

KP
Ken Pryor

020 8489 2915

020 8881 2660

Ken.Pryor@haringey.gov.uk

14 November 2006

Dear Member

Full Council Meeting – 13 November 2006 – Tabled papers

Please find enclosed the following tabled papers:

- | No | Item |
|-----------|---|
| 2. | To ask the Mayor to consider the admission of any late items of business in accordance with Section 100B of the Local Government Act 1972 |
| 6. | To receive the report of the Chief Executive |
| 12. | To answer questions, if any, in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure Nos. 9 & 10 |

Yours sincerely

Ken Pryor
Deputy Head of Member Services

This page is intentionally left blank

Item 2

COUNCIL MEETING – 13 NOVEMBER 2006

LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**The Chief Executive**

Madam Mayor, there are three late items of business, which could not be available earlier, and which will need to be dealt with at this meeting. The reasons for lateness and urgency is given in the report laid round.

Item 6 – Report of the Chief Executive

My report was not available at the time of dispatch as it includes recent changes proposed following party group meetings. It is urgent in order to permit changes to be made to Council body appointments.

Item 12 – Questions and Written Answers

Notice of questions is not requested until 8 clear days before the meeting, following which the matters raised have to be researched and replies prepared to be given at the meeting.

Item 13 – Executive report number 8 – 2006/7

The report was not available at the time of dispatch as the matters contained in it were not considered by the Executive until 31 October and potentially subject to call in up to Thursday 9 November.

The report is urgent because there is a legislative deadline to adopt a Gambling Policy before the end of 2006.

This page is intentionally left blank

Council Meeting – 13 November 2006

Report Title: **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Report of: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Non - key**

1. Purpose

1.1 To agree committee membership changes

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the membership changes as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report be agreed.

Report Authorised by: **Chief Executive**

Contact Officer: **Ken Pryor, Deputy Head of Member Services.**
Tel: 0208 489 2915

3. Executive Summary

3.1 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the municipal year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

N/A

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

1. The following papers have been used in the preparation of this report and can be inspected at River Park House, 225 High Road Wood Green, London, N22 8HQ by contacting Ken Pryor on 020 8489 2915.

Information supplied by the Party Groups.

6. Background

The following changes have been notified to the Chief Executive since the last Council meeting.

Licensing Sub-Committees

The Licensing Committee at their meeting on 31 October 2006 agreed the following changes to the composition of their sub-committees.

Sub-Committee A:

Cllr Demirci - Bounds Green
Cllr Patel (Chair) – Woodside
Cllr Vanier – Tottenham Green

Sub-Committee B:

Cllr Mughal – Noel Park
Cllr Peacock (Chair) – Northumberland Park
Cllr Lister – Tottenham Green

Sub-Committee C:

Cllr Beacham (Chair) – Alexandra
Cllr Reid – Hornsey
Cllr Dobbie – Noel Park

Unassigned:

Cllr Bloch – Muswell Hill

Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the municipal year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS – 13th November 2006**Oral Question 1 – To the Executive Member for Children & Young People from Councillor Bull :**

Is the Haringey Youth Council yet up and running?

ANSWER**Oral Question 2 - To the Executive Member for Housing from Councillor Williams:**

Will he please explain why the launch of Home Connections has been delayed from October to an unknown time in the New Year, and can he now give a definitive date for the delayed launch?

ANSWER**Oral Question 3 – To the Executive Member for Children & Young People from Councillor Vanier:**

Is the Executive Member satisfied with the way that Council fulfils its corporate parenting responsibility?

ANSWER**Oral Question 4 - To the Executive Member for Housing for from Councillor C Harris:**

Will he please explain why he believes that the Housing Service, in his words, “still struggles with some serious problems from the past”?

ANSWER**Oral Question 5 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Adje:**

Can the Leader of the Council comment on the outcome of the recent Comprehensive Performance Assessment?

ANSWER

Oral Question 6 - To the Executive Member for Community Involvement from Councillor Wilson:

Has the Council now retrieved the full £3,500 Chettle Court grant?

ANSWER

Oral Question 7 – To the Executive Member for Finance from Councillor Davies:

Could she please provide a figure for the total Council Tax arrears across the borough, and explain why this figure has increased over the last financial year?

ANSWER

Oral Question 8 - To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Newton:

Could he please confirm that he has taken on board the overwhelming opposition to the proposals for pay and display parking as outlined in the first stage of statutory consultation for Muswell Hill and Crouch End, and give a commitment that this council will not in the future seek to impose these plans? Can he give a further commitment that any proposals contained in the second stage of statutory consultation taking place around 23 November - 14 December will not be imposed by this Council, if the local community once again overwhelmingly rejects the plans?

ANSWER

Written Questions

Written Question 1 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Williams:

How many water saving devices have been installed in lavatories belonging to, or operated by, the London Borough of Haringey since he urged members to install the same in their own lavatories at the Full Council meeting on 9th October 2006?

ANSWER

The Waste Management Service is responsible for provision of public conveniences in Haringey. Of the eight public conveniences in the borough, seven are fitted with Wallgate units. Wallgate units are a hand washing device designed to dispense a set amount of water and soap at the press of a button. They also provide hot air for hand drying.

These units have been installed for a number of years and are designed to limit the use of water, soap and electricity. Water flow rate is 1.2 litres per minute and water is dispensed for about 12 seconds each time the unit is used.

Opportunities for installing further water saving devices will be taken as and when funding becomes available or through the normal repair and maintenance programme where it is appropriate and prudent to do so.

Water saving devices in lavatories are being installed in buildings run by the Council. I also hope that, since Full Council on 9th October, Members on both sides of the Chamber have taken up the opportunity to install the water saving devices which were distributed.

Some time ago Facilities Management tested some devices in the toilet cisterns at Hornsey Town Hall. However, these proved to be detrimental to the flushing pressure in the toilets, and had to be removed.

They are now conducting a pilot in the cisterns in the Civic Centre with alternative devices, often known as 'hippo bags'. If this is successful they will then try and roll out these devices to the rest of the portfolio.

Written Question 2 – To the Executive Member for Organisational and Development & Performance from Councillor Hoban:

With respect to the council's disciplinary code of conduct, could he please confirm:

- a) how many council officers have been formally investigated over the period 2002-06?
- b) how many officers were suspended during the investigation, by grade?
- c) please confirm the outcome of such investigations, with particular regard to disciplinary action taken and staff grade.

ANSWER

- a] 351 employees have been investigated over the period 2002-06 representing 1% of the Council's workforce excluding teaching staff on average per year.

For parts b] and c] the following information is provided on records held on the Council's Management Information System which went live in 2003. Please note that we are unable to provide comprehensive information for the year 2002/03.

- b] the following table gives the numbers of people suspended by salary band and financial year – the figures represent 0.6% of the workforce, excluding teachers, on average per year.

Salary Band	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	Grand Total
Man + Craft	1	8	20	13	22	64
PO1-PO3	1	8	4	6	4	23
PO4-PO7	3	6	6	1	2	18
PO8+	0	0	1	1	1	3
SC1-SC5	0	18	21	8	8	55
SC6-SO2	1	28	14	8	12	63
Total	6	68	66	37	49	226

- c] outcome of disciplinary action

Outcome	Man + Craft	PO1-PO3	PO4-PO7	PO8+	SC1-SC5	SC6 – SO2	TOTAL
Investigation ongoing	18	5	2	0	7	10	42
Dis. Appeal dismissed	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Dis. Appeal upheld	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Dis. Dismissal	15	8	4	1	10	12	50
Dis. Final Written Warning	10	5	3	2	12	18	50
Dis. No action	8	0	5	0	12	7	32
Dis. Other	7	3	1	0	9	5	25
Dis. Relegation/demotion	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dis. Resigned	2	1	0	0	0	1	4
Verbal warning	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Written Warning	3	1	2	0	3	2	11
Made redundant hearing date	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Resigned prior hearing	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total	64	23	18	3	55	63	226

Written Question 3 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Beacham:

Will he please confirm that the new cabling required for upgraded street lighting is being sunk to a depth of 450mm which is causing serious problems for existing trees and which is also interfering with the planting of new trees which need a minimum of 1000mm depth to cater for root growth?

ANSWER

I can confirm that the recommended depth in the footway for cabling is 450mm, however this is subject to the depth of EDF mains and also other statutory undertaker equipment. I am not aware of any problems to existing trees or new trees and if the you have any specific details I will take this up with Officers.

Written Question 4 – To the Executive Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Oatway:

With regard to the rise in anti-social behaviour in the area around Alexandra Library, what extra resources are Youth Services providing in the area to combat the problem?

ANSWER

The ASBAT have been working with the staff at the Alexandra Park Library. Officers have taken statements from local residents and staff about the nuisance being caused. An officer is arranging to meet with the Head Teacher & the School Liaison Officer to see whether visits can be made to the area around the lunch hour to stop the youths gathering around the library.

Further, a dome camera was installed last week. This will assess the level of nuisance and identify any person/s causing criminal damage or nuisance around the library. Footage was viewed on Friday but there were no incidents.

In addition, Existing youth provision around that area includes Muswell Hill Youth Centre. Youth Service resources are allocated according to a detailed needs analysis which is reviewed regularly. The indices that are used in the needs analysis include anti social behaviour. In order to deploy resources to the specific area around the Library we would have to withdraw from another locality. We are recruiting an additional senior member of the detached team and this will give greater flexibility in terms of deployment.

Written Question 5 – To the Executive Member for Housing from Councillor Demirci:

Can he please outline the problems facing the housing service in relation to the re-registration of the housing register; can he please confirm how many responses there have been to the literature sent out in relation to the re-registration?

ANSWER

The Re-registration of the Housing Register is a planned structured process to ensure that all the information which the Council holds on its applicants for Housing is current. Given the number involved, approximately 24,000

applicants were written to, this is a significant exercise which has made use of the most up-to-date technology available both to expedite the process and minimise inaccuracy and costs.

In total over 12,000 forms have been returned. This is in line with our expectations. In respect of the number of applicants returning re-reg forms, in broad terms the number falls within the expected thresholds identified following benchmarking with other local authorities.

A range of measures have been undertaken to ensure housing applicants are not subject to detriment.

A dedicated helpline service was made available for all applicants to contact if assistance was required. This offer of assistance was taken up by approximately 600 housing applicants.

The council also allowed an extended period for applicants to complete and return their re-registration which was double the time period which other councils have used.

Alongside these measures to prevent and assist those with particular needs to complete the form, measures are also in place to ensure that vulnerable persons are dealt with in a sensitive manner if their re-registration application form had not been returned by the indicated deadline. These measures have involved the Housing Service working alongside the Supporting People Service to identify all applicants who are in receipt of support from supporting people providers. In all such cases an additional opportunity will be provided for people to re-register their interest in housing in the form of a letter and offer of assistance to complete the re-registration form. Additional targeted measures are also planned to deal with the applicants in specific circumstances e.g. Temporary Accommodation Dwellers and Council Tenants.

Written Question 6 – To the Executive Member for Community Involvement from Councillor Oakes:

- a. If the council has not yet applied for planning permission for its plans for Muswell Hill Library, when does it intend to, and does it have any indication that these proposals will be approved?
- b. Has the council engaged in an authorised procurement process for the Library?

ANSWER

The Muswell Hill Library Proposal was a concept design process which looked at the options to address the serious building dilapidations and to provide a dramatically improved library facility. During the development of the concept design, discussions were held by the architects with key stakeholders

including the Planning Department. Subject to the formal evaluation of the consultations with the community, taking the proposal to planning approval stage will require substantial detailed work to embody the concept design.

The cost of developing the proposals so far is under £5,000 and appropriate procurement mechanisms have been used.

Written Question 7 – To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Councillor Aitken:

How many of the borough's CCTV cameras are currently out of action, both as a real figure and as a percentage of the total number of cameras?

ANSWER

At present there is a fault on one camera which in percentage terms represents 1.3% of the camera network (76 cameras).

Written Question 8 – To the Executive Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Weber:

Can she please confirm that Haringey Council will ensure that all looked after children will be given a lockable suitcase of their own, instead of a black dustbin liner to move their meagre worldly possessions as described by a group of young adults who were highlighting the pit falls of being a looked after child in Haringey?

ANSWER

Since 2005 we have had a clear policy that all young people's belongings are moved in suitcases. Haringey signed up to the National Voice "Ban the bin bag" campaign in 2005, a memo was sent to all staff reminding them that all young people looked after should have a suitcase for their belongings. Both District Offices have a stock of suitcases for young people.

Recently, a number of young people raised this issue with me; I have since raised this with the Director of the Children's Service, instructing her to ensure that the policy is implemented without exception.

Written Question 9 – To the Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration from Councillor Winskill:

What discussions have officers had with regeneration agencies to enable Haringey to benefit from the opportunities offered by the 2012 Olympic Games? Will she give us her estimate of the number of jobs which will be created in Haringey as a result of the Games, and will she specify what projects will be located within Haringey? Would she also outline any collaborative projects mediated through the North London Strategic Alliance?

ANSWER

Many of Haringey Council's business units and local partners are working on Olympic-related activity and issues.

Information is being shared within the Council through an Olympic Officers Working Group led by the Head of Economic Regeneration. This currently meets quarterly and involves officers from Economic Regeneration, Recreation, Voluntary Sector Team and Communications.

Information is shared on a sub-regional basis through an Olympics Working Group facilitated by North London Strategic Alliance (NLSA). This also meets quarterly and is attended by the local authorities and regional strategic partners (e.g. North London Chamber of Commerce), plus representatives of the London Development Agency (LDA), including Tom Travers, who has been seconded to the Olympic Delivery Agency (ODA).

The main areas of regeneration activity are as follows:

Skills & Employment

The Economic Regeneration Unit participates in the "2012 Employment Skills & Economic Benefits Sub-Group" of the Association of London Government (ALG). This is seeking to ensure that the skills and employment opportunities, in particular, are spread more widely than just the five Olympic boroughs.

An estimated 70,000 jobs are expected to be created through Olympic related activity. At this stage it is not clear how many of these jobs will be filled by Haringey residents. However, Haringey is lobbying to be included as a key borough in the LDA/ 5 Olympic Boroughs Local Employment & Training Framework and thus for our residents to have more access to direct Olympic employment opportunities, and access to funding for training;

The Council is supporting specific projects developing skills in sectors that will be in high demand (e.g. construction) in run-up to 2012.

Business & Enterprise

North London Ltd is planning a North London Business Club, which will link into the 2012 Business Club. The latter will be the official, national business/Olympics interface and supported by the DTI, ODA and London Organising Committee of the Olympic games (LOCOG). The LDA is supporting North London Ltd in the establishment of this club.

Haringey Council (as an acknowledged leader in procurement and supply chain development) is working closely with the GLA to inform the Mayor's plans for supply chain diversity around the Olympics. External colleagues are also now beginning work with the ODA to begin to implement these and

ensure that SMEs, BAMEs and other diverse organisations have the opportunity to compete for Olympic contracts.

Haringey Council is working with providers of procurement support to SMEs and other organisations (e.g. Supply London, Tender to Win, Access to Contracts) to leverage in as much activity as possible, so that local enterprises are as 'fit to compete' as possible once Olympic-related business opportunities arise.

Haringey City Growth and North London Ltd are planning activity within the food and drink, hospitality, tourism and leisure sectors, in particular, to build capacity and opportunities in time for 2012.

This work is led by the Economic Regeneration Unit.

Volunteering

The Council is supporting HAVCO as it seeks to establish a Haringey Volunteering Bureau to build local skills and create pool of volunteers ready for 2012.

Culture

Members of the Economic Regeneration Unit recently met co-ordinators of cultural activity within LOCOG. LOCOG will be producing a framework for the Cultural Olympiad (which begins in 2008) early in 2007. Early indications are that activity will be encouraged around communities (e.g. carnival and street theatre), young people, international links and sustainability. Few new public funds will be available for activity – rather local areas are encouraged to consolidate and leverage financing already in place.

The planning and organisation of activity as part of the Cultural Olympiad from 2012 onwards will take place through Creative Buzz, the creative industries part of Haringey City Growth.

Haringey Council has recently joined Arts & Business, as the first stage in working to secure wider participation by the private sector in cultural activity in Haringey, for example, to raise funding towards activities as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

Sport

Recreation Services are leading on this link.

Several Haringey sites are proposed as training bases for 2012: White Hart Lane Sports Centre, Northumberland Park School and Finsbury Park. Discussion is on-going with Sport England about these.

Head of Recreation participates in the Haringey Strategic Partnership's Well-Being Board and so plans to pursue links between the Olympics, sport and public health as we move forward towards 2012.

Much of Haringey's sports infrastructure is in the process of being upgraded, and this will contribute to increasing participation in sport as we move towards 2012. External partners such as Tottenham Hotspurs FC are working with the Council on this.

Recreation

Through the spatial and redevelopment plans for Tottenham Hale, proposals are in place to improve the built-environment up to the Lea Valley Park. The Park authority and British Waterways have further plans to create pleasant pedestrian and cycle access between the Upper and Lower Lea Valleys and direct into Olympic park.

The Economic Regeneration, Strategic Sites and Planning teams work on this, along with external partners.

Transport

Haringey Council's Transport Planning team is seeking:

Secure future for current direct Tottenham Hale – Stratford (12 min transport time) overland train link;

Expansion of existing radial transport links towards Olympic site;

To ensure redevelopment of North Circular road to ensure improved road links by 2012.

PR

Despite not being an Olympic borough, government and agencies are using Haringey schools etc for Olympic-related PR opportunities, which is generating excitement and anticipation;

A major challenge to Council going forward is to ensure that local people see enough benefits in run-up to Olympics to compensate for the cost that they already realise they are being asked to pay. This work is led by the Communications Unit.

Written Question 10 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Beynon:

There are currently no play facilities for children in Fortis Green ward; Does the council have any plans to install any?

ANSWER

An audit and analysis of local play facilities was undertaken in April 06 to inform the development of the borough play strategy. The audit covered all equipped play spaces and ball courts owned and managed by the Council, including those located in open space and on housing estates and those provided by other public bodies.

In total, 100 play facilities were identified and 25 ball courts.

Two wards, Fortis Green and Crouch End, were identified as having no play areas.

For Crouch End Ward, the nearest available play facilities are in Priory Park, part of which is located in Crouch End Ward with the other part, including the playground being located in Hornsey Ward.

The nearest available play facility for Fortis Green Ward is in Highgate Woods.

The council is currently assessing draft proposals for the future redevelopment of Muswell Hill Playing Fields and the inclusion of play facilities is under consideration for inclusion in the redevelopment plans.

Written Question 11 – To the Executive Member for Finance from Councillor Davies:

Officers have been instructed to find ways to save a total of £13.6 million over the next four years; Can she confirm that officers have been instructed to balance these savings evenly over the four year period, and that there has been no instruction to assume no new savings in year three of the budget, 2009/10?

ANSWER

The savings options are based on what is required over the four year period, not what is required in any individual year. However, it is of maximum benefit to the Council's resources position if the savings can be made as early as possible, so officers have come up with options with that in mind.

Written Question 12 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Newton :

How much has the council spent on developing and consulting on each of the current plans for CPZs and Stop and Shop schemes; what financial support

has it received from outside bodies for these plans; and what estimate has he made for the final costs once all the consultations have been completed?

ANSWER

The approximate breakdown of CPZ costs, including the cost of parking beat surveys, design, print and distribution of consultation documents is £142k.

This consists of £72k for parking beat surveys and £67k for the cost of consultation documents. The Stop and Shop proposals costs to date are approx £5k.

A provision of 60k for consultation and implementation (if agreed) is being funded by Transport for London for the Haringey Station and Hornsey Station CPZs.

The estimates for final costs can not be made until the Council has fully assessed informal and statutory consultation feedback

Written Question 13 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Alexander:

Will he please confirm that the future of the Log Cabins on the Falkland/Fairfax Road Open Space in Haringay Ward will be fully consulted upon with local residents, their wishes and views taken into account and, if the overall view is that the Log Cabins are to be demolished, give an assurance that money will be set aside to fully re-landscape the area together with new play equipment to provide a good usable space for local residents?

ANSWER

The future of Log Cabins has been the subject of public consultation since the Play Service stopped using the building in May. A working group has been looking into the possible future use of the building, if any, and of improvements to the park. The working group is chaired by, and made up of, local ward Councillors and the Executive Member for Environment, partners from local Residents Associations, the Metropolitan Police, Friends of Falkland Fairfax Open Space, London Islamic Cultural Centre (Willoughby Road Mosque), North and South Haringay Primary Schools, and the Ladder Community Safety Partnership. Officers from Recreation Service, the Children & Young People's Service and Neighbourhood Management Service also attend the Group.

A number of working group meetings has been held, including a discussion at an Area Assembly meeting. The high point of the consultation process was an Open Day held on 19th October whereby the community was given the opportunity to make its views known. This event was attended by approximately 100 local residents. The information gathered from the day was collated and fed back to the Working Group at their meeting on the 6th

November and reported back to the Area Assembly on the 9th of November". The Children & Young People's Service and Recreation Service have been supported by Neighbourhood Management to facilitate the Log Cabins Working Group and to organise the public consultation event on 19 October 2006.

After these meetings it is our intention to consider options for the future.

Written Question 14 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Baker:

In line with the drive to encourage children to walk to school in the borough, when will complete traffic calming measures be completed for the walk to North and South Harringay schools; please also refer in the answer to pelican crossings on Green Lanes and the adjustments to speed humps on roads where chicanes have been constructed.

ANSWER

As you are aware, pedestrian improvement measures have already been introduced by the Harringay Passage on Frobisher, Falkland and Mattison Roads, to assist in the safer passage of children attending North and South Harringay Schools. These measures were introduced in partnership with Neighbourhoods and Highways.

Further funding has been approved for North Harringay Primary School as part of our 2006/07 Travel Plans Programme. The funding will be used to provide further pedestrian measures on Beresford Road by the Harringay Passage and to relocate road humps along Frobisher, Falkland, Mattison and Beresford Roads to further improve safety along the Harringay Passage. Consultation will be conducted with residents in November/ December.

Unfortunately, consideration of a pelican crossing on Green Lanes by Falkland Road will not be considered as part of this years programme. TSS, who are the body of TfL responsible for the programming of signals, are not considering new schemes for this year due to a back log in their existing programme. This will however be considered in future years.

Written Question 15 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Hare:

Since the adoption of the revised UDP, what measures has the council implemented to promote and encourage the use of 10% on-site renewable energy, and sustainable design and construction in development proposals? Could the he outline current performance towards this target?

ANSWER

We are putting into place a number of actions for effective implementation of the UDP policy on sustainable design and construction and renewable energy such as staff training on new technologies, and promoting good practice. Examples include the following:

Haringey Council has been working with London Energy Partnership experts in order to improve planning staff capacity and knowledge on renewable energy installations, and on how to assess energy statements received as part of major applications. Officers actively are encouraging developers and their agents for inclusion of measures for sustainability, energy efficiency and renewable energy in design and construction of major schemes.

We have now established that the Haringey Design Panel which reviews a selection of major development proposals at pre-application stage includes an assessment criteria for sustainable design and renewable energy components.

We are currently producing a guidance note on sustainable design and construction updating the existing guidance in the light of Mayor's Supplementary Planning guidance on sustainable design.

Regarding small scale developments, a guide was developed entitled "Greening Your Home". This document sets out ideas and approaches for renovating your home in an environmentally sensitive way and saving resources.

The Council is also considering a guidance for residents for renewable energy installations in Conservation Areas as this requires a special focus.

Specific monitoring arrangements for planning applications on sustainable design and construction features are also being developed.

Written Question 16 – To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Councillor Portess:

How many incidents involving the use of firearms have taken place in Haringey in the last two years; how many people have been killed or injured in incidents involving firearms during this time?

ANSWER

There were 272 reports of firearm crime in the last two years, with 68 of these involving the firing of a weapon. There was one fatality and 58 people were injured where a firearm was discharged. 85 people received an injury where a firearm was seen or mentioned in an offence but not fired.

37% of reports of firearm crime involve the robbery of a person. It is likely that many of the weapons seen by these victims are imitations, air weapons or plastic ball guns. Weapons were rarely ever fired in personal robbery

offences, although this does not lessen the trauma experienced by those victims.

Written Question 17 – To the Executive Member for Finance from Councillor Gorrie:

Given that this year's budget projected a £265,000 income from parking schemes in the borough, can she please detail the other budget pressures that have led to the projected £0.5 million overspend in the Environment budget, explained in the latest report to the Executive as being "the estimated impact of the recent changes in the CPZ plan"?

ANSWER

The remaining element of the projected £0.5 million in August 06 was due to other financial pressures within Parking.

The projection based on the September 06 position is a balanced budget position. The Service is seeking to contain the previously reported shortfall in parking income of £0.5 million.

Written Question 18 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Reid:

For how many hours were the traffic lights on the Lordship Lane/Downhill Way/The Roundway intersection not working on 29/10/06, and what contingency plans are in place to repair or temporary replace lights not working on busy junctions out of hours?

ANSWER

All traffic signals throughout London are maintained, managed and controlled by Transport for London's Transport Signals Systems (TSS) unit. The Council is not authorised to modify or implement any traffic signals and in most circumstances, the Council's responsibility is to act as a conduit between residents/motorists and Transport for London to highlight any faults and/or maintenance issues.

The traffic lights at Lordship Lane/Downhill Way/The Roundway were out on 29 October 2006 due to power failure. The fault was reported in the midday of 29 October and the power was restored in 19:00 the same day. No information was given on the cause of the power failure.

According to TSS fault control centre, when a fault is reported, an engineer is assigned to assess the situation and cause of the fault. In most cases the problems is addressed within the first 24 – 48 hours, and therefore no temporary traffic lights are required. However in circumstances where problems are not solved within the first 48 hours, temporary traffic signals and necessary traffic management will be arranged.

In this particular incident, TSS, following their engineer's visit to the site, decided that the most appropriate action was to restore the power to the traffic signals on site and therefore no temporary signals were required.

Written Question 19 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Whyte:

When will the lights on Elder Avenue, which have been recognised as being in need of replacement since at least 2004, be replaced with safe lighting for residents?

ANSWER

Over the past four years the Council has invested in the region of £6 Million in the renewal of all street lighting in the Borough. The renewal programme has been prioritised based on an assessment which considers safety, crime and the condition of the column. Crouch End area has had investment in all four years and Elder Avenue will be considered for renewal in future years subject to approval of the Highways Works Plan.

Written Question 20 – To the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee from Councillor Bloch:

- a) Why were the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee ignored and O2 allowed to install a telephone mast on the Old BT Exchange in Grand Avenue, Muswell Hill without applying for planning permission ?
- b) In how many instances in each of the last 5 years were telephone operators allowed to install masts without applying for planning permission ?
- c) was any consideration given to the fact that the O2 mast is near two primary schools when the decision was taken that no planning permission was required?

ANSWER

A) O2 have not installed a new mast on the telephone exchange in Grand Avenue.

O2 are installing replacement antennae on an existing mast on the roof of the Telephone exchange (this is quite different from putting up a new mast). The mast has the benefit of planning permission granted in 1999; the permission is not time-limited nor personal to the original users, Dolphin. The replacement antennae are to be smaller, in terms of volume, than the existing ones; as such they do not materially affect the external appearance of the building and do not constitute development requiring planning permission. The recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Mobile

Phone Masts cannot apply in cases where no planning permission is needed.

(B) The Planning Service is not aware of any cases in the last five years where masts were installed without going through the correct planning procedures; either obtaining planning permission where needed; or going through the Prior Notification Procedures when masts or antennae qualify as Permitted Development under Part 24 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995. The permitted development rights for Mobile Phone Masts, made under Central Government regulations, are very extensive.

(C) As there is no requirement for planning permission for these replacement antennae, the issue of proximity to either schools or residential property does not fall to be considered. Nevertheless the proposed antennae installation would have to meet with the standards for emissions from Mobile Phone Base Stations (the so-called ICNIRP – International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection – standards).

It should be noted that, irrespective of the situation that planning permission is not required, the intention to re-use an existing mast would appear to accord with general Government guidance encouraging mast or site-sharing.

Written Question 21 – To the Executive Member for Finance from Councillor Rainger:

How much has Haringey Council spent on compromise deals in the resolution of employment disputes each year for the past 4 years?

ANSWER

	Compromise	% of paybill
2003	£336,700	0.2%
2004	£301,916	0.2%
2005	£261,650	0.2%
2006	£197,132	0.1%

Written Question 22 – To the Executive Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Engert:

Following Ofsted’s Report on the Youth Service and the assessment therein that explains that “The service is inadequate and provides unsatisfactory value for money”, could she please outline the main problems facing the service and what steps are being taken to improve quality of service and value for money in these areas?

ANSWER

The main areas for development as identified by OfSTED are related to improving the quality of practice, improving the involvement of young people in managing the service and broadening the curriculum we offer to young people. So that we know we have achieved these we need to improve our management information systems and monitor the youth work practice rigorously.

A robust Post Inspection Action Plan has been prepared which clearly identifies the remedial actions which need to be taken, how these actions are to be monitored within a performance management framework and what the anticipated outcomes are to be. I am meeting regularly with the Director for the Children and Young People's Service to scrutinise the progress of the Youth Service. In addition, progress against the plan will be monitored by the cross-party Members Youth Working Group.

With these steps in place I am confident that the Service will meet requirements when it is re-inspected. Our intention is to drive forward on the improvements to deliver a service which is good and ultimately excellent. We are well placed to do this as we have a new experienced Head of Service in post who is already working on delivering the action plan.

Written Question 23 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor C. Harris:

Can he please explain why the works in Noel Park are still not complete; what is the total delay to date for the works; and what measures he intends to take to ensure adequate park warden cover for the park once the improvements are finally completed?

ANSWER

Site was established on 14th June 2006 and the contractor provided a schedule of 8-10 weeks. There has been a total of 8 weeks delay in works on site following problems with the supply of equipment and frequent vandalism of the site security. Once the problems were addressed, the appointed contractor worked continuously on site over the remaining weeks of the project and completed the main construction elements on the 20th October. A full independent post and construction safety test has now been carried out and the findings of this report have been passed on to the contractor for final snagging.

The hard surface and safety surfaces are complete and final surface markings (hopscotch and other graphics) will be applied once the tarmac surface has cured (up to 4 weeks after initial opening). This will be accompanied by sign installation. An official opening will be held once these minor works are complete, in the meantime the site is open for use.

Haringey's Park Service is undertaking a project that seeks to make the most of and enhance existing presence on 'Significant' sites of which Noel Park is included. The project, Haringey's Park force, will seek to bring together resources associated with activities relating to Noel Park and other 'significant' parks to ensure a wider joined up presence e.g. Parks Constabulary, PCSO's Neighbourhood Wardens etc. This is a national initiative promoted by CABE Space.

Written Question 24 – To the Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration from Councillor Mughal:

No consultation was made on the recent planning application for development on the allotments on Salisbury Road and Moselle Avenue in Noel Park. As this administration is aware, Noel Park has very few green spaces and therefore with such a planning application in tow, why was there no resident consultation when such an application would be likely to have a negative impact for local residents?

ANSWER

A full and thorough consultation was undertaken as part of Planning application HGY/2006/1154; land r/o 2a-14a Salisbury Road N22. This application was for 6 x 2 storey houses.

60 local residents were consulted, as well as ward councillors. In addition officers visited the site and visited the flat one of local resident and were shown around the site by another local resident.

As a result of the consultation, 9th June 2006 the council received:

A petition of 30 signatures:
11 individual letters:
Letter from Lynne Featherstone.

The application was withdrawn following advice to the applicant that the application was to be refused.

The consultation for this application was complete and full.

Written Question 25 – To the Executive Member for Housing from Councillor Edge:

How much does the Council receive in rent per annum from each of the mobile phone networks which have masts on Chettle Court, and for what is this money used?

ANSWER

There are two payments from two phone companies, these being:

£ 5,463	Orange
<u>£ 4,546</u>	O ²
£10,009	

The income is received into the Housing Revenue Account and is pooled to meet the charges made to the Housing Revenue Account generally.

Written Question 26 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Butcher:

When will the council be taking action to repair the drains that regularly block and flood in and around Stroud Green Road?

ANSWER

I can confirm that works to address and alleviate the damaged gulley pipes began on 6th November 2006, and works are progressing as planned.

Written Question 27 – To the Executive Member for Health and Social Services from Councillor Wilson:

What estimate has been made of the financial impact of the recent Primary Care Trust cuts on social services; and what is the basis for the estimate?

ANSWER

1. The PCT's budget was sent in May and was inclusive of a £9.6m cut imposed by the Department of Health on their original plans to balance the government's budget for Health Services. The PCT reduced its funding to the council by £0.6m as part of this target. The notification of this withdrawal of funding came too late for the budget setting process. The services that are provided by Social Services are being maintained at the previously funded levels leading to the overspend in Older People's Services.
2. The cuts made by the PCT were in respect of known services that had been jointly funded over a number of years. The financial implications are therefore easily identified. The impact has been on the Older People's Service. In summary these are:
 - The withdrawal of funding for dementia services £0.4m
 - The withdrawal of contributions of staffing costs £0.2m
3. Social Services and the PCT have worked together to reduce the impact of these cuts. A process has been put in place to assess all clients at Broadwater Lodge with dementia against the NHS continuing care criteria. The PCT has made a provision of £0.2m to

fund clients that will potentially transfer to Health. This will have the impact of reducing the overspend in Social Services by £200k, depending on the outcomes of these assessments. This will reduce the direct impact on Social Services to £0.4m.

4. In addition to this direct reduction and as part of the strategy to achieve the £9.6m reductions target referred to in paragraph 1, the PCT also reduced its own commissioning budget for mental health services by £200k. This reduced the resources available to invest in mental health services in the borough.
5. The PCT has been notified of further cuts that will be imposed on them by the Strategic Health Authority in this financial year. After strong representations the PCT has assured the Council that none of these cuts will directly affect services in Haringey.
6. While the impact of these cuts can be clearly identified, there are also indirect costs associated with the work the PCT is doing to achieve its targets. For example the pressure of reducing hospital waiting lists will inevitably lead to some people, who may have had a longer stay in hospital, needing support for a longer time period in the community. It is impossible to accurately estimate the financial impact of these indirect reductions.
7. In terms of the general target to reduce the level of hospital admissions, it is difficult to estimate what the numbers that might be assessed for community care services.

This page is intentionally left blank