



Haringey Council

Full Council - Monday, 22nd March, 2010

Tabled Papers

ITEM TITLE

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Item 2COUNCIL MEETING – 22 MARCH 2010**LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS****The Chief Executive**

Madam Mayor, there are four 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 are given in the report laid round.

Item 6.2 – Report of the Chief Executive on the Council Calendar of meetings for 2010-2011 Municipal Year

The report could not be circulated earlier as information was awaited from Party Groups. The report is urgent in order for officers to commence forward planning in respect of the Council Calendar of meetings for 2010-2011 Municipal Year.

Item 12 – Report of the Constitution Review Working Group

The report could not be circulated earlier as the CRWG did not meet until 11 March 2010. The report is urgent in order to permit the proposed Constitutional changes to be made.

Item 12 – Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The report could not be circulated earlier as the Committee did not meet until 15 March 2010. The report is urgent in order consider the proposed recommendations.

Item 15 – 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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COUNCIL – 22 MARCH 2010 - QUESTIONS**PUBLIC QUESTION 1 TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM JUSTIN HINCHCLIFFE:**

Is the Cabinet Member for Housing even aware of the problem of damp that blights the lives of tenants in the flats on the Ermine and Plevna Crescent estates? Young families, the disabled and elderly are all affected. Some correspondence to the council from residents on this subject goes back over ten years. Why has the Council never got to grips with the problem of damp and condensation affecting these tenants? What confidence can tenants have that their problems will ever be properly addressed by this Labour-run council given how they have failed vulnerable members of our community for so long?

PUBLIC QUESTION 2 TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, CULTURE AND LIFELONG LEARNING FROM CAROL INGRAM:

I understand that Wood Green library is one of the busiest in the country. Can you explain what it is that the Council have done to encourage people to make use of their library, and how the Council intends to increase the number of people who use other libraries in Haringey?

PUBLIC QUESTION 3 TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM STEPHEN COOKE:

Having a good home can make a real difference to the quality of someone's health. How is the housing service working with residents to improve their health?

PUBLIC QUESTION 4 TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM HILARY KITCHEN:

The Council have recently introduced a street warden service. Can you explain how this service is going to help tackle fly-tipping?

PUBLIC QUESTION 5 TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM MR MASHFIQUL ALAM:

Can the Cabinet member for Children and Young People explain Haringey Council's thinking behind its plans to close the only educational facility in 2011 in the borough that can handle the educational and emotional support needs of the Borough's severely disabled children and their parents? Furthermore, can you explain why Haringey appears to be on its own in thinking that the needs of our severely disabled can be met in mixed ability schools, when

London Boroughs such as Barnet are providing the specialist care that many parents are looking for?

PUBLIC QUESTION 6 TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES FROM JANET HARRIS:

Does the Council have any plans to re-open the public lavatories in Church Road or convert them into a community cafe? If so, which option and when? If not, why not?

PUBLIC QUESTION 7 TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM MRS KERRIE MCRONNA :

Could the Cabinet member for Children and Young people justify the fact that the John Loughborough School has been taken into Special Measures, in the light of the fact that exam results have not improved, but fallen during the Special Measures period, and could she tell us as anxious parents, whose views have been totally ignored and over ridden, when we can expect the school to be restored to normal running, and our children's education to its former high standards?

ORAL QUESTIONS

ORAL QUESTION 1 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM COUNCILLOR DOBBIE:

Given the fact that Haringey is about to enter a detailed period of public consultation on the future levels of education spending in the borough and that we are fighting to get equitable funding with similar London boroughs such as Camden, can the Cabinet member for Children and Young People please tell us why Haringey has appointed the city accountants KPMG to assist in the process and how much this is costing the Council?

ORAL QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR WILSON:

Why has this Labour administration failed to implement its 2006 manifesto commitment to install new modern environmentally-friendly lighting on every street in the borough?

ORAL QUESTION 3 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR PEACOCK:

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing please provide an update about the recent launch of the Hornsey Neighbourhood Health Centre?

ORAL QUESTION 4 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR DAVIES:

Why has the Labour administration, after promising before the last election that all council homes will have a modern kitchen and bathroom by 2010, failed to provide this?

ORAL QUESTION 5 –TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR SANTRY:

We know the Council has recently moved to named Street Enforcement Officers in each ward. Can the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities please inform me of the progress that the new Street Enforcement Team is making to improve the cleanliness of our streets?

ORAL QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM COUNCILLOR ENGERT:

Why has the Labour administration failed to provide a complete network of Children’s Centres as promised in their last manifesto?

ORAL QUESTION 7 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR EGAN:

What work is the Council undertaking to bring public buildings back into use?

ORAL QUESTION 8 - TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR GORRIE:

What benefits have residents got from the 30% increase in the annual communications budget since 2006?

ORAL QUESTION 9 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY COHESION AND INVOLVEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DEMIRCI:

What work has the Council undertaken to celebrate International Women’s Day?

ORAL QUESTION 10 - TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR THOMPSON:

Would the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources agree with me that building on public spaces as in Down Lane Park N17 be morally unacceptable and that facilities such as the Welbourne Centre N17 be treated with more sensitivity and fairness at times like this.

WRITTEN QUESTION 1 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR DOBBIE:

In noting the recent demonstration in support of the Whittington Hospital A&E department and maternity unit, and welcoming the positive Conservative Party commitment to the Whittington Hospital, can the Leader of the Council now give details to Haringey councillors and residents of the dates and outcomes of any meetings and/or correspondence between herself / council cabinet colleagues with government ministers and/or the borough's Members of Parliament regarding the future of the Whittington?

ANSWER

The demonstration held earlier this month was well attended and I was glad to see cross party attendance. This campaign has been an example of all parties listening to local people and getting on board and working with the community.

I meet regularly with the PCT and take this opportunity to raise issues of concern. Of course since the announcement these meetings have focused on the impact that any reduction in services from the Whittington would have on our residents. I will continue to raise this point with the PCT.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee organised a meeting of all of the lead health scrutiny Members from boroughs across the NC sector and representatives from the PCTs to obtain further information on the review and its progress and establish channels of communication. Once the formal consultation process begins, the boroughs will be required to set up a joint overview and scrutiny committee to respond collectively to the reconfiguration proposals.

I have written to Tracy Baldwin, Richard Summray and Rachael Tindall setting out our position and asking formally that the Council be included in any discussions at the earliest possible opportunity. We are committed utilising our positive relationship with the PCT to ensure that our views are heard.

I have worked with parliamentary colleagues to ensure this issue is also raised in parliament. I was pleased to hear the Health Minister Mike O'Brian say:

“we have invested £32 million in the Whittington, much of it in A and E, and unless the case for change is established, there will be no change. At the moment I am not convinced of the need for the Whittington A and E to close. Those discussing these things need to know that. I have serious concerns about it and I would want to see a serious clinical case made for saying that the £32 million that the Government have decided to invest in the Whittington should be overridden. I do not see any justification for closure of the A and E at this time, and I would want to hear the case for closing it during the next Parliament. I have seen no such case”

But of course this is not a final guarantee and we will continue to campaign against these proposals.

I meet with Parliamentary colleagues on a regular basis and this has been an item that we have discussed consistently over recent months. We are absolutely committed to fighting to save our local hospitals. Meetings have requested meetings with Ministers and the Chief Executive of NHS London, where we will use the opportunity to ensure that the views of local people are heard.

I wish to assure colleagues of our commitment to protecting the Whittington and of the value we place on the vital services it currently provides our Borough with.

WRITTEN QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR AITKEN:

How many incidents of crime have been reported in, or near to, Bowes Park station in each of the last two years (please list by crime)?

ANSWER

The most recent 2 years of recorded crime (covering the period March 2008 to February 2010) from the CRIS database¹, was mapped covering all incidents within a 150m radius of Bowes Park Station.

The following table breaks down these crimes by year and by major crime type. It shows that 56 crimes were recorded around Bowes Park station over March 2008 – February 2009, falling to 39 crimes recorded over the same period for the last 12 months (March 2009 – February 2010).

Crime around Bowes Park Station (150m radius) March 2008 – February 2010

CRIME	Year		Total
	Mar 08 - Feb 09	Mar 09 - Feb 10	
Burglary	12	5	17
Criminal Damage	4	4	8
Drugs	2		2
Fraud or Forgery	1		1
Other Accepted Crime	9	9	18
Other Notifiable Offences	1		1
Robbery	6	1	7
Theft and Handling	11	15	26
Violence Against the Person	10	5	15

¹ Please note that these figures may not exactly match final ratified figures.

Total	56	39	95
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WRITTEN QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER:

How many Houses in Multiple Occupation is the Council currently aware of, how many have been granted licences within the past year, how many licences have been revoked?

ANSWER

Haringey's Stock Condition Survey of 2001 concluded that there were 2,313 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in the borough. These include shared houses and bedsit accommodation.

HMO Licensing was introduced by the Housing Act 2004 and the procedure for licensing a HMO in Haringey started in April 2006. At the time, it was estimated that there were approximately 480 licensable HMO in Haringey.

A licensable HMO is a property that has three or more storeys and which is occupied by 5 or more persons in two or more households.

Since 2006, the Council has received 344 HMO licence applications. To date, it has issued 253 licences and 10 'Temporary Exemption Notices', decided that 44 of the properties do not require an HMO licence, and it has refused to grant licences to 7 property owners. None of the licences have been revoked.

During 2009/10, the Council received 21 applications for an HMO licence, issued a total of 36 HMO licences (including 13 of the applications received during 2009/10) and issued 2 'Temporary Exemption Notices'.

Please note: A 'Temporary Exemption Notice' is valid for up to 3 months and is granted when a landlord does not want to own a licensable premises and is taking steps to secure a property that does not need licensing. This may happen, for example, when a landlord wishes to apply for planning permission to convert the property, or is seeking to reduce the occupancy in the house to the point that it is no longer licensable.

WRITTEN QUESTION 4 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ALLISON:

Of the £50,121,000 spend on The Bridge New Deal for Communities how much was spent on:

- a) Consultants
- b) Publications

ANSWER

The NDC has spent:

- £3,698,707 on Consultants fees; this includes those working on the NDC capital projects;
- £146,090 on Publications; this includes publication of the NDC Annual Delivery Plans and Word on the Street newsletters distributed to all households in the NDC area.

WRITTEN QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR BAKER:

How many families currently live in overcrowded housing and how many lived in overcrowded accommodation in 2006?

ANSWER

Although we know that overcrowding is a problem that affects households across all tenures, we currently only capture the number of overcrowded households recorded on our housing register, so rely on overcrowded households applying for alternative social housing as a solution.

We are currently employing a dedicated Overcrowding Officer who is working with 150 council tenants who are severely overcrowded.

Since 2006 the housing register has more than doubled and currently stands at 20, 251. In 2006 5.7% of household on the register were overcrowded and 1.2% were severely overcrowded. This year despite the massive increase in the register 5.2% of applicants on the register are overcrowded and 0.9% are considered seriously overcrowded.

We continue to identify overcrowding as a priority and are working hard to reduce levels as we recognise the impact it has on the lives of families in Haringey.

WRITTEN QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR BEACHAM:

How many homes have been insulated by the Council or given loans/grants to green their home in past two years?

ANSWER

As Homes for Haringey does not give loans or grants, all of the council-funded energy efficiency works carried out to council tenants' homes are funded through the capital programme. Leaseholders have benefited from these.

During the past two years, the following insulation work has been undertaken as part of Haringey's decent homes programme:

- 519 homes have received extra loft insulation (316 in 2008/09 and 203 in 2009/10)
- 265 homes have received cavity wall insulation (30 in 2008/09 and 235 in 2009/10)

The cavity wall insulation undertaken in 2009/10 is being funded through the government's Social Housing Energy Saving Programme (SHESP), targeted at 'hard to treat' properties. Funding of £270,000 is being provided in 2009/10.

During 2007/08 and 2008/09, a total of 2,108 homes in Haringey benefited from heating and insulation improvements (worth almost £2.35m) under the national Warm Front Scheme and the local Warmth and Comfort Scheme:

- 1,368 homes were improved by the Warm Front Scheme at a total cost of £1.36m
- 1,368 homes were improved by the Warmth & Comfort Scheme at a total cost of £0.99m

WRITTEN QUESTION 7 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR BEYNON:

Can you confirm that a replacement for the Civic Centre is included in the three year budget just agreed and that the budget assumes an investment in Woodside House to meet this replacement need? Please confirm the budget capital spend assumed.

ANSWER

The Woodside House project is on hold and decisions on this will be a matter for the new council after May 2010. A budget of £12m is included in the accommodation strategy capital budget.

WRITTEN QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR BLOCH:

Please detail what steps has the Council taken to recover the approximate £300,000 which the developers/owners were undercharged under an overage agreement with the Council with respect to the Gardens Centre, Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill?

ANSWER

The Council is taking all appropriate steps on this matter. I will be able to elaborate on this at a later stage when it will not prejudice matters.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 9 – TO CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES
FROM COUNCILLOR BUTCHER:**

Based on the current number of residents living in emergency accommodation what is the financial exposure to the Council when subsidy rules change in the new financial year?

ANSWER

While at the outset of the Emergency Accommodation Reduction Project in May 2009, the original exposure was calculated to be around £7m per annum, since May 2009, we have reduced the number of households in Emergency Accommodation by 43%. We are also in the process of negotiating a significant number of price reductions with Emergency Accommodation suppliers.

We are currently assessing the likely impact of the agreements being reached with suppliers on rent levels (and future reductions in the Council's use of Emergency Accommodation) and the consequential financial impact of this. In the recent budget report it was noted that a reserve of £3.6 million was set aside to deal with this issue and the Council is confident that this can easily be contained within this. A full report will be submitted to Cabinet in April 2010.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 10 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING
SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM
COUNCILLOR DAVIES:**

How many incidents of anti-social behaviour have been reported in Homes for Haringey estates in Noel Park, Woodside and Bounds Green each of the last two years (please break down by estate)?

ANSWER

All incidents of anti-social behaviour, whether involving a council resident or a private resident, are initially reported to the Council's Anti Social Behaviour Action Team (ASBAT).

Each case is assessed by the ASBAT and allocated accordingly:

- All minor / non-violent cases that relate to council tenants (or have taken place on an estate managed by Homes for Haringey) are referred to the relevant Tenancy Management Office to deal with.
- All serious / violent cases are handled directly by ASBAT.

During the past couple of years, ASBAT has received 195 reports of anti social behaviour affecting council tenants / estates managed by Homes for Haringey in the Noel Park, Woodside and Bound Green wards.

Of these 195 reports, 88 related to Noel Park, 66 related to Woodside and 41 related to Bounds Green.

Although data is not collected on an estate by estate basis, Homes for Haringey has analysed its data for a number of its estates:

Estate	Number of ASB cases
Commerce Road	3
Jack Barnet Way	2
Noel Park	39
Vincent Square	4
Winkfield	16

Homes for Haringey seeks to complete 70% of Stage 1 ASB cases within a timescale of 10 working days. During 2008/09, it completed 71% of cases on time and, during 2009/10, it has completed 74% of cases on time.

WRITTEN QUESTION 11 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR EDGE:

How many enforcement notices have been issued in the Noel Park conservation area in the last four years?

ANSWER

Twelve Enforcement Notices under the Town and Country Planning Act have been served.

WRITTEN QUESTION 12 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM COUNCILLOR ENGERT:

Which school capital projects are currently on target and which are behind schedule (please provide details of all projects)?

ANSWER

A number of the BSF projects are currently showing some delay following the recent inclement weather. The list below details briefly the current position on each:

- Alexandra Park – on Programme
- Fortismere – on programme
- Northumberland Park – agreed revised programme with school and contractor which will defer completion from May to September
- Woodside High – on programme
- John Loughborough – complete

- St Thomas More – currently showing behind programme, but will finish on time
- Gladesmore – on programme
- Heartlands – Currently two weeks behind schedule although programme re-profiled and expected to open on time.
- Hornsey – on programme
- Park View – slightly behind, likely to finish two weeks late due to additional works required to heating system
- Young People's Centre – behind on programme and will deliver approximately 5 weeks late. Mitigation plan in place.
- Highgate Wood - complete

WRITTEN QUESTION 13 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR GORRIE:

Which projects received funding from the Community Safety capital allocation for this year?

ANSWER

A tendering exercise was initiated to invite bids in line with our Safer Communities strategic priorities, and agreement was reached by the Performance Management Group as to allocation.

Currently approved projects for 2009/10 are listed below:

CCTV - ASBAT (Stolen Equipment)

Dog Controls - Finsbury Park

Hearthstone IT re-fit

Completion of Ladder Roads Anti Burglary Project

Overt Surveillance –Anti-Social Behaviour

Pathways to Empowerment (to develop IT suites for training parents)

Telecare Monitoring and Support – Domestic

Violence (Council's emergency alarms extended to DV cases)

The Difference that Makes a Difference (security work to community hut on Tiverton Estate)

Wood Works Wonders (skills for ex-offenders)

African Women's Welfare group (to develop IT suites for training parents)

Neighbourhood Watch Haringey Signs

WRITTEN QUESTION 14 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR HALEY:

How many licences for bookmakers, adult gaming establishments, or other gambling venues has the Council granted in the past four years?

ANSWER

The Council has been responsible for granting licences for these premises since 2007. We have granted: 9 new betting shops; 1 variation of an existing betting shop; 2 new adult gaming centres; 2 variations to existing adult gaming centres and 1 application for a track betting premises.

Three of the applications were refused by the Licensing Committee and were granted on appeal to the Magistrates Court.

WRITTEN QUESTION 15 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR HARE:

How many residents have applied for a reissue of their freedom pass and how many are yet to be issued with their new pass?

ANSWER

To date 19,515 Freedom Passes have been reissued and 1,300 are waiting to be issued by the card manufacturer. A further 2,000 badge holders have yet to apply for a new badge. Those individuals have been reminded of the need to renew their badge.

The Council is directly responsible for the re-issue of the Disabled Freedom Passes. All existing pass holders were contacted and reminded of the need to apply for a new pass. The process started in May 2009 giving individuals who require a mobility assessment ample time to have their application processed.

The Older Persons Freedom Pass is handled by the Post Office, with this arrangement managed on behalf of the Boroughs by London Councils. London Councils managed the publicity campaign and have now contacted all (Older Persons) pass holders who have not yet renewed their pass , reminding them of the need to reapply before the end of March 2010.

WRITTEN QUESTION 16 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR MUGHAL:

Please provide details of action taken specifically in Noel Park to stop the misuse and abuse of Disabled Badges in the ward, particularly from individuals who come to shop and who do not live in the area?

ANSWER

The parking service has carried out 14 joint operations with the police to combat Disabled Blue Badge fraud in this area. We now aim to hold one operation each month and the police are happy to commit this level of resources. This includes identifying and seizing stolen badges, as well as those being illegally used by other family members.

This has resulted in 40 individuals being arrested by the police for fraudulently using those badges and the badges confiscated. A number of individuals arrested were subsequently cautioned by the police.

WRITTEN QUESTION 17 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:

How will the Council pay for the £1million investment to repair potholes, when was the decision made to do this and why was this not included in the budget in February?

ANSWER

The decision to invest an additional £1M to repair roads in the Borough was taken at the beginning of March and will be formally endorsed at the Cabinet meeting in March. The additional investment in road resurfacing will be funded by bringing forward the Council capital spend for 2011/13 and from general reserves.

As preparation work for the budget started in August 2009 it could not take into account the effect that the worst winter for 30 years has had on our roads in time for it to be included in the budget in February.

WRITTEN QUESTION 18 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR OAKES:

How many outstanding enforcement notices have been issued in the Myddleton Road area?

ANSWER

Six Enforcement Notices are outstanding.

WRITTEN QUESTION 19 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR OATWAY:

When were signs for the Heavy Good Vehicle ban in Alexandra ward meant to 'go live', when will they and why has there been a delay?

ANSWER

It was originally planned for the scheme to 'go live' at the beginning of February 2010. It is a legal requirement for the signs to be illuminated and this work will be carried out by EDF. Unfortunately we have experienced delays in the electrical connections and therefore the 'go live' date has been delayed until the end of April 2010. Officers will provide ward councillors with

an update of the 'go live' date once EDF confirm a date for the electrical connections.

WRITTEN QUESTION 20 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FROM COUNCILLOR RAINGER:

How often is Lordship Lane cleaned by Council street cleaners and at what cost to the Council?

ANSWER

Lordship Lane receives both a manual sweep and a mechanical sweep seven days a week. The cleansing provision is shown in the following table.

	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Manual Sweep	2,996 metres	2,996 metres	2,996 metres
Mechanical Sweep	2,996 metres	264 metres	1,753 metres

The cost of cleansing Lordship Lane is over £130,000 per annum.

WRITTEN QUESTION 21 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENFORCEMENT AND SAFER COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR REID:

What is the annual Pest Control budget, how many staff are employed in Pest Control and if Pest Control has been outsourced what is the annual budget prior to outsourcing and annual budget now?

ANSWER

There has been no outsourcing of pest control.

The projected cost of the service in 2009/10 is £335,500. The service expects to achieve income of £277,500, leaving a net cost to the Council of £58,000.

Over 2009/10 the service employed 5 pest control operatives and has used one agency operative to cover peak periods and vacancies.

Written Question 22 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services & Environment and Conservation from Councillor Scott:

What is the current total number of roads with bad pot holes requiring priority treatment, when will they be repaired by and what is the estimated cost to the Council to repair them?

ANSWER

For the week starting 8 March 2010, 10 potholes were identified as needing priority treatment i.e. within 24hrs and were repaired. Each individual pothole costs roughly £100 to repair, so the estimated costs of these potholes is £1000.

Problems with potholes and road maintenance has become a national issue following the exceptionally cold winter. We have responded proactively to this and increased resources to repair potholes threefold and repaired over 1200 potholes since January. We have 6 dedicated gangs repairing potholes and our road resurfacing programme has increased to resurface roads that are in a poor condition.

Written Question 23 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services & Environment and Conservation from Councillor Weber:

Please provide details of what the Council are proposing to spend the £80,000 in the 2010/11 budget for a “review” of the Crouch End and Stroud Green CPZ? Please can you confirm whether this will be part of the fast track process?

ANSWER

Residents and businesses, both inside and outside the Crouch End and Finsbury Park CPZs, have highlighted issues regarding displacement parking, operational days / hours and location / types of bays provided in these zones.

It is therefore considered prudent to review the zones to fully understand the issues affecting residents and businesses. The reviews will take the form of two questionnaires, one to properties inside the CPZs and one to properties outside the CPZs. The extent of the consultation boundaries for properties outside the CPZs will be agreed with Ward Councillors. The feedback from the reviews will help to determine the next stage of the process including whether this is a fast track approach or further consultation. This is dependent on the Sustainable Transport Works Plan being agreed and funding being committed.

Written Question 24 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Whyte:

Please provide, by ward, the number of neighbourhood watches currently operating and confirm what resources the Council has put into encouraging them to be established.

ANSWER

WARD	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES
ALEXANDRA	16
BOUNDS GREEN	9

BRUCE GROVE	14
CROUCH END	18
FORTIS GREEN	24
HARRINGAY	18
HIGHGATE	22
HORNSEY	12
MUSWELL HILL	20
NOEL PARK	9
NORTHUMBERLAND	5
SEVEN SISTERS	9
ST ANNS	18
STROUD GREEN	13
TOTTENHAM GREEN	9
TOTTENHAM HALE	5
WEST GREEN	16
WHITE HART LANE	11
WOODSIDE	14
TOTAL	262

Since the appointment of the current Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator the number of neighbourhood watches has increased from 150 to 262 and is still growing.

The Safer Communities Partnership contributed £35K in 2009/10 for the post of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and has allocated £40K for 2010-11 from the Basic Command Unit Fund. In addition, a further £5K of partnership money was granted in 2009/10 for the erection of new watch signs. These allocations are subject to quarterly reports and monitoring.

Written Question 25 – To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor Williams:

Has the Council set up a Adult Safeguarding board, when was it set up and how many times has it met?

ANSWER

Haringey Council has had a Safeguarding Adults' Board in place since November 2004.

The Board membership has been broadened and changed over time and the focus has become more strategic, as national and local developments have helped to shape it.

Traditionally, the Board has met on a quarterly basis until a decision was taken in November 2009 to move the meetings to every other month, thus increasing the frequency of meetings from 4 to 6 per year. In addition, there are other "Learning Events" and Awaydays which occur periodically.

In total the Safeguarding Adult's Board has met 23 times since November 2004, including the most recent meeting which took place on 11th March 2010.

A further 4 routine meetings will be held during 2010 and the next additional Awayday is scheduled for 30th April when the membership, Terms of Reference, subgroups and workplan will be reviewed again.

The Board also has several sub groups, these being:

The Prevention subgroup
Training subgroup
Best Interest Assessors Forum, and
Safeguarding Champions Forum

These subgroups meet on a regular basis (between 6 weekly and bi-monthly depending on the subgroup) and these groups assist in taking key elements of the Board's workplan forward.

The arrangements for the subgroups, including membership and work plans will be a key element of discussion in April.

Written Question 26 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services & Environment and Conservation from Councillor Wilson:

How much Council money will be invested in the new crossing in Wood Green?

ANSWER

The scheme is fully funded by Transport for London. The overall cost of the scheme, including improvements to junctions along Lordship Lane, is £450,000.

Written Question 27 – To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Winskill:

How much money has the Council spent improving White Hart Lane Recreation Ground in the last four years and what has been improved?

ANSWER

The Council has spent £15,800 on White Hart Lane Recreation Ground over the last four years. Improvements include new/ resurfaced paths, new/replacement seating, tree planting/removal, and improved fencing/gates. The site also benefits from the development and access to the new outdoor play facility on the adjacent Children's Centre.

Written Question 28 – To the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Councillor Thompson:

Would the Leader of the Council agree with me, that in terms of education, religion and the pursuits of happiness under the law, there should be equal opportunities and a visible level playing field for all the children and residents in Borough, regardless of ethnicity.

ANSWER

Yes, we are committed to our Sustainable Community Strategy vision of: “A place of diverse communities that people are proud to belong to”.

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COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2010**Amendment to Motion R (2009/10)**

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

“This Council notes:

- That Haringey Borough is the fifth most diverse in London with nearly half of residents from ethnic minority backgrounds and over 200 languages spoken.
- That the N15 postcode can proudly claim to be the most diverse postcode in Europe
- The People and Places Strategy and Making the Difference initiative which illustrate the way in which residents from diverse backgrounds work together cohesively.
- The Place Survey results stating that cohesion in the borough is above the outer London average with 76% of residents agreeing that Haringey is an area where people from different backgrounds get on well together.
- The 20% increase since 2006/2007 of local people who believe that Haringey residents treat each other with respect and consideration
- ~~The Labour Party’s commitment to Equalities, including the Equality Bill 2009 which will further strengthen rights for older, disabled, women, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual residents of Haringey.~~
- The Tory London Mayor’s decision to scrap the Rise Festival, which is an annual multicultural music event that was attended by over 100,000
- **Welcomes the Equality Bill 2009 however;**

This Council regrets:

- **The limited progress on equality and the Labour party’s failure to go far enough in the Equality Bill 2009 to:**
 - 1) **Explicitly outlaw homophobic bullying in schools**
 - 2) **Include mandatory pay audits to end unequal pay for women**
 - 3) **Allow collective action to permit swifter access to justice**
- **The sustained gap between the health, relative wealth and education of residents from the east of borough compared to the west and the failure of the Labour administration to tackle this ongoing inequality in Haringey.**

This Council believes:

- Residents from different backgrounds make an important contribution to Haringey and this is reflected in the high number of residents who believe it is an inclusive place to live.
- That it is a priority to engage with all communities in Haringey to ensure that local people's views are central to decision making.
- It is our responsibility to ensure that services are accessible and inclusive of all residents, and embrace the diversity of the borough.

This Council resolves:

- To increase engagement with local residents from a number of ethnic minority backgrounds through initiatives such as People and Places Strategy and Making the Difference.
- That we support the contribution made by the Labour led Equalities Bill; 2009 and the effect this will have on residents of the borough.
- To continue to celebrate each and every community in our borough

Propose Cllr Errol Reid
Second Cllr Brian Haley

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Amendment to Motion S (2009/10)

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Tackling Anti Social Behaviour

“This Council Notes

- That tackling Anti Social Behaviour has been a key priority for Haringey, with the creation of its dedicated Anti Social Behaviour Action Team in 2004.
- ASBAT’s achievements in tackling anti social behaviour in the borough resulted in a national award for making communities safer.
- That Haringey is currently surpassing Government Targets for the perception on anti-social behaviour.
- That Haringey have recruited a Victim Support officer to liaise with and support victims of anti social behaviour in the borough.
- The excellent work of Haringey’s Safer Neighbourhood Teams in combating anti social behaviour and the further alignment with Area Assemblies to respond to local priorities.
- That since 1997, levels of crime have fallen nationally by 39% resulting in 6 million less crimes, and a borough wide reduction of crime of 22% since 2003.
- The 14,000 additional Police Constables and 16,000 Community Support Officers funded under the Labour Government.
- The excellent work being done by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, that provide community policing and allow local people to identify the issues they would like the police to tackle
- The £54,000 additional funding allocated to Haringey from Labour Government to stamp out anti social behaviour in the borough including a £10k educational programme in secondary schools.
- ~~The Liberal Democrats have drafted a ‘Freedom Bill’ which strips the police of powers to deal with groups and limits the tools the police use to tackle crime and catch criminals.~~

Further Notes

- **The rejection by the Labour administration of Liberal Democrat plans to put more Police on the streets to combat, amongst other things, anti-social behaviour**

- **The high level of turnover in personnel within Safer Neighbourhood Teams**
- **That many Safer Neighbourhood Teams are under strength**

This Council Believes:

- That anti social behaviour has a devastating effect on residents and it is a priority of this Council to tackle this matter head on.
- That the administration must continue to utilise all the tools available to tackle anti social behaviour

This Council further believes:

- **That the Liberal Democrat Freedom Bill aims to restore key fundamental rights that have been stripped away by Labour and the Conservatives.**

This Council Resolves:

- Continue to tackle anti social behaviour through all the powers available
- Continue to work with local people to establish their concerns and respond to the issues they outline
- Utilise ~~the~~ funds allocated to Haringey **for this purpose** by ~~the Labour~~ **any future** Government to **address the causes of anti social behaviour, mitigate the impact on residents of anti social behaviour and police effectively the perpetrators of anti social behaviour.**

Propose Cllr Ron Aitken
Second Cllr Jonathan Bloch

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COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2010

Amended Motion (deletions have been struck through)

Motion T (2009/10)

“This Council notes with concern the London Mayor’s plan to cut £16.4million from Police budgets which will result in a cut of 455 police officer posts in London by the financial year 2012/13.

This Council is opposed to cuts in Police numbers.

~~DELETES: This Council supports national Liberal Democrat proposals that would fund 10,000 extra police officers over and above the Government’s current commitment by scrapping the unnecessary and illiberal ID cards scheme and through wider savings in the Home Office budget~~

This Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to write to the London Mayor voicing this Council’s opposition to the Police cuts proposed”.

Proposed by Cllr Charles Adje

Seconded by Cllr Jayanti Patel

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COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2010

Amendment to Motion U (2009/10)

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

Cold Weather Payments

“Council notes that:

- Cold Weather Payments of £25 per week are paid to people on low incomes who receive a qualifying benefit, such as Pension Credit.
- ***A customer does not need to apply for Cold Weather Payments; a Cold Weather Payment will be paid automatically as long as the customer qualifies.***
- *The form to apply for Pension Credit is 18 pages long. The advisory notes on how to fill it in are 19 pages long.*
- ***Customers do not have to fill in a form or visit an office to obtain pension credit. They can call a free phone number and the form will be filled in by an operator and posted back to the customer. All the customer needs to do is check it, sign it and post it back.***
- ***The Pensions Service also offer visits. If a customer prefers someone to visit them to help with claiming, they can request this by calling or contacting their local benefits office.***
- ***There is also a facility to go to [The Pension Service](#) website and fill in the form there and print it out and post it.***
- Last year 1.7million pensioners missed out on an average of over £1700 each of pension credit
- The Government has saved £17.5billion in 11 years that has not gone to struggling pensioners in pension credit payments.

Delete all, substitute with:

~~This Council is concerned that the complexity of the system to claim Pension Credit has put so many people off claiming the credit and that consequently they also do not receive the additional cold weather payments.~~

~~This Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State expressing Councils wish to see the system for claiming pension credit simplified.~~

This Council is concerned that not all pensioners have claimed the Pension Credit that they are entitled to

This Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State to see the system for claiming pension credit can be

simplified further, or there is anything else that can be done to encourage uptake of Pension Credit.”.

Propose: Cllr Pat Egan

Second: Cllr Gideon Bull