



Full Council – 18 January 2010

Tabled items

- 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 (PAGES 1 - 2)**
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Item 2COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JANUARY 2010LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESSThe Chief Executive

Madam Mayor, there are two late item 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 are given in each of the reports laid round.

Item 7 – Report of the Monitoring Officer and head of Legal Services

The Standards Committee met after the despatch of the agenda for this meeting. The Standards Committee met on 14 January 2010 and recommended changes to the Council's Constitution by agreeing to an increase in its independent membership by 1 independent member, making 6 in total, and that the increase be appointed to as part of recruitment process embarked upon for an exisiting vacancy.

Item 11 – 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.

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Haringey Council

Agenda item:

COUNCIL**On 18 January 2010**

Report Title: (i) Increase in Independent Membership for Standards Committee
(ii) Report on the outcome of the Standards Determination Hearing panel
– 2 December 2009 – Complaint SC002/089

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): N/A

Report of: John Suddaby, Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Information and Decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise members of the decision of the Standards Committee of 14 January 2010 to increase the Independent Membership of the Standards Committee by 1 additional Independent Member and to request Full Council to endorse this recommendation and to amend the relevant section of the Council's Constitution accordingly, and in accordance with the requirements in the Local Government Act 2000 and the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001.
- 1.2 To seek Council approval for the Standards Committee recommendations.
- 1.3 To inform the Council Meeting of the decision taken by the Standards Committee Hearing Panel on 2 December 2009 in response to a complaint made against an elected Member of the Council.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note this report and the recommendation from Standards Committee that the Membership of the Standards Committee be increased by one independent member, to 6 in total and that this additional position be recruited to as part of the recruitment process for independent members already embarked upon in early January 2010.
- 2.2 To approve the recommendation of Standards Committee as detailed in rec 2.1 above, and to amend the relevant part of the Council's Constitution (Part Two – Articles of the Constitution – Article 9.02 (a) Membership) in relation to the

Independent Membership of the Standards Committee.

2.3 That the Council note the decision taken by the Hearing Panel on 2 December 2009 as part of the Standards Committee's new responsibility to determine complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct made against Members of this Council.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 The Standards Committee currently has five independent members . It is proposed by the Standards Committee to increase this membership by 1 additional independent member to serve for four years. The process for recruitment of additional member will form part of the recruitment process commenced in January 2010.

4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

4.1 Local Government Act 2000

4.2 Council's Constitution

4.3 Standards Board for England Guidance

4.4 Member Services and Legal Services files.

4.5 Background papers

Decision of Hearing Panel 2 December 2009 and complaint reference SC02/089

5. Background

5.1 Recruitment of additional Independent Member

The Standards Committee is required by national legislation to have at least one independent member and also independent members must form 25% of the committee. The rules in relation to political balance do not apply to Standards Committees. Legislation provides that independent members:

- must not have been a member or employee of Haringey Council within 5 years before the date of appointment.
- must not be a relative or close friend of a member or employee of Haringey Council
- must have filled in an application form
- must have been approved by the majority of the Council's members.

- 5.2 This Council's Constitution currently provides for a membership of the Standards Committee of 8 councillors and 5 independent members and that the independent members must not be councillors or officers of the Council or any other body with a Standards Committee.
- 5.3 At its meeting on 14 January 2010 the Standards Committee considered and agreed that the independent membership of the Standards Committee should be increased by 1 member making a total of 6 Independent Members. The committee was of the view that this was necessary given the likely possible increase in the frequency of the Standard Committee's Assessment, and Review Sub-committee meetings, and also Determination Hearing Panels and that the increase of 1 independent member would assist in this process particularly in view of the Committee's decision to require sub committees to be attended by 3 independent members and 2 elected members.
- 5.4 The Council's Constitution currently requires there to be five independent members on Standards Committee. Any increase would need to be agreed by full Council.

5.5 Notification of Outcome of determination hearing panel meeting held on 2 December 2009

On 2 December 2009 the Standards Committee Hearing Panel met to consider a complaint that Council Brian Haley had breached the Members Code of Conduct.

The Panel found that Councillor Haley had instructed private solicitors to send a letter to an employee of the council threatening her with defamation proceedings and that by so doing he had breached Paragraphs 3 (2).(c) (i), 3 (2) (b) and 3.1 of Haringey Council's Code of Conduct for Members; intimidating the employee who had complained against him, bullying her and failing to treat her with respect.

SANCTION

The Panel took into account substantial mitigating circumstances and decided to censure Councillor Haley for his misconduct.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 To note this report and the recommendation from Standards Committee that the Membership of the Standards Committee be increased by one independent member, to 6 in total and that this additional position be recruited to as part of the recruitment process for independent members already embarked upon in early January 2010.
- 6.2 To approve the recommendation of Standards Committee, and to amend the relevant part of the Council's Constitution (Part Two – Articles of the Constitution – Article 9.02 (a) Membership) in relation to the Independent Membership of the Standards Committee.
- 6.3 To note the outcome of the hearing panel held on 2 December 2009.

7. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer

The cost of an additional independent member can be contained within the existing allowances budget within Local Democratic Services.

8. Comments of the Head of Legal Services

8.1 There is no statutory restriction on the number of independent members that a council can appoint.

8.2 The Hearing Panel, a sub-committee of the Standards Committee is responsible under legislation for determining complaints made against elected Members of Haringey Council that they have broken the Haringey Code of Conduct for Members. The decisions taken by the Hearing Panel were within the powers set out in the Regulations.

9. Equalities Implications

9.1 Recruitment will take place in accordance with the Council's policies.

COUNCIL – 18 JANUARY 2010 - QUESTIONS**Public Question 1 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Janet Harris:**

Is the council aware of the traffic chaos outside Bruce Castle Museum in Lordship Lane? Is it willing to consider replacing the current crossing with actual traffic lights and ensuring that a safe crossing from the east-west of the northern end of Bruce Grove be created.

The current crossing is always busy and also serves two very local schools - the Lancasterian and Risley Avenue so, during term time, has a lot of pedestrian traffic comprising young children and their teachers/parents. There is also the close proximity of the Drapers' Almshouses (sheltered accommodation for the elderly) to be considered.

Traffic from Wood Green or The Roundway speeds around the mini roundabout at the junction of Lordship Lane and The Roundway and also the one at the junction of Lordship Lane and Bruce Grove with no regular interruption such as that caused by controlled traffic lights. These junctions are a disaster waiting to happen, as there are so many near misses.

In view of my remarks, will the council make representation to TfL to have this traffic blackspot made safer for both pedestrians and motorists?

Public Question 2 to the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Sarah Cope:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month has been marked in the US since 1994, and is promoted in the UK by School's Out. What did the council and local schools do to mark LGBT History Month 2009, which fell in February? Do you agree that such events, held to acknowledge and explore LGBT history, should have a place in the schools calendar and how will the council be marking LGBT History Month in 2010?

Public Question 3 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Anna Bragga:

The Green Party has been contacted by members of Haringey's disabled community asking for help, having had their Blue Badge renewal applications either turned down or mysteriously lost by the council following the introduction of new rules. As a result, aside from causing immense stress and additional health problems, some disabled people have now clocked up parking fines that they cannot afford and are being chased by bailiffs. Others have become housebound – prisoners in their own home.

Can the council answer this question: In the light of recent cases highlighted, does the council now accept that the new Blue Badge application system, including the mobility assessment process and discretionary criteria, is

flawed? What action is the council prepared to take to administer a fair and equal Blue Badge Scheme based on medical evidence rather than mobility assessments by Occupational Therapists which are clearly open to abuse and the misjudgement of serious health conditions?

Public Question 4 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Mahir Gul:

Does the Council back the campaign organised by Cllr. Simche Steinberger (L.B. Hackney), Cllr. Dean Cohen (L.B. Barnet), Justin Hinchcliffe and Isaac Revah (Seven Sisters Conservatives) to extend the 210 bus to South Tottenham/Stamford Hill, so that local residents can be within 7-8 minutes of Finsbury Park Station for tube and overground connections, easy travelling distance of the Whittington Hospital, Golders Green and Brent Cross? If so, will it undertake to join the above named campaigners in lobbying Transport for London to help make sure the extension of this popular bus route becomes a reality?

Public Question 5 to the Leader of the Council from Michael Olajide:

Haringey has lost several hospitals over the last four decades and it is the only Borough in London not to have its own A&E unit. With the local population set to rocket in the next decade, will She support the campaign for an A&E in Haringey - based at Tottenham's St. Ann's Hospital - by adding her name, on behalf of her Party and the Council as a whole, to the petition at www.aeforharingey.org ? If not, why not?

Oral Questions

Oral Question 1 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Alexander:

How is the Council tackling inequality for children and young people in Haringey?

Oral Question 2 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Meehan:

Can the Leader of the Council please update me on the decision made by Secretary of State to stop Hornsey Rail Depot being built without consultation with residents?

Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Beynon:

What transport projects funded by the Local Implementation Funding (LIP) from Transport for London are under threat after the Council received less funding than expected?

Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Santry:

Can the Lead Member for Environment and Conservation please advise me how the Council's successful bid for a Low Carbon Zone will help achieve our Green vision for the borough?

Oral Question 5 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Winskill:

Regarding the 21 December snowfall – what liaison was there between the Council and the Haringey Police control to try and ensure smooth traffic flow by keeping junctions clear and providing on-the-spot advice to pedestrians and motorists?

Oral Question 6 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Mallett:

Can the Lead Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities let me know what progress the Haringey Youth Offending Service has made in relation to preventing re-offending?

Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Weber:

What progress has been made by the Council to make the 10 Haringey blocks/estates at most risk of fire as identified by the BBC safe for local residents?

Oral Question 8 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Peacock:

Can the Lead Member for Housing please advise me on the Council's work in bringing empty properties back into use?

Oral Question 9 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Dobbie:

Can the Leader please indicate what action has she done as Council leader to secure the Freedom Pass following the decision of Transport Minister, Sadiq Khan's decision to tear up a previously agreed 3-year funding deal London's Freedom Pass which would affect so many older Haringey residents?

Written Questions

Written Question 1 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Aitken:

When was the decision made to close the front counter at Wood Green Police Station to the public at night? And when was the decision implemented?

ANSWER

The decision to close the front office at Wood Green late at night was made prior to the arrival of the current Borough Commander and his two current Superintendents.

Several residents and I have brought this to his attention and he has reviewed this matter. As of Monday 11 January the front office at Wood Green Police Station will be opened 24 hours a day. The visits from members of the public will be monitored and if it is found that opening for 24 hours is not operationally necessary or viable, the Borough Commander will review the opening times.

Written Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Alexander:

With yet another licensing application being submitted for a betting shop in Green Lanes what is the Council doing in terms of lobbying government to change the law where an area has become saturated with such establishments and to regain some control over numbers?

ANSWER

The clustering of betting shops has been a matter of serious concern which officers and the Cabinet member have raised with the Secretary of State for Media, Culture and Sport (DCMS) on a number of occasions. Through the Cabinet Member we have expressed our view that it is wrong that a Local Authority must “aim to permit” every application made in its area and that no regard can be given to the cumulative impact of additional premises in a location. In addition, the Head of Enforcement at Haringey met with the Head of Leisure Regulation at DCMS in November 2009 and it was agreed at this meeting that DCMS would look again at whether the guidance in the Act was wrongly restricting the ability of a Licensing Committee to consider objections to new premises in area which may be characterised as being at risk. We are still awaiting a response from the DCMS.

Written Question 3 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Allison:

Please outline how much money is spent by the Council on children in care to encourage engagement in activities. Apart from leisure passes what else is provided and how often? How often do Children in care have the opportunity of going to a theatre; a pop concert; football matches; an art show; Thorpe Park and other teenage activities?

ANSWER

This year's budget for the personal education allowances funded through the CARE Matters Grant is £141,500. This is used to fund individual leisure and cultural activities for children as well as group activities such as trips to theatre, museums, and the South Bank London Eye. These trips and activities will also involve eating out at a restaurant ensuring that young people develop skills and confidence to get the most out of living in London.

Muswell House Children's residential unit entertainment budget is £4,600 and Haringey Park is £5,100.

Foster carer allowances: under 11 they receive £183 per week child's allowance from that £9.15 (5%) is for pocket money/activities. Over 11s child's allowance is £230 from which £32.20(14%) is for pocket money/activities. 16+ child's allowance is £250 from which £35 (14%) for entertainment. We can also pay up to £225 for school/club activities, this is often used to fund school trips, membership of scouts and sports team costs.

The Fostering Service organise an annual holiday either to the council outward bound centre or Centre Parcs which will give children opportunities to try out activities such as horse riding, rafting, rock climbing alongside their foster carers. Children in our care frequently undertake sports based activities at Tottenham Hotspurs Foundation and some get opportunities to attend football matches.

We encourage individual social workers to take children out for an activity as a way of developing a working relationship – often this will be a theatre or cinema trip, a museum or gallery or a sports type activity. For those children involved in the children in care Mentoring scheme they will often undertake an activity of their choice with their mentor as a way of developing a working relationship.

Written Question 4 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Beacham:

What is the weekly time allocated for cleaning the Homes for Haringey blocks in Bolster Grove, N22, what is the total charge for cleaning in Bolster Grove and what is the average leaseholder bill for this service?

ANSWER

The Bolster Grove estate comprises 4 blocks totalling 32 units, 18 of which have been purchased under the right to buy legislation. The approximate

weekly time spent cleaning Bolster Grove is 6.25 hours. The external cleaning is carried out three times per week and involves litter picking, sweeping grounds, forecourts, and access roads.

The total charged for to the 18 leaseholders in 08/09 was £6,223.54 with each leaseholder charged £6.65 per week which averages at an annual charge of £345.75 per leaseholder.

These charges were reduced following a review of the method of apportionment for the amount of time the cleaner spends on the block. Leaseholders received an average refund of £73 to take into account the reduction in charge.

Written Question 5 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Beynon:

Do tenants moving from temporary accommodation to private rented housing keep their housing points for future bids on Council houses?

ANSWER

No, they do not. Where a homeless household chooses to accept the offer of an assured shorthold tenancy, this offer of accommodation is treated as a 'qualifying offer' and serves to discharge the Council's duties towards that household under the Homelessness Act 2002. Although they will be able to remain on the housing register, their private rented accommodation will meet their housing needs, so they will be given no priority for housing.

Everyone living in temporary accommodation is given comprehensive advice on the range of housing options available to them and are informed of the consequences of accepting an offer of private rented accommodation. They are also provided with a leaflet that explains this option.

Written Question 6 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Bloch:

According to Haringey's CAA what is the overall employment rate (working-age) for Haringey, has this increased or decreased in the last two years (providing figures) and how does Haringey's performance compare to borough neighbours?

ANSWER

The Haringey employment rate, over the period April 2008 to March 2009, stood at 62.2%, down from a rate of 69.8% two years earlier. The volatility associated with the data, due to small sample sizes at the local level, means that this comparison should be treated with caution. However, it should be noted that the employment rate fell in over half of the local authorities in England over the same period.

In terms of our direct North London neighbours (Barnet, Enfield and Waltham Forest) Haringey does have the lowest employment rate but this is a historic trend going further back than this current period of recession. It should also be noted that over the past two years the employment rate in these boroughs has fallen. A table setting out these figures is presented below:

	Apr 04-Mar 05	Apr 05-Mar 06	Apr 06-Mar 07	Apr 07- Mar08	Apr 08- Mar 09	% Change since Apr 06-March 07
Barnet	70.2	72.1	70.9	69.3	68.9	-2.0
Enfield	67.3	68.4	71.9	67.2	67.3	-4.6
Haringey	62.2	66.4	69.8	64.6	62.2	-7.6
Waltham Forest	64.1	68.3	68.8	68.4	65.7	-3.1

Written Question 7 – To Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Butcher:

How many incidents occurred which resulted in personal injury to local residents, street furniture or property during the pre-Christmas cold snap?

ANSWER

We currently do not have any information on how many incidents have occurred resulting in personal injuries to local residents, street furniture or property for the period covering the start of the pre-Christmas cold snap to date. Incidents/accidents involving personal injury that are reported to the Metropolitan Police are initially forwarded to the London Accidents Analysis Unit (LAAU). The LAAU forwards this to the local authority for official verification within 4 to 6 months of receipt.

We have not received any other reports directly from residents relating to injuries or street furniture or property damage during the same period.

No claims have been received to date from local residents relating to personal injury suffered during the pre-Christmas cold snap (15/12/09 – 24/12/09).

Written Question 8 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Davies:

How many Council owned temporary accommodation properties have been sold to private landlords/registered social landlords/housing associations in the past two years?

ANSWER

Six council-owned hostels have been sold to private landlords/registered social landlords/housing associations. The reasons for these properties being sold is mainly due to them being surplus to requirements and that they do not

comply with current housing standards with prohibitive costs to carry out remedial works to bring them to a decent standard.

Written Question 9 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Edge:

How many bicycle racks have been installed in Homes for Haringey estates over the past year (please provide the location), how much funding is available to install bicycle racks in the current and next financial year and could the cabinet member provide appropriate cycle racks for HfH Estates where there is demand for cycle racks and where residents' associations exist?

ANSWER

Over the past year, Homes for Haringey has not installed any bicycle racks on the estates it manages. Although there was some interest in the provision of a bicycle rack in Summersby Road N6, consultation with residents concluded that that they did not want such a facility.

At present, there is no separate budget for the provision of bicycle racks. Where there is a demand, the funding would need to be drawn from the capital budget, since the racks require high security locks and are very costly.

Written Question 10 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Engert:

How many young people attend each of the Council-run youth clubs each week? Please give an average for the each of the last 12 months. Please could you also give a break-down of age-range and gender of the attendees at the various clubs?

ANSWER

We are in the process of installing a new management information system for the youth service which will enable better tracking of young people across projects and provision. The data for April to September 2009 has been provided but is an estimate as all the data has not yet been migrated across.

Gender and age breakdown

<i>Age Band</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
<i>Rising 13</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>13-15</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>275</i>
	<i>14</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>357</i>
	<i>15</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>358</i>
<i>16-19</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>406</i>
	<i>17</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>275</i>

	18	70	129	199
	19	41	111	152
Rising 20	20	10	47	57
Grand Total		1013	1120	2133

Attendance

Provision	Weekly average attendance of individuals
<i>Bruce Grove Youth Centre</i>	96
<i>Wood Green Youth Centre</i>	98
<i>Muswell Hill Youth Centre</i>	92
<i>Satellite projects</i>	85
<i>CRE8 Performing Arts programme</i>	48
<i>Duke of Edinburgh Awards</i>	67
<i>Exposure magazine/media</i>	38
<i>Haringey Young People's Counselling Service</i>	32
<i>Positive Futures</i>	49
<i>Targeted Youth Inclusion Programme</i>	104
<i>Detached and Outreach Team</i>	108
<i>Participation and Inclusion Team</i>	34

Written Question 11 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Gorrie:

Can you please provide a list of all the expenditure by year that has taken place since the last Council elections in May 2006 on the Hornsey Depot development. Please show the expenditure broken down by Haringey officer costs and external services and show whether the costs have already been expensed by the Council or whether they are costs which will be set against any capital receipt the Council receives for any development that does take place.

ANSWER

A total of £98,000 has been spent on fees and officer time by property and legal services staff in relation to the disposal/ development since May 2006 to date on the Hornsey Central Depot project none of which are expected to be directly offset against any capital receipt received from any development of the site. This excludes the time spent by planning officers

Description	2006	2007	2008	2009	Totals
Officer Time (Est.)	£2700	£25700	£22900	£30100	£81400
External Consultants	Nil	Nil	Nil	£16600	£16600
				Grand Total	£98000

Written Question 12 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Hare:

Please provide the energy rating (details of the Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) and Display Energy Certificates (DECs)) of each Council public building and office.

ANSWER

We do not maintain EPCs as they are only required upon transfer of ownership of the building. Below are the DEC assessment results.

Council Offices Rating	
Keston Centre – Keston Rd N17	B
Ermine Rd Centre – Ermine Rd N15	C
White Hart Lane Community Sport Centre N22	D
Park Road Leisure Centre – Park Rd N8	D
Broadwater Lodge – Highham Rd N17	E
40 Cumberland Road N22	E
Tottenham Green Leisure Centre N15	E
Apex Hse - 820 Seven Sisters Rd N15	E
639 High Road N17	F
Civic Centre – High Road N22	G
48 Station Rd N22	G
Alexandra Hse – Station Rd N22	G
Central Library – High Rd N22	G
13-27 Station Rd N22	G
Bruce Castle Museum – Lordship Lane N17	G
Weston Road N22	G
Hornsey Town Hall N8	G
River Park Hse - 225 High Rd N22	G

Written Question 13 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Mughal:

Does Haringey's Housing Policy treat an applicant for housing who is sharing accommodation with a relative differently from one who is sharing accommodation with people not their relative? If so, why is this the case?

ANSWER

Yes, Haringey's housing allocations policy does treat applicants who share accommodation with a member of their family differently to those applicants who share accommodation with someone who is not related to them.

The practice of only awarding these points to applicants who are sharing their accommodation with someone to whom they are not related (in a house in multiple occupation, for example) is fair and is one that has been adopted by many local authorities

Written Question 14 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Newton:

Please detail what has been done to explore and cost provision of two-way working from Summerland Gardens Car Park N10 to both enter and exit to Summerland Gardens and thereby enable the closure of the existing exit to Hillfield Park. This was discussed at a meeting in the car park on 28 January 2009 between Parking Services, Parks Department, ward members and residents representatives as a key element to making the car park safer for pedestrians and in particular given the plan to open a Satellite Children's Centre in the Muswell Centre in Hillfield Park at the bottom of the car park.

ANSWER

We have explored the possibility of introducing two way working from Summerland Gardens Car Park N10 to both enter and exit to Summerland Gardens. Unfortunately, due to the very narrow road width (3.5 metres) at the entrance it is not possible to have two way traffic and the proposal is therefore not feasible. Consequently the existing exit at Hillfield Park will remain.

Written Question 15 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Oakes:

According to Haringey's CAA what was the per capita % reduction in CO2 emissions in Haringey and what is the target % reduction?

ANSWER

The 2007 figures illustrate a reduction to 4.3 tonnes per capita representing an approximate 4% reduction. This is exceeding the targets currently in place: 2008/09 - 3.6%, 2009/10 - 7.4%, 2010/11- 11%

Written Question 16 – To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Oatway:

Further to Cllr Basu's oral response to questions at last full council, please will he detail the number and type of trees (to be) planted by ward and the number and type of trees (to be) removed by ward for 2008/09 and 2009/10.

ANSWER

In 2008/09, 911 new trees were planted across the borough at various sites, including streets, parks and housing estates. In 2009/10, it is proposed to plant 940 new trees across the borough.

This would give a total of 1,851 new trees planted within 2 years.

Tree planting by ward 2008-2010			
Council ward	2008/09	2009/10*	Total per ward
Alexandra	73	15	88
Bounds Green	62	13	75
Bruce Grove	2	2	4
Crouch End	24	40	64
Fortis Green	64	2	66
Harringay	54	102	156
Highgate	5	46	51
Hornsey	31	29	60
Muswell Hill	28	45	73
Noel Park	20	75	95
Northumberland Park	44	183	227
Seven Sisters	75	12	87
St Anns	18	24	42
Stroud Green	10	24	34
Tottenham Green	106	160	266
Tottenham Hale	171	21	192
West Green	12	16	28
White Hart Lane	1	76	77
Woodside	111	55	166
Total per year	911	940	1,851

Street trees

During 2008/09, 770 new street trees were planted and 234 were removed. (increase in street tree population of 536)

During 2009/10, it is proposed to plant 760 new street trees. From April 2009 to date, 169 street trees have been removed, (potential increase of 591)

This would give a total of 1,530 new street trees planted within 2 years, increasing the total population by 1,127.

Street tree removals by ward 2008-2010			
Council ward	2008/09	2009/10	Total per ward
Alexandra	15	30	45
Bounds Green	5	5	10

<i>Bruce Grove</i>	4	22	26
<i>Crouch End</i>	11	4	15
<i>Fortis Green</i>	11	5	16
<i>Harringay</i>	44	1	45
<i>Highgate</i>	7	14	21
<i>Hornsey</i>	6	2	8
<i>Muswell Hill</i>	27	5	32
<i>Noel Park</i>	29	5	34
<i>Northumberland Park</i>	5	9	14
<i>Seven Sisters</i>	15	21	36
<i>St Anns</i>	11	3	14
<i>Stroud Green</i>	8	4	12
<i>Tottenham Green</i>	5	8	13
<i>Tottenham Hale</i>	4	0	4
<i>West Green</i>	10	0	10
<i>White Hart Lane</i>	5	18	23
<i>Woodside</i>	12	13	25
<i>Total per year</i>	234	169*	403

- *Total to date*

A more detailed breakdown of type of tree species planted by ward can be provided upon request. However, at this time we cannot provide a breakdown of type of tree species removed by ward

Written Question 17 – To the Cabinet Member Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor Rainger:

Please provide the level of funding for sexual health and family planning services for each year spent in Haringey for the last five years? How many family planning clinics have opened and how many have closed since 2000?

ANSWER

In 2000 there were twenty-three Family Planning sessions and in late 2005/6 six family planning sessions were closed. Since 2006/7 there have been 17 Family Planning sessions.

Please note that some of these 17 clinics are now combined Sexual Health services. In 2000 these were separate clinics. The accepted good practice is to combine these services as often clients want both family planning and sexual health advice.

The figures below state the amounts of funding for Haringey residents seen in Camden, Enfield or Haringey GUM clinics. Small numbers of Haringey residents may have been seen in other areas, but the costs are not reflected here. These figures exclude HIV funding.

Year	Family	Sexual Health	Comment
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	Planning		
2005/6	£.955M	£2.631M	Sexual Health may include one off development funding.
2006/7	£.775M	£2.677M	The full year effect of the reduction in the Family Planning service. Sexual Health may include one off development funding.
2007/8	£.882M	£3.004M	Sexual Health may include one off development funding.
2008/9	£.898M	£3.209M	Sexual Health may include one off development funding.
2009/10	£.978M	£3.415M	There is now a combined service for Family Planning and Sexual Health. Not all the development funding may have been removed from the Sexual Health total.

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

From 1 January 2009 to the present date, how many complaints were received by the Council from residents and traders indicating that residents/police were concerned and wanted their roads and pavements to be gritted and salted?

ANSWER

The Council has treated requests for gritting as service requests and passed to Enterprise. Prior to 7 January the Enterprise system was unable to hold information on snow related calls. On 7 and 8 January 310 calls were received. The Urban Environment Team has dealt with numerous phone calls but only received 4 complaints by 8 January.

Written Question 19 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Scott:

Has there been an increase or decrease in dangerous dog incidents in the borough over the last ten years?

ANSWER

This information is held by the Police. The Police records that are available from the last few years shows that the number of cases involving dangerous dogs had remained fairly static until the introduction of the Metropolitan Police Status Dog Unit in March 2009.

Between the introduction of the Police Status Dog Unit (March 2009) up to September 2009, 34 dogs were seized in Haringey, with 12 of these dogs owned by 3 people. Of these 34 dogs:

- 5 dogs have been returned to owners
- 8 dogs were destroyed (court ordered unless owner disclaims dog)
- 19 cases on-going
- 1 dog was added to the register of exemption
- 1 dog is to be registered

Haringey will follow the RSPCA's gold standard by establishing a permanent project group to deal with animal welfare.

Written Question 20 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Weber:

Please provide the annual cost of running all current software systems in use by Homes for Haringey providing details of the function of the software, whether it is an in-house developed system, or off the shelf package, how old it is and what is the predicted shelf life, when are the systems due to be upgraded or replaced, and is funding in place to replace the systems?

ANSWER

It has been agreed that, due to the commercial sensitivity of the information, this question will not be answered.

Written Question 21 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Whyte:

Could you please list, by project, the amount of pre-planning consultancy charged by the Council to applicants for this year and the last financial year. Can you please indicate for each application whether the application was successful, rejected or is still pending.

ANSWER

The attached schedule A sets out the details. From this it should be noted that the Tottenham Hotspur FC Performance Planning Agreement (PPA) is very unusual compared to normal Pre Application Planning Advice (PAPA) – both in terms of time and income. Most schemes end up with officers recommending approval and this being supported at committee/delegated – however there are also some refusals. Both the PPA and PAPA are designed for the application to “become approvable or to be withdrawn”. The process is designed to get both the applicant and the authority to negotiate for approval and save time and resources by not going through the appeal process.

Written Question 22 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Williams:

How many and which of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) performance indicators are Haringey ranked in the worst 25% of local authorities in the country?

ANSWER

The Audit Commission have recently published comparative performance data for most of the national indicator set (NIs) for 2008/09. There are 134 indicators that allow comparison for 2008/09. 35 indicators are ranked within the worst 25%. However, 42 indicators are ranked within the top performing 25%. See table below, which shows the number of Haringey’s indicators falling within each quartile.

		Number of Haringey NIs 2008/09
In top 25% of LA’s in England	31%	42
In the Upper middle quartile	21%	28
In the Lower middle quartile	22%	29
In the bottom 25% of LA’s in England	26%	35
Total	100%	134

This comparison is with authorities across the whole of England and some areas do not face the same challenges as London authorities. For 6 indicators included in the list we are not in the bottom quartile when compared to London, we are in the third quartile.

Out of the 35: 8 indicators relate to educational attainment and a further 4 indicators relate to children’s social care services including teenage pregnancy. This performance needs to be seen in the context of Haringey being the 18th most deprived area, where we were and the rate of improvement achieved. Preliminary attainment results for 2009 are the best ever and continue the improving trend at Key Stage 2 and 4 with clear evidence of closing the gap with the national average. The DCSF value-added

measure for 2008 shows that Haringey pupils are making good progress from KS2 to GCSE.

6 indicators are perception based measures which relate to views expressed by residents in the Place Survey. Deprivation and other challenges should be factored in when drawing conclusions.

4 indicators relate to households in temporary accommodation, the local economy and crime which we have prioritised and 2009/10 data shows improvement. The number of households in temporary accommodation has continued to reduce and stands at 3,880 at the end of November '09 (4548 was the March 09 outturn) putting us on track to meet the 2,603 target by the end of 2010 (NI156).

Written Question 23 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Wilson:

How many Homes for Haringey homes are considered as not up to Decent Homes standard?

ANSWER

At the start of the decent homes programme, 42% of Haringey Council owned homes did not meet the decent homes standard. Since starting the programme and as at the end of November, this has reduced to 31.47% (5,147 homes), meaning 2853 homes have received improvements and been brought back into decency.

By the end of this financial year, the target for non-decency will be 30%, although this figure may decrease once adjustments have been made for the accelerated funding we received from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

Homes for Haringey have just received confirmation from the HCA that it will receive the full allocation of Decent Homes funding for 2010-11 which amounts to £33.5m. By the end of 2010-11, the non-decency figure will have reduced to approximately 21%.

Written Question 24 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Winskill:

Can you please provide the number of crossing attendant vacancies at the end of the last three years and the current vacancy figure and the total cost the Council has expended in each of the last three years on trying to recruit to fill these vacancies.

ANSWER

The council has funding to provide 25 School Crossing Patrol Officers from existing staff budgets. We have 18 positions filled and 7 vacancies. On

average we will have between 5-7 vacancies as it is often hard to fill the positions depending on their location within the borough and the limited hours for the work. We use a number of means to encourage recruitment including, Haringey Job Search, Recruitment Open Days, banners outside schools, leaflets made available at schools, libraries, community centres. On average we have spent £1000 per year on recruitment.

Written Question 25 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Dobbie:

Would the Cabinet Member thank all staff for their efforts during the last month or so in ensuring Haringey's streets have been gritted during the bad weather.

However, would the Cabinet member now please list, by ward order, each road in the Borough that was gritted in the three weeks running up to Christmas and when they were gritted. In giving this reply, could he also indicate the pavements that were also gritted. Can he also name, by ward order, any roads that were not gritted and why this was the case. I would be grateful for the percentage order of the roads done.

ANSWER

I have passed on your thanks with mine to all members of staff including those employed by Haringey Enterprise Limited who were involved in ensuring that Haringey's streets were gritted during this prolonged period of extreme winter weather.

I am somewhat surprised that you have asked to see all the details of gritting that was undertaken three weeks running up to Christmas as the recent cold spell started on 17 December 2009. However, as a general response, the Council has a gritting strategy which divides the road network into three priorities. The list of roads for each priority can found on the Council website. Since the start of the cold spell the Council has focused gritting the priority one network; however during this period all priority roads within the Borough have been gritted at least once. Special attention was given to gritting roads and pavements, where required, to support the refuse and recycling collection service.

In light of when this current cold spell started and the recent information on Winter Maintenance that was sent out by the Leader to all members can I ask you to reconsider what information you require and over what period. Nevertheless, I can provide you with all the details of the gritting service over any period of time, which will set out the name of the road and the period of time during which it would have been gritted. However collating all this information may take some time.

Written Question 26 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Demirci:

What is the progress to date, by ward breakdown of the Decent Homes programme?

ANSWER

The table below shows the number of tenanted non-decent homes worked on during years 1 and 2 of Haringey's 5 year Decent Homes Programme.

Note that the above does not include the Wards where no decent homes

WARD	Total number of tenanted properties in Ward	Estimated tenanted properties requiring DH Works	Number of tenanted homes worked on in Year 1	Number of tenanted homes worked on in Year 2 to date	Total to date	Progress to date as % of total homes requiring works
BRUCE GROVE	394	276	16	0	16	5.8%
HIGHGATE	392	274	36	0	36	13.1%
HORNSEY	1015	711	88	318	406	57.1%
OUT OF BOROUGH	177	177	129	39	168	94.9%
NOEL PARK	1448	1014	28	0	28	2.8%
NORTHUMBERLAND PARK	1772	1240	202	123	325	26.2%
STROUD GREEN	658	461	76	0	76	16.5%
SEVEN SISTERS	1280	896	140	183	323	36.0%
TOTTENHAM GREEN	1088	762	188	153	341	44.8%
TOTTENHAM HALE	1358	951	127	33	160	16.8%
WHITE HART LANE	1794	1256	421	256	677	53.9%
WOODSIDE	728	510	23	0	23	4.5%
WEST GREEN	1183	828	80	0	80	9.7%
MUSWELL HILL	336	235	0	2	2	0.9%
ST ANN'S	773	541	0	36	36	6.7%

works have been completed to date.

Written Question 27 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Dodds:

What help has been provided by the Council to help local businesses in the recession?

ANSWER

Monitoring of the recession

The Economic Regeneration Service monitors the impact of the recession in the borough. A recession dashboard has been initiated by Economic Regeneration and it was first published in April 2009. Updates have been compiled on a bi-monthly basis. The dashboard monitors key indicators of the recession across all six strands of the Community Strategy. This includes employment, house prices and housing repossession orders (mortgage and landlord), council taxation revenue, planning income and service usage and leisure activity

Credit Crunch 20 point plan

The Credit Crunch 20 point plan was first published on the council website in January 2009. The plan included actions to support residents and businesses, the following are the pledges for the business community:

- Details of support for business to be circulated with annual rate demand in March 2009
- New business pack to be circulated to businesses in March 2009 outlining relevant council services and support available from other agencies
- Meeting with local bank managers in late January 2009 to discuss support for local businesses
- Increased support to give local businesses more chance of successfully tendering for public contracts and the Olympic procurement programme CompeteFor.
- Commitment to pay Council bills faster

Delivery of these pledges are outlined below.

Business Pack – the guide to business was completed, published and circulated to over 7,000 businesses in the borough in May 2009. The business pack provides information on the services that the council provides to businesses, with full contact details for each service and sections on 12 council services. 8,000 copies been distributed widely across the borough and the document is also updated on the council's website

Advice with rates bills, including Small Business Rate Relief – the Business and Enterprise Team in collaboration with Benefits, Rates and Local Taxation provide a short summary of information on available business support through the February rates mail out. Benefits, Rates and Local Taxation continue to provide advice and support to business rate payers on the options for repayment and any relief available through legislation – such as Small Business Rate Relief. The Business and Enterprise Team have supported where required and have signposted business enquiries as appropriate.

Meetings with Banks – meetings have been held with banks in January and May 2009. On both occasions banks declared a policy of being 'open for business' with regards to commercial loans, but commented on the poor quality of applications.

Enterprise Commissioning Prospectus – ABG Programme

Through our enterprise commissioning framework we will invest £650,000 over the next two years to support our enterprise community. 200 residents and young people will receive information, advice and guidance to help them enter self-employment and 600 businesses will be directly supported through a range of initiatives that will ensure sustainability and facilitate business growth. A further 120 businesses will receive mentoring to help them access procurement opportunities created by the Olympics. We are also supporting our Town Centres in a number of ways: In Green Lanes, Wood Green, Tottenham High Road and Crouch End we have worked closely with traders groups to establish strong partnerships.

HSP business breakfasts

An HSP enterprise board led business breakfast was held in May 2009. A second event took place in November in collaboration with the Business and Enterprise Team and North London Business.

Haringey Business Board

The Haringey Business Board was formally established in March 2010 and is chaired by Andrew Campling, a senior BT executive, and facilitated by North London Business. The board meets quarterly and is set up as the overarching business board in the borough, with a private sector focus. Representatives from other business boards in the borough, namely Crouch End, Wood Green, Tottenham and Green Lanes are invited to attend.

Empty Shops project

Urban Space Management (USM) were engaged by the Business and Enterprise Team to develop a pilot project to utilise vacant retail units in Haringey's town centres. Vacant retail units have become a significant issue nationally during the recession, although Haringey's key town centres have proven to be more resilient than other areas. Two properties on Stroud Green Road, owned by the Council, are now up and running with creative activities being delivered from the sites. ACCS are handling the selection of users and controlling access to the sites. Corporate Property and Legal Services are engaged with the project providing support and advice on short term usage of spaces.

The Council is on target to reduce most of its bill paying to the new target of 10 working days.

In addition to these initiatives the Business and Enterprise Team regularly signpost businesses to the relevant support and advice over the phone and in face-to-face meetings.

Written Question 28 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Adamou

What is the situation in regards to reducing violent crime in Haringey, what work in place to tackle this and what effect has this had on levels of crime?

ANSWER

The Safer Haringey Partnership is committed to reducing most serious violence, and has selected this as one of the improvement indicators in Haringey's Local Area Agreement; and it is also a priority in the Community Safety Strategy.

Between April and August 2009, the serious violent crime rate had increased by 45.3% largely due to a very worrying increase in gang related crime. However, much work has been carried out by the partnership and this increase has now reduced considerably to being 20.6% (363 offences) by the end of December 2009.

In response to the performance recorded during August 2009 , the approach to serious violence associated with gang members was reviewed and new approaches developed. In September 2009 Haringey and Enfield boroughs began to work together to address cross border issues. Over the past four months a wider partnership group (known as the Gang Action Group) has been sharing information about individuals known to be involved in violence and identifying a lead agency for each individual and devising bespoke action plans to divert them from gang activity.

In November 2009 the Safer Communities Performance Management Group commissioned a Gang Intervention Project entitled 'Big Bruvas'. This is a community led project designed to provide positive role models to gang members and to address rivalries by examining the root causes of these tensions. The Big Bruvas community outreach workers will also be assisting gang members to gain employment, training and education opportunities.

In recognition of this cross-borough and innovative work, funding has been secured from the Home Office Tackling Knives Action Programme to address serious violence within the age range of 13-24years. This funding will be used to support increased police operations (in particular the robbery Q-Cars, a rapid response team) as well as specialist intervention from the Youth Inclusion Project.

Serious violent crime will remain a priority for the Safer Communities Partnership during 2010/11 and beyond.

Written Question 29 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Egan

Have the Council made progress in the provision of extra primary school places in the West of Borough?

ANSWER

The council has made considerable progress. By September 2011 we will have invested over £27m to provide an additional five new forms of entry -

1050 places - for local children though expansions at Tetherdown, Coldfall, Coleridge and – for 2011 – Rhodes Avenue.

Written Question 30 - To the Cabinet Member Children and Young People from Cllr Adje

What is the current provision of extended schools throughout Haringey?

ANSWER

89% of our schools are ensuring delivery of the Full Core Offer for extended provision out of schools. The elements of the Full Core Offer are: childcare, varied menu of activities, parent support, community access and swift and easy referral. The Government target is for all schools to be demonstrating delivery of the full core offer by September 2010 and we are on track to achieve this target. In addition there are 47 Breakfast Clubs operating from our schools.

Written Question 31 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Cllr Bull

What initiatives have been put in place to ensure rubbish hotspots are targeted?

ANSWER

The Enforcement service has deployed a named Street Enforcement Officer to each ward in the borough. This officer has a responsibility for monitoring his/her area and identifying problem hotspots for investigation and intervention. These are now being built into local ward action plans which will be reviewed and refreshed every 3 months. In addition, each officer will respond to individual complaints received and will take enforcement action where evidence is available to support this.

The Enforcement Service receives monthly information from Haringey Enterprise Limited which is used to monitor locations where there are recurring problems. These locations are investigated and strategies developed relevant to each location. The service has also adopted a range of actions to target dumping sources. This includes investigations of over 2,000 trade refusal arrangements each year, investigation of construction and refurbishment sites, and weekly operations to stop and investigate waste carriers operating in the borough.

The Council is now also working with landlords to ensure that they and their tenants are properly informed about waste storage and disposal arrangements for their properties.

Written Question 32 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Cllr Peacock

What initiatives are underway in to tackle Anti Social Behaviour in the borough?

ANSWER

By creating the dedicated Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team (ASBAT) seven years ago , Haringey Council made a clear commitment to residents that anti-social behaviour is not a low-level nuisance but a serious priority which requires swift and effective action. The Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership Board, chaired by the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities and Enforcement, has continued to develop the partnership working in this area and has achieved the following:

A 92% success rate in all legal enforcement action taken and 100% success for prosecutions using CCTV

- Turned around the lives of 140 families whose members were previously involved in anti-social behaviour, through intensive parenting guidance and support where no further action has been required following this work
- Haringey ASBAT manager is a member of the ASB National Squad for the dissemination of good practice across the country
- Where residents have been hesitant to come forward, especially on some estates in the borough, we have held local surgeries to gather intelligence and take action
- During December 2009 we appointed a dedicated Witness Support Officer for victims of anti-social behaviour and have been held up by the Home Office Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Team as being “ahead of the game”. We firmly believe that early intervention is critical to success
- We have developed Problem Solving methods to investigate, analyse and address anti-social behaviour where it is of long-standing or complex in nature
- We have developed a Hate Crime Strategy and Action Plan 2009/10 and we publicise contact details for the reporting of hate crimes
- We are preparing publicity around local minimum standards, so that the public know what they can expect to receive when they report anti-social behaviour; this will be published by 31st March 2010
- We have developed much improved exchange and collaboration between services working with young people, including very close co-operation and information exchange on gang-related problems (including 2 workers recruited under the Respect Task Force Challenge and Support project)
- the Police ASBO Team in place during 2009 is focusing primarily on issue of gang related activity in the borough
- We are investigating the links between anti-social behaviour and alcohol abuse, by looking at demographic profiles in the borough and interviewing with key stakeholders,. The recommendations will be made in the final quarter of 2009/10
- There is continued enforcement of Controlled Drinking Areas (CDAs) in the borough in response to street drinking / alcohol related ASB concerns

- the Youth Offending Service's Triage project works in Police custody suites with young people arrested, to provide expert assessment and diversion from re-offending by trained professionals
- Anti-social behaviour work is being addressed in a more joined up way through the roll out of Area Based Working Groups. The Problem Solving process is active and strongly weighted towards these issues. Neighbourhood Managers work closely in this process, alongside enforcement officers and police Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Ongoing work with Borough's Registered Social Landlords to ensure support between agencies and consistency in approach
- Annual data assessment (Strategic Assessment) now includes fuller data sets with all council departments and all partners providing data.

Haringey has a good reputation for addressing anti-social behaviour with the Home Office and we are seen as being at the forefront of promoting and delivering national priorities.

Written Question 33 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Cllr Diakides

How does Haringey compare to other London authorities in noise enforcement?

ANSWER

There are no published comparisons for how London local authorities compare in the enforcement of noise control. CIPFA do publish some activity data which can compare Haringey with the neighbouring boroughs. Based on this information:

Volume of Complaints - According to CIPFA figures Haringey has the highest level of complaint each year for the last 3 years. This in part reflects the fact that Haringey's noise service, unlike most local authorities, is available 24 hours a day and has officers able to respond within an hour to 90% of complaints received.

Enforcement Activity – One measure of enforcement activity is the issue of Abatement Notices. According to CIPFA figures, Haringey was the fourth highest serving authority in our nearest neighbour group. This reflects that Haringey has a comparatively high level of complaint but also achieves good levels of compliance because of its early intervention approach. Over the last 3 year Haringey has taken the highest volume of enforcement cases to court or to formal caution. This reflects Haringey's commitment to formal action where there is no effective compliance with an Abatement Notice.

National Recognition - Haringey Council's Enforcement Response service won a national award from the Noise Abatement Society for its work in combating noise. Specifically the service won the John Connell Local Authority Award 2009 for Haringey's enforcement approach to noise

enforcement and in particular the way it deals with vulnerable people. As a result of this recognition Haringey has been presented as a best practice authority to a Chartered Institute of Environmental Health conference on noise enforcement in 2009.

Written Question 34 - To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Cllr Meehan

How many trees have planted in the borough since 2006?

ANSWER

A total of 3,552 new trees have been planted in the borough since 2005/06. Please see table below for a breakdown by ward

Total number of trees planted per ward 2005-2010						
Council ward	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10*	Total
Alexandra	17	38	20	73	15	163
Bounds Green	6	29	136	62	13	246
Bruce Grove	22	0	53	2	2	79
Crouch End	42	15	30	24	40	151
Fortis Green	22	25	23	64	2	136
Harringay	36	35	51	54	102	278
Highgate	14	4	8	5	46	77
Hornsey	25	41	22	31	29	148
Muswell Hill	15	37	28	28	45	153
Noel Park	16	30	23	20	75	164
Northumberland Park	101	15	10	44	183	353
Seven Sisters	27	30	23	75	12	167
St Anns	53	67	18	18	24	180
Stroud Green	29	3	3	10	24	69
Tottenham Green	25	20	53	106	160	364
Tottenham Hale	26	24	22	171	21	264
West Green	41	43	30	12	16	142
White Hart Lane	30	1	10	1	76	118
Woodside	77	24	33	111	55	300
Total	624	481	596	911	940	3552

Written Question 35 - To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Life Long Learning from Cllr Santry

What initiatives are in place to support Adult Learning in the borough, has this had any impact on the levels of take up?

ANSWER

Adult learning in the borough is supported primarily by funding provided by the LSC which allows Haringey Adult Learning Services [HALS] to deliver Adult Safeguarded Learning, First Steps and Work Based Learning provision. Additional income is generated through specific contracts for the provision of Information Advice & Guidance and learndirect courses. In addition, fees are paid by members of the public for some of the courses.

In 2008/9, there were a total of 3,618 enrolments in HALS across Adult & Community provision, representing an increase of 179 on the previous year. In addition, Work-based learning achieved 61 enrolments and two learndirect centres attracted a further 1322 enrolments.

In 2009/10, we have already seen pleasing increases in the number of enrolments. In the Winter Term, the number of enrolments increased from 1224 to 1644, an increase of 34% on the previous year. We are still currently undertaking enrolments for the Spring Term and, despite the inclement weather have secured 906 enrolments, compared with 626 at this point last year.

There are a number of reasons for the increase in enrolments:

Improved quality of teaching

In 2009, HALS successfully passed its Ofsted Reinspection, with improved grades in all areas. Considerable effort from all staff has resulted in an improved quality of service for our learners.

Improved course planning

We are increasingly making use of our “learnertrack” database to plan courses which are popular with and appropriate to the interests of our customers.

Improved learning environments

The Learning Centre in Wood Green has been substantially upgraded and a “chill out centre” has been provided for learners. New learning centres have been developed in St Ann’s Library and in Hornsey Library and these, too, provide pleasant environments for learning.

An additional crèche

A crèche has recently been developed in the Wood Green library to support learners who require child care.

Improved marketing

Particular attention has been paid to providing attractive marketing materials, with a clear and colourful brochure and matching pop up stands. Information on our courses is also being provided on screens on doctors’ surgeries and in all libraries.

More customer-focussed administration

The prime location for enrolments is Wood Green Library and an additional

enquiry and enrolment point has been provided on the ground floor to give the casual enquirer more opportunity to find information on courses – and to enrol on courses.

Fees

We ensure that our fees are competitive and offer generous concessionary rates to encourage greater participation.

Written Question 36 - To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Cllr Mallett

What tailored services do the Council provide to the enable older residents stay in their homes?

ANSWER

The Council offers a broad range of personalised care services for older people and all services are tailored around an individual's needs and are aimed at giving older service users as much choice and flexibility as possible. Examples of services that we currently offer are as follows:

- Information, Advice, support and advocacy
- Short-term reablement, rehabilitation to assist their hospital discharge and prevent hospital admission in the first place
- Full hospital discharge services including short-term practical support;
- Home care and personal care
- Self directed support and direct payments
- Day opportunities
- Support for Carers
- Subsidised leisure and adult learning opportunities
- "Drop in" centres and other prevention schemes
- Befriending scheme
- Handyperson scheme
- Respite care
- Community Alarm, telecare, equipment, aids and adaptations
- Specialist older people's mental health and dementia support
- Supported Housing

Ref	Address	Agent Name	Rec. date:	CO	Meeting date	MO	Fee:	Proposal	App Submitted	Application Number	Date Submitted	Decision
PRE/2008/0001	Land rear of The Fountain Public House 125-127 West Green Road N15 5DE	Grace Liu	16/06/2008	PS	17/07/08	PS	2,000.00	Erection of a 4 storey building comprising 27 units comprising 24 x 1 bedroom units and 3 x 2 bedroom units.	Yes	HGY/2008/2314	01/12/08	Refused (App has gone to Appeal) - Appeal Dismissed
PRE/2008/0002	Highgate Private Hospital 17-19 View Road N6 4DJ	Daniel Young	23/06/2008	PKT	09/07/08	PKT	600.00	Rear extensions to provide new operating theatre suite, administration and storage, additional patient bedrooms. Internal alterations. New ramp and waste store.	Yes	HGY/2009/0837	19/05/09	Granted - 14/07/2009
PRE/2008/0003	Waverley Road Garages North of Block 65-87 Waverley Road N17	Mercy Sterne	09/07/2008	MG	29/07/08	PKT	1,410.00	Conservation Area Consent for demolition of existing single storey rear building, erection of two storey rear extension to provide a complete new wing to accommodate a new operating theatre suite, single storey extension to two storey wing to provide additional 16 single patient rooms, refurbishment to existing accommodation and improvement to access arrangements	Yes	HGY/2009/0839	19/05/09	Granted - 05/08/2009
PRE/2008/0004	673 Lordship Lane N22 5LA	David Gallagher	21/07/2008	PKT	05/08/08	VO	2,000.00	Erection of 6 x 3B 5 person houses and 6 x 4B 7 person houses.	Yes	HGY/2009/1447		Granted 20/11/2009
PRE/2008/0005	1 Parham Way N10 2AT	Emma Mann	04/08/2008	PKT	17/09/08	RC	300.00	28 No studios for student accommodation.	Yes	HGY/2008/2072	20/10/08	Granted 27/02/2009 PENDING
PRE/2008/0006	The Park Tavern PH 220 Park Lane N17 0HY	Richard Serra	08/08/2008	SC	12/08/08	SC	2,000.00	Demolition of existing bungalow and garages and erection of a terrace of 4 No 4 Bed dwelling houses	Yes	HGY/2009/1993		Conditional Consent (Subject to signing of S106)
PRE/2008/0007	40-44 Tottenham Lane N8 7EA	Vilna Walsh	04/08/2008	PS	02/09/08	EE	600.00	Proposed mixed use development comprising Kingdom Hall (531 m2), retail (414 m2) and residential (46 units).	No	HGY/2008/2220	19/11/08	
PRE/2008/0008	188 Varsity Road N15 6HA	Fiona Sheppard	12/08/2008	PS	28/08/08	JO	600.00	Mixed use residential and commercial development comprising 9 flats (1 no. 1 bed, 5 no. 2 bed and 3 no. 3 bed) and 107sqm commercial floor space. Flexible permission sought for commercial unit to allow use for A1, A2 or B1 purpose.	No			
PRE/2008/0009	332 High Road N15 4BN	Pat Stroud	28/08/2008	PS	16/09/08	OC	600.00	Five "move-on" studio flats for the land adjacent St. Mungo's Association Homeless Hostel. New Build Proposal.	No			
PRE/2008/0010	The Nightingale Nightingale Lane N8 7QU	Andrew Hanson	03/09/2008	PS	23/09/08	JXH	705.00	Proposed demolition of existing community medical facility and erection of new building to include 2 ground floor commercial units and 6 apartments (affordable) over.	Yes	HGY/2008/2319	03/12/08	Granted 27/07/2009
PRE/2008/0011	Pembroke Works Campsbourne Road N8 7PE	Jon Evans	08/10/2008	PS	14/10/08	PS	1,200.00	Retain the pub use at ground floor level and refurbish the existing first, second and roof space to form 4 flats and to demolish the buildings at the rear and replace them with a rear extension containing 5 flats. (3 one bed flats, 2 two bed flats and 4 three bed flats).	Yes	HGY/2009/0105	13/01/09	Refused 23/03/2009 Appeal submitted 19/06/2009 - Appeal dismissed 25/11/09

Ref	Address	Agent Name	Rec. date:	CO	Meeting date	MO	Fee:	Proposal	App Submitted	Application Number	Date Submitted	Decision
PRE/2008/0012	Bounds Green Industrial Estate Bounds Green Road N11	Brian Frew	07/11/2008	PKT			1,200.00	Demolish the existing single storey units B3-B7 and C3-C5 on site and replace with new 2 storey units. Additional new units will be created including Safestore building.	Yes	HGY/2009/0598	07/04/09	Granted 07/07/2009
PRE/2009/0001	120-138 Muswell Hill Broadway N10 3RU	Dean Guy	31/12/2008	MZB	28/01/09	MZB	600.00	Demolition of 120 Muswell Hill Broadway (Crocodile Antiques), extension of Marks & Spencer's store along Muswell Hill Broadway and along the boundary with 114 - 118 Muswell Hill Broadway. Creation of 9 residential units (3 x 1 beds, 5 x 2 beds & 1 x 3 beds) at first, second and third floor levels. Provision of back house facilities (office, stockroom, sales area) to existing retail unit at lower ground floor (level -1) and provision of 9 car park spaces for residential units at lower ground floor (level -2). Reconfiguration of store entrance off public car park and associated landscaping.	No			Application to be submitted this year
PRE/2009/0002	225 Archway Road N6 6BS	Clare Malcomson	13/02/2009	MG	25/02/09	MG	300.00	Two semi-detached houses, two terraced houses, extension, alterations and improvement to Listed Building to create four apartments (currently Five apartments within the existing) parking and landscaping.	No	follow up meeting		
PRE/2009/0003	Former Day Nursery Plevna Crescent N15 6DX	Peter Smith	02/03/2009	EE	12/03/09	EE	1,200.00	Redevelopment of site to provide 12 x 2B4P, two of which would be suitable for disabled use, 4 x 4 B7P houses and 1 x 5B8P house, with associated car parking and amenity space.	Yes	HGY/2009/1039	18/06/09	Granted 16/09/2009
PRE/2009/0004	Woodside Fortis Green N10 3NY	Tim Brennan	16/03/2009	RC	01/04/09	RC	300.00	Erection of a new building to provide 4 new apartments over garages. Improvement work to external hard surfaces and other landscaping. Demolition of existing garage building.	No			Application to be submitted this year
							Total for 2008/09					
							15,615.00					
PRE/2009/0005	624 High Road N17 9TL	Mazen Touma	17/04/2009	EE	30/04/09	EE	£2,000.00	Part demolition of existing building, part refurbishment of existing, constriction of a five storey extension to frontage and conversion of all to form 54 new units of residential accommodation.	Yes	HGY/2009/1532		Conditional Consent
PRE/2009/0006	Tottenham Hale Retail Park Broad Lane N15 4QD	Paul Woods	24/04/2009	JXH	07/05/09	JXH	£300.00	5 x Free standing advertisements panels of which 3 x face Broad Lane and 2 x face Ferry Lane.	Yes	HGY/2010/0007		PENDING
PRE/2009/0007	333 High Road N22 8GZ	Tom Darwell Smith or Helen Greenhalgh	01/05/2009	MG	08/05/09	MG	£300.00	Change of use from a 1,400sqm warehouse to a D1 community based use, including church, youth forum, nursery and older person's meeting point.	Yes	HGY/2009/0910	01/06/09	Conditional Consent 24/07/2009
PRE/2009/0008	Aneurin Bevan House, Tredegar Road, N11 2QA	David Lees					£2,000.00	Demolition of existing buildings, grading land, erection of 35 new homes (10x1 bed flat, 18x2 bed flat, 3x3 bed house, 4x4 bed house) in 3 blocks up to 3 storeys, access roads, parking and landscape.	Yes	HGY/2009/1218		PENDING 17/12/2009
PRE/2009/0009	Bounds Green Health Centre, Gordon Road, N11 2QA	Ruth Schamroth	02/07/09	MZB			£300.00	Two storey extension to an existing purpose build doctors surgery to accommodate six extra consulting rooms with associated waiting areas.	Yes	HGY/2009/1279		Granted 16/09/2009
PRE/2009/0010	45, 47, 49 & 63 Lawrence Road, N15 4EF		10/07/09	SC	22/07/09	SC	£2,000.00	A new build development of residential units, consisting of 88 Units.				

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PRE/2009/0011	Land at rear of Haringey Heartlands Between Hornsey park Road, Mayes Road, Clarendon Rd, N8	Matt Humphries	21/04/09	ACT	21/04/09	ACT	£4,000.00	Outline proposal for a 5 acre site at Haringey heartlands. The proposals would accommodate 1100-1200 new homes, 2500sq m of office, retail and community space as well as 2 new public spaces.	Yes	HGY/2009/0503		PENDING
PRE/2009/0012	Land at rear of Haringey Heartlands Between Hornsey park Road, Mayes Road, Clarendon Rd, N8	Matt Humphries	18/05/09	ACT	18/05/09	ACT	£4,000.00	Outline proposal for a 5 acre site at Haringey heartlands. The proposals would accommodate 1100-1200 new homes, 2500sq m of office, retail and community space as well as 2 new public spaces.	Yes	HGY/2009/0503		PENDING
PRE/2009/0013	Site rear of 76 St James' Lane, N10 3RD	Denyk Mayer	14/07/09	RC			£300.00	Demolition of 20 garages and erection of 4x3/4 bed houses with garages and gardens.	No			
PRE/2009/0014	Grand Palace, 242 High Road, N22 8JX	David Frey	07/09/09	MG		MG	£1,200.00	Demolition of existing and replacement with ground and 1st floor wedding conference facilities and rooftop restaurant.	No			
PRE/2009/0015	225 Archway Rd, N6 5BS	Oliver Burston	19/10/09	MG	27/10/09	MG	£150.00	5x1 bed flats and 2x2 bed flats for the building fronting Cholmeley Park (follow up meeting of PRE/2009/0002	No			
PRE/2009/0016	44 & 46 Hampstead Lane, N6 4LL	Almas Bavic	28/10/09	MG	19/11/09	MG	£300.00	Demolition of existing houses and new build of 2 houses on revised plots.	No			
PRE/2009/0017	Mowlam Trading Estate, including land fronting Watermead Way, Leaside Road, N17 0QJ	Paul Kentish	17/11/09	MG			£2,000.00	Additional 929m2 (10,000sq ft) of Class B1/B2/B8 floorspace; relocation of builders merchants 743-929m2 (8,000-10,000 sq ft); 1,394m2 (15,000sq ft) of Class A1 retail floorspace; Hotel and upgrading of parking and security to existing trading estate whilst involving vacation of the scaffolding storage use.	No			
PRE/2009/0018	115-117 Park Road, N8 8JN	John Domenech	27/11/09	JXH	08/12/09	PS	£1,200.00	Demolition of existing vacant bar and proposal for a nine unit building with parking and amenity space to the rear.	No			
PPA 1	Northumberland Park Project(THFC)	Paul Phillips	01/06/08	SC	01/06/08	SC	£482,185.00	Demolition of existing stadium and redevelopment of the site to include new stadium, supermarket, housing , and hotel.	Yes	HGY/2009/2000	04/11/09	PENDING
							Total for 2009/10 (to 08/01/2010)	502,235.00				
							Cumulative Total (from 01/04/08 - 08/01/2010)	517,850.00				

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Item 13

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JANUARY 2010Amendment to Motion J (2009/10)

(Amendments are in bold and italics, deletions have been struck through)

This Council notes:

- The government's proposal to scrap excess payments to local housing allowance claimants where their rent is lower than the rate of the allowance
- That this plan would see over 2,000 of the poorest families in Haringey up to £15 a week and £780 a year worse off
- As a result, £1.5million would be taken out of the local economy
- ***The Government has responded to concerns on LHA reform and delayed the reform until 2011 and announced plans in the Pre Budget Report to launch of an immediate consultation to review Housing Benefit reform and affordability.***

This Council believes

- ***That it should remain committed to supporting those most in need in our society***
- ***That in tough economic circumstances the Council has an even greater responsibility to look at how it can help its residents through this difficult period***
- that these changes undermine the original objectives of local housing allowance which were to bring choice and fairness to the benefits system while combating poverty;

Therefore, this Council resolves

- ***To take part in the Housing Benefit Reform consultation to impress the impact this would have on Haringey residents.***
- ~~To write to the Chancellor for the exchequer to reverse the government's plan to scrap excess payments to local housing allowance claimants~~
- ***Continue to hold advice surgeries to help our residents claim all that they are entitled to***
- ~~Urges local MPs to sign Liberal Democrat Sarah Teather's EDM 2069 to back the campaign against the change in policy.~~

Proposer: Cllr Mallett

Secunder: Cllr Adje

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Amendment to Motion K (2009/10)

Delete all after “The current financial climate is difficult for Haringey residents” and replace with

- Many London Council’s have announced plans to freeze or reduce Council Tax next year
- Liberal Democrat-led Council’s in Brent, Islington, Southwark and Camden have proposed Council Tax freezes next year
- The Labour Group rejected Liberal Democrat proposals last year to freeze Council Tax for local residents in Haringey facing the effects of the recession

Further notes

- Liberal Democrat Council’s in Sutton, Richmond and Kingston receive approximately 75% less funding from the Labour government than Haringey
- Sutton’s Council Tax rate is less than Haringey’s despite receiving significantly less government funding than Haringey
- The Audit Commission rated Richmond and Sutton as 4 star Council’s improving strongly and Kingston as a 3-star Council improving well
- Haringey is considered as a 1-star Council not improving adequately

Resolves

- Freeze Council Tax for all Haringey residents next year
- To continue to improve services by moving resources from the back office to the frontline

Proposer – Cllr Butcher

Secunder – Cllr Gorrie

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Amendment to Motion L (2009/10)

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“This Council;

Notes

- ***That the adverse weather conditions have been national problem facing all Local authorities.***
- The difficulty faced by many local residents during recent severe winter weather, especially for elderly and disabled people.
- Problems faced by motorists, pedestrians and buses travelling throughout the borough in icy and snowy conditions.
- The cost to the local economy due to loss of business and absenteeism, ***and the hard work of the Council staff to deliver a comprehensive pavement clearance and gritting service in our Town Centres, ensuring pedestrian and road access to Town Centres***
- ***Keeping main roads linking town centres with transport hubs clear of ice and snow, enabling access to these areas by public transport and cars. .***
- ***The hard work of Haringey staff in ensuring vulnerable residents known to the Council received assistance and Meals on Wheels was operating normally.***

Further notes

- The need for the Council to prioritise gritting of major routes and shopping centres, ***in line with national guidelines to keep traffic moving.***
- ***That Haringey Council acted responsibly, in line with all other London authorities by prioritising gritting of main roads and bus routes following instructions from London Councils.***
- ***That Council staff gritted Priority one roads on a near daily basis with the majority of Priority 2 and 3 streets also receiving gritting at least once***
- ***Liberal Democrat London Assembly Member Caroline Pidgeon comments that ‘London had coped well’ with the snow.***
- ~~Lack of gritting side roads and pavements.~~
- ~~That many local schools were closed.~~

- ~~Reports from residents that priority roads were still dangerous despite being on Council's gritting priority lists.~~

Resolves

- ~~To carry out an investigation into ways that the Council can provide a better service to cope with winter conditions, including asking local residents for feedback from their experiences, such that any lessons can be learned from recent events to enable better preparedness in the future".~~
- ***To respond to any complaints or suggestions on how our gritting services can be further improved.***
- ***To encourage residents to pass on their views and concerns in order to ensure we take into account the widest range of views possible on how we can further improve winter maintenance services.***
- ***To thank all Haringey And Haringey Enterprise Limited staff for their hard work in continuing to provide services and ensuring that the impact on Haringey residents was kept to a minimum***

Proposer: Cllr Santry

Secunder: Cllr Meehan