application, which is at the initial stages of consultation including notification to local residents. The application will be reported to PASC.

Written Question 13 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Floyd

To ask the Leader of the Council with regard to recent tragedies at the Archway Bridge, Hornsey Lane, has consideration been given to the installation of CCTV on the Bridge, linked to an emergency service control room, so as to try to avoid further fatalities?

Answer:

This is a helpful suggestion; however, it is the case that most of our CCTV systems work on a deterrent and retrospective basis. We have a very limited capacity to work in real time using CCTV. I believe it is unlikely that the cameras will have any deterrent effect on the tragedies you properly raise. Potentially, the camera may encourage risky behaviour in order to raise false alarms and waste police resources.

We are currently looking at the feasibility of introducing physical measures to impact on the problem.

This matter is the subject of discussion between the police and ourselves. I shall of course keep your suggestion under review in regard to this matter.

Written Question 14 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Aitken

To ask the Executive Member for Environment to please provide details of the Christmas week rubbish collection schedule for all wards?

Answer:

The following Christmas week refuse collection service has been approved in principle, but is subject to final agreement. Members will be informed if any subsequent changes are made.

Date	Collection
Thursday 25 th December 2003	No Refuse Collection
Friday 26 th December 2003	No Refuse Collection
Saturday 27 th December 2003	Normal Saturday Service
Sunday 28 th December 2003	Normal Sunday Service
Monday 29 th December 2003	Working as normal
Tuesday 30 th December 2003	Working as normal
Wednesday 31 st December 2003	Working as normal
Thursday 1 st January 2004	No refuse Collection
Friday 2 nd January 2004	Normal Thursday's collection
Saturday 3 rd January 2004	Normal Friday's collection
Sunday 4 th January 2004	Normal Sunday Service
Monday 5 th January 2004	Resume normal working
	All Backlog Cleared

Written Question 15 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Featherstone

To ask the Executive Member for Environment how many payments have been made to people complaining about the service provided by Haringey Accord in 2002 and 2003 and what is the total sum paid out in each year?

Answer:

Following the Council's complaint procedures, to date, one payment of £50.00 has been made.

Written Question 16 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Oatway

To ask the Executive Member for Environment, following a number of complaints from residents in the vicinity of Highgate North Hill, what is done currently to enforce the 5-ton weight limit? As it appears that there is consistent abuse of the limit will he state what further measures the Council proposes to enforce the limit?

Answer:

This is a moving traffic offence therefore the police have responsibility for enforcement. However, the ALG, have prepared a report proposing that local authorities be allowed to take over some moving traffic offences.

Written Question 17 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Beacham

To ask the Executive Member for Environment how many abandoned cars have been reported to the Council in the last year and give the average time for removal in each ward of the borough.

Answer:

Last year the Parking Service received 17,000 reported cases of abandoned vehicles. We removed and disposed of 6526 vehicles and our response time's average eight days from inspection to removal.

We do not collate the data on a Ward basis and as such are unable to give details on a Ward by Ward basis.

Written Question 18 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Simpson

To ask the Executive Member for Environment owing to the heavy leaf fall across the Borough, many residents are experiencing the age old problem of blocked gullies and overflowing drains. This is particularly prevalent in Bishop's Rd, Talbot Rd, and Bloomfield Rd in Highgate, Could I have an assurance that these roads will be properly swept and the gullies cleared to avoid any further flooding in this area?

Answer:

The clearance of leaves this year is being carried out according to a plan jointly agreed between the Council and Haringey Accord Ltd. The new leaf clearance schedule is divided into priority 1 and priority 2 routes. The priority 1 routes (e.g. Bloomfield Road N6) have been identified as roads that may become unsafe for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Priority 2 routes target areas where leaf fall has historically been heavy. All other routes (e.g Talbot Road and Bishop's Road N6) should be swept as part of the normal contractual street sweeping arrangements, which includes the clearance of gullies, although difficulties can be encountered due to parked cars. The clearance of leaves from Priority 1 &2 routes requires Haringey Accord to provide additional resources during the period between October to December. A briefing note giving details of the new schedules and the additional resources will be sent to all Members by 21st November 2003.

Written Question 19 - To the Chair of The Alexandra Palace & Park Board from Councillor Hare

To ask the Chair of the Alexandra Palace Board why the Board, as a sub Committee of the Council as overall body of trustees does not conform to Charity Law and bring its minutes to full Council?

Answer

“Current legal advice is that, under section 97 of the Charities Act 1993, the Members of the AP&P Board are, in practice, the charity trustees since the Council has delegated to them the general management and control of the administration of the charity. It would always be open to full Council to recall its delegation, generally or specifically, and to make any decision as trustee of AP&P itself. While matters are delegated to the Board, the Board is fully empowered to make decisions that are, generally, binding once taken and there is no requirement in charity or local government law for the minutes of the Board to be reported to full Council. This advice on delegation by Local Authority trustee bodies is consistent with Charity Commission guidance.”

Written Question 20 - To the Executive Member for Environment from Councillor Winskill

To ask the Executive Member for Environment what enforcement issues are outstanding regarding 179 Archway Rd following the inspector's decision on the illegal building, the involvement of the Chief Executive, MP, Head of Planning and their promises to act to ensure enforcement.

Answer:

The Council is taking action over a Breach of Condition regarding hours of opening at 179 Archway Road (i.e. opening beyond the permitted hour of 11 p.m.). A Breach of Condition Notice has been served; the owners have been informed that as they are still in breach, the Council will move to prosecution.

As regards the single storey extension at the rear, there is no 'illegal building' as such, but the extension permitted in 1992 had a condition requiring submission of detailed drawings of a side elevation, which was never complied with. In view of the passage of time, and given that the property has changed hands, it would not be feasible to take Breach of Condition action now. The extension is not at all large or overbearing compared with others on side roads off Archway Road, and is built of red brick. The main visual problems are a doorway blocked off in breezeblocks, and a rather unsightly roller shutter garage door.

An application has been submitted, on 21 October, for the conversion of this single storey rear extension and part of the ground floor of the

original building, into residential use, leaving a smaller cafe/restaurant in the front. It may be possible to incorporate some remedial improvements to the appearance of the side elevation as part of this application, if that application for conversion is acceptable in principle.