

## **COUNCIL – 13 OCTOBER 2008 - QUESTIONS**

### **Oral Questions**

#### **Oral Question 1 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Gorrie:**

Would the Leader of the Council confirm his total confidence in the ability and performance of his Cabinet Member for Resources?

#### **Oral Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Dogus:**

What is the Cabinet Member's assessment of this year's GCSE results in Haringey and; is she confident that we are on target to meet the Government's London Challenge and the National Challenge?

#### **Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Engert:**

Following the harrowing press reports regarding the Child A case please could the Cabinet member confirm whether the request made by Liberal Democrats for a special Overview and Scrutiny committee meeting to discuss the case with officers and external agencies has been agreed and whether any provisional date has been set?

#### **Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Griffith:**

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that an additional £700,000 has been made available to Haringey, over the next two years, in order for the council to deliver the Government's Youth Crime Action Plan and, if so, can she let us know how the money will be spent and what impact she hopes it will have?

#### **Oral Question 5 –To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Wilson:**

Could the Leader of the Council confirm whether he has been providing support and advice to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in respect to the handling of the Child A case based on his experience and lessons learnt while he was Leader during the Victoria Climbié case?

#### **Oral Question 6 - To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Egan:**

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement about the council's plans for the restoration of Hornsey Town Hall?

#### **Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Butcher:**

**DEFRA advises local authorities that “source separation of materials is the first step to maximising the value of recycling” and notes that “the earlier in the collection chain a recyclate is separated the lower the likely cost and environmental impact of the collection scheme”**

**Please explain why the Council has decided to convert all 75 separate recycling banks in Haringey into commingled banks?**

**Oral Question 8 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Bull:**

**Can the Cabinet Member provide us with an update on the on the works being carried out as part of the Decent Homes programme?**

**Written Questions**

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

**How many weapons have been seized and how many arrests have been made in Haringey in relation to operation Blunt 2 in the past 6 months.**

**ANSWER**

Operation Blunt 2 was launched by the Metropolitan Police on 19 May 2008. This Police initiative is supported by Council departments and focuses on addressing the carriage and use of knives in public through a combination of enforcement, prevention and educational measures across the borough.

Between the launch and 07 September 2008 there have been 151 arrests for knife related offences as a result of Operation Blunt activity. Of those arrested, 94 were charged and 6 were cautioned.

The Police have seized 82 knives and 57 other weapons. The precise breakdown of the other weapons is not at present available to the Council and is retained by the Police.

**Written Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise from Cllr Alexander:**

**Are there any plans to dispose of the gasometers on the Heartlands site - are they still owned by British Gas and do they have any historic or architectural value which would afford them protection?**

**ANSWER**

The gasometers are owned by National Grid. Currently, National Grid and the London Development Agency are in the process of preparing the submission of a masterplan planning application, and have carried out an extensive

process of pre-application public consultation. The draft proposals involve demolishing the two gasometers.

The gasometers are not situated within a Conservation Area: an independent application from local resident/s was made to the Secretary of State to formally list these structures. The Council, as Local Planning Authority and English Heritage, objected to the proposal and the Secretary of State decided not to list these structures. The outcome of the appeal is still awaited.

**Written Question 3 – To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise from Cllr Allison:**

**Given the economic downturn and the potential impact on Grainger's proposals for the development at Ward's Corner, does the Council have an alternative plan and is it likely to look at the Ward's Corner Coalition proposals for the site in a more favourable light?**

**ANSWER**

The Council's relationship with its development partner, Grainger Plc is regulated by a development agreement that was completed on the 3 August 2007 between the Council and two subsidiary companies of Grainger Plc. The development agreement anticipated the possibility of a change in the economics of the development by calling for a formal viability test at an agreed point following the grant of a valid planning permission and completion of site assembly. Acquisition of the remaining interests in the site not already controlled by Grainger may take some time and may possibly extend beyond the period of the economic downturn. In the event that the viability test confirms the viability of the scheme, Grainger will be obliged to proceed to develop the scheme in accordance with the agreed contractual requirements.

In the event that the scheme is proved to be non viable and the development agreement terminated, the Council will have the right to serve notice on Grainger within six months of the termination to purchase the Grainger's interests in the site on terms or to nominate a purchaser to complete the land purchase on the Council's behalf. Whether the Coalition's plan would interest an alternative developer rather than Grainger's scheme is hypothetical and whilst a contractual arrangement remains in force between the Council and Grainger, it would be inappropriate for the Council to be seeking an alternative partner. The Council must act in good faith in its dealings with contractual partners.

**Written Question 4 – To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Cllr Baker:**

**What steps has the Council taken to assist the organisers of the Tottenham Carnival in the establishment of charitable status for the event, and can he provide an update on the current situation.**

**ANSWER**

Staff from the Culture Libraries and Learning Business Unit have worked with the organisers of the Tottenham Carnival to develop their submission for charitable status. We were pleased that the Charity Commission awarded the Carnival charitable status in July 2008. We will continue to work with the organisers of the Tottenham Carnival in planning for their next Carnival.

**Written Question 5 – To the To Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Beacham:**

**How many children were consulted on the construction, design and layout of the new Heartlands school?**

**ANSWER**

The Sorrell Foundation were commissioned to run an activity with a group of Haringey students as part of the Joined up Design Initiative. Students from four schools: Alexandra Park, Fortismere, Hornsey and Highgate Wood participated. The activity focused on their vision for schools of the future. In all 40 students were involved. The outcomes of this activity fed into the design brief of the new school. A group of students from this initiative worked on creative design ideas around the new school. Students will continue to work with the BSF project team and contribute ideas around issues such as fixtures and fittings for the new school.

We engaged another 20 students to work alongside members of the BSF project team to define what was needed for ICT in the future. Again this informed what we defined as requirements for the ICT at the Heartlands High School. In addition, from every secondary school we carried out a student survey. From 2700 respondents we gained a picture of what their experience is now and what they would want in the future. This too has informed the ICT brief for Heartlands.

Now that the temporary governing body is in place for the new school, we intend to run a number of consultation workshops about the interior design of the building, including layouts, furniture, fittings and equipment. These design quality workshops will flesh out issues that are of more interest to students, such as:

- What will classrooms look like and how will they work?
- What should toilets be like?
- How will playground areas be designed to ensure all students' needs are catered for?
- How will the school canteen work?
- What can I do outside school hours?
- How will I get to school?

These student engagement activities will begin this term. Finally, we expect student involvement in the appointment of the headteacher and senior staff to begin later this term.

**Written Question 6 – To the Council Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Cllr Beynon:**

**For each enforcement camera, please confirm its full operational availability for the last 4 years and the location of each camera? (For example camera one has been operational for 38 months out of the last 48)**

**ANSWER**

I have listed all the traffic enforcement cameras and details of their availability in terms of fault or non-availability. This includes the newly installed cameras that were installed for both community safety and traffic enforcement.

<b>Camera No.</b>	<b>Camera Locations</b>	<b>Postcode</b>	<b>Total Days Lost</b>	<b>Total Availability</b>
9500	Muswell Hill Broadway o/s Woolworth	N10	60	46 out of 48 months
9757	High Road j/w Lascott Road	N22	0	48 out of 48 months
9756	High Road j/w Sidney Road	N22	60	46 out of 48 months
9755	High Road j/w Ewart Road	N22	60	46 out of 48 months
9750	Green Lanes opp Endymion Road	N4	0	48 out of 48 months
9751	Green Lanes opp Rutland Gardens	N4	0	48 out of 48 months
9752	Green Lanes j/w Kimberley Gardens	N4	0	48 out of 48 months
9753	Green Lanes j/w St Ann's Road	N8	0	48 out of 48 months
9754	Green Lanes j/w Park Road	N8	0	48 out of 48 months
101	High Road j/w Moselle Place	N17	37	47 out of 48 months
102	High Road j/w Park Lane	N17	90	45 out of 48 months
103	High Road j/w Ruskin Road	N17	0	48 out of 48 months
104	High Road j/w Landsdowne Road	N17	30	47 out of 48 months
105A	High Road/ Reform Row	N17	1	1 day lost in 48 months
106	Lordship Lane j/w Boreham Road	N22	0	48 out of 48 months
107	Lordship Lane j/w Morley Avenue	N22	0	48 out of 48 months
108	Turnpike Lane j/w Vernon Road	N8	4	4 days lost in 48 months
109	Colney Hatch Lane j/w Alexandra	N10	120	44 out of 48

	Park Road			months
110	Muswell Hill Road o/s Queens Wood	N10	120	32 out of 36 months
111	Crouch End Hill j/w Crouch Hill	N8	120	32 out of 36 months
87	Muswell Hill Broadway j/w St James Lane	N10	0	3 out of 3 months
84	Muswell Hill Broad Way j/w Muswell Hill	N10	0	3 out of 3 months
113	Bounds Green Road j/w Durnsford Road	N11	0	3 out of 3 months
114	Crouch End Broadway/ Clock Tower	N8	0	3 out of 3 months
115	Crouch End Broadway j/w Middle Lane	N8	0	3 out of 3 months
85	Tottenham Lane j/w Elder Avenue	N8	0	3 out of 3 months
86	High Street j/w Campsbourne Road	N8	0	3 out of 3 months
87	West Green Road j/w Black Boy Lane	N15	0	3 out of 3 months
88	West Green Road j/w Stanmore Road	N15	0	3 out of 3 months
89	Hale Road j/w Ashley Road	N17	2	2 days lost in 3 months
90	West Green Road near Brunswick Road	N15	0	3 out of 3 months
91	West Green Road/ Woodlands Park Road	N15	0	3 out of 3 months
116	Turnpike Lane/ Wightman Road	N22	0	3 out of 3 months

**Written Question 7– To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Cllr Bloch:**

**What was the amount of direct payments that was awarded to individuals that went unspent in each of the last 3 financial years; what was this as a proportion of the total amount awarded for each of those years; how many and what proportion of people failed to spend all or part of their direct payments in those 3 years; what was the amount of direct payments awarded to carers that went unspent during those years; and how many and what proportion of carers failed to so spend all or part of their direct payments.**

**ANSWER**

Direct Payments offer Service users and their carers more choice, flexibility and control over their care. Direct Payments have been in operation since 1996 and it has been the expectation of both Central government and CSCI (Commission for Social Care Inspection) who monitor the performance of Adult Social Care that we continue to increase the take up of Direct Payments.

The Council made Direct Payments to the value of £1.2 million in 2005/06, £1.6 million in 2006/07 and £1.8 million in 2007/08. The Council pays a

standard hourly rate of £9.58 (2008/09) which breaks down as follows: £7.30 per hour to the worker with the remaining £2.28 intended to cover Employer's National Insurance, Holiday Pay, Payroll and Employer's Public Liability Insurance.

Direct Payments recipients are expected to build up surpluses to cover for annual leave; emergencies, such as increases in care needs following a hospital admission; informal care breakdown and other contingencies. The flexibility of Direct Payments is such that people can bank hours in order to purchase more support at times that they wish to have this. A person may wish to bank part of their Direct Payment, for example, should they wish to take a weekend or other break where they would need to be accompanied by their carer.

Two reconciliation exercises have been undertaken by the Direct Payments Scheme, in 2005 and 2007. The amounts of Direct Payments unspent at these points varied from individual to individual dependent on the level of payment and the length of time they were in receipt of the payment. In 2005, £40,000 was recovered from people on the basis that this was surplus to the requirements of people in the immediate future. No payments were recovered in 2007. A further reconciliation will be undertaken in 2008/09. In both reconciliations there were no instances found of people not making use of their Direct Payments to meet their assessed needs.

Direct Payments to carers related to the Council's 'Take a Break' scheme, namely a cash payment of up to £300 per annum for the carer to have a break. The service is unaware of any carers receiving this payment and not making use of it.

A recent Audit Review of the Council's Direct Payments has agreed that people in receipt of a Direct Payment will be required to sign a statement to the effect that the money they have received has been utilised in line with their assessed needs. There will continue to be a need for individuals to maintain accurate accounts and these will be examined on a random sample basis. The emphasis on accounting for the money is monitored through the social work annual review of a person's needs and circumstances. The annual review or more frequent review schedule is the point at which the appropriateness of the level of Direct Payment being administered is evaluated. The review is a 'whole system review' and one which looks into the administrative; accounting and social needs.

**Written Question 8– To Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Butcher:**

**Please give specific details of any representation made by Haringey Council in relation to (a) expansion of Heathrow Airport (b) expansion of City Airport and (c) recent CAA changes to the holding patterns over the Borough**

**ANSWER**

The Council has not made representations on the possible expansion of Heathrow Airport or City Airport.

We have made a representation to the National Air Traffic Service [NATS] on the proposed changes to air traffic control in Terminal Control North [the area which would impact on Haringey]. We noted the proposal would increase the number of flights over Haringey by 27 between 06.00 and 22.59 by 2014. Our response noted that the proposed change in holding pattern and flight path will result in an 80% reduction in the number of people living beneath the holding area. The queuing altitude is proposed to increase from 4,000 to 5,000 feet to between 6,000-11,000 feet. This will result in reducing the impact of noise emission and improving fuel efficiency.

We consider the proposals are an improvement as they simplify the use of the air space in the Terminal Control North area and will greatly improve safety. The proposals are supported as they will ease congestion and aid landing from high altitudes saving fuel. The aircraft holding areas are also over less populated areas minimising the number of households affected by noise emissions on landing and takeoff.

However we commented that the consultation documents do not provide the total picture of the impact air traffic on the Terminal Control North (TCN) region, as the document and associated maps only consider routes that are subject to change and do not address existing routes where changes are not proposed. It is not possible to obtain a full understanding of the numbers of aircraft flying across the region, or the cumulative impact that will result from the proposed changes.

We also commented that the document does not cover environmental and community impacts, safety, efficiencies and cost savings for airline operators. Documentation needs to be provided which assesses the true costs or benefits of the proposals including the negative externalities weighted against the existing and the proposed changes. The wider context the document does not look at alternative proposals to combat the increased demand for airspace, but only seek to provide the required demand leading to more air traffic.

**Written Question 9 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Cllr Davies:**

**With rising fuel costs affecting council tenants, can the Cabinet Member provide figures of how many Council/Homes for Haringey homes have received improved insulation, how many homes are expected to receive better insulation over the winter months and how much money Haringey Council has received from the government to help with insulation of residents' homes?**

**ANSWER**

Homes for Haringey runs the 'here to HELP' energy efficiency scheme. The current phase started February 2007 and is due to complete in October/November 2008. We have data available now for the period February 2007 to



June 2008. In total 1,727 insulation measures were installed with 1,594 dwellings benefiting from insulation measures such as cavity wall insulation, loft insulation and hot water jackets. The average annual reduction in running costs is £37.90 per dwelling.

The cost to HfH in respect of the energy efficiency 'here to HELP' scheme was £460,845. This was part funded by Government funding. This amount of funding received to date is £322,216.

No works are planned over the winter months as this scheme is due to complete October/November when we expect to have used the full budget. We are in the process of procuring a new contract for the next financial year.

'Here to HELP' also addresses the issues of fuel poverty and offers initiatives to help save money and increase income. In total 893 households received extra assistance of £34.67 per week.

Other areas of work improve energy efficiency making homes easier and cheaper to heat. The boiler renewal scheme replaces old boilers with modern fuel efficient boilers, using up to 9% less gas. Around 1,000 boilers per year are replaced.

During 2008/09 our Decent Homes programme will install 1,425 double glazed windows to tenanted homes and 97 tenanted homes will benefit from cavity wall insulation and 602 homes will have loft insulation checked, renewed or topped up where necessary.

**Written Question 10 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Cllr Edge:**

**How many complaints about faulty window safety catches have been previously received from:**

**a) Broadwater Farm**

**b) all Homes for Haringey tenants in the last 2 years?**

**ANSWER**

As part of this investigation, we looked into every complaint on our complaints database that was about Homes for Haringey and was from a resident in the West Green Ward (which includes Broadwater Farm). This search revealed no complaints about windows. Our database holds over 3000 records and complaints are defined by complaint type. These are quite high level, for example service failure, service delay, service not provided, or staff attitude. We can only find out what complaints relate to specifically by opening each case individually. Given the outcome of our initial enquiries, we do not feel this is necessary at this time.

**How many responses have been received to the letter sent on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008 to 6,200 tenants regarding faulty window safety catches?**

**ANSWER**

We have now written to all council tenants and leaseholders. Letters have been reaching residents since Monday 29 September. Approximately 21,000 letters have now been issued.

We have registered an increase in call volumes at our call centre. Between Monday 29 September and Saturday 4 October we had a 12% increase in call volumes. Our performance for the week was 77.7% of calls answered within 30 seconds, against a target of 70%, 96.7% of calls offered were answered, against a target of 90%.

On Monday 6 October we received a large response to our letters. A total of 1256 calls were offered, almost double the average volume of calls for the last 4 Mondays (662). Our performance for the day was 49% of calls answered within 30 seconds and 91% of all calls offered were answered.

**How many tenants require or have requested replacement windows/safety catches? What is the timeframe for fixing them?**

**ANSWER**

As of 11am on 7 October we had booked 385 window safety inspections. Our turnaround time for safety inspections is 10 days. If restrictors are discovered which are not working, we will secure the window and repair within seven working days.

**How many extra staff have been employed to deal with phone calls and repairs?**

**ANSWER**

We have employed an additional eight staff to deal with calls in the call centre. We have also organised a team of surveyors who will undertake the window surveys. The team equates to ten full time members of staff.

**If tenants don't reply, is there any method in place for chasing them up or doing site visits?**

**ANSWER**

We are undertaking several measures to identify where these restrictors exist in our stock so we can be proactive about checking the condition.

- We are starting a programme of surveys on blocks with windows which may have restrictors in place. Where we identify restrictors of the type found to have worn, we will carry out a full survey of the block as part of a planned programme. The timing of the full inspection will be dependant on when the windows were installed and how many surveys we have to do in total.
- We will use the information from the responsive programme of inspections arising from residents contacting us in response to the letter we sent out to inform the planned programme and avoid duplication.

**How many of these windows were / are going to be replaced under the Decent Homes programme and how many have been replaced so far?**

## **ANSWER**

During the course of the decent homes programme we intend to carry out window improvement works to approximately 7157 homes across the borough. Of those there are 1425 programmed for the 2008/09. 180 of those have been completed to date. A further 5,732 homes will benefit from window renewals in Years 2 to 5 of the programme.

## **Written Question 11 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Engert:**

**In 2007/08, and to date in 2008/09, how many applications per ward have been made to the Youth Opportunities Fund and which of these have been successful? Please provide details of who made these applications in each ward.**

## **ANSWER**

Table 1 indicates how many applications have been successful and unsuccessful by ward during the two periods requested to the Youth Opportunity Fund

**Table 1: Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Projects by ward 2007/08 and 2008/09**

Ward	Successful		Unsuccessful	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
St Anns	1			
Hornsey	1			1
Muswell Hill	4			
Northumberland Park	7	7	3	3
White Hart Lane	2		6	1
Crouch End	2			
Bruce Grove	6	1	3	3
Noel Park	1	4	1	1
Stroud Green	1			1
Seven Sisters	1	10		7
Tottenham Green	3	3	2	1
Woodside	5	4	1	4
Tottenham Hale	1			1
Bounds Green	1	1		2
West Green	3	3	2	1
Alexandra		1		1
Harringay				1
Out of borough				2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>

In 2007/08 we had 57 applications; to date 2008/09 we have received 64 applications. In 2007/08 there were 39 successful applications and this financial year so far there have been 34 successful applications.

The names of successful applications by ward for 2007/08 and 2008/09 are listed in table 2 and table 3. These tables also show whether the project is aimed to recruit young people from across the borough or the service delivery is ward specific. Participant information will be available shortly for those projects which received money in the 2008/09 first round.

**Table 2**

<b>YOF-YCF 2007-08 PROJECT_NAME</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>
28 - Team spirit Healthy for Life	Bounds Green	Borough wide (LDD)
7 - Haringey Girls night out	Bruce Grove	Borough wide (travellers)
11 - Fast Forward	Bruce Grove	Borough wide
12 - Grinteet Drama Skool	Bruce Grove	Bruce Grove
20 - Swiftly Intensive	Bruce Grove	Borough wide
33 - Team Spirit Support to attend Bruce Grove Youth Club	Bruce Grove	Borough wide (LDD)
34 - Team spirit Healthy for Life	Bruce Grove	Borough wide (LDD)
35 - Mosaic Project	Crouch End	Crouch End
37 - Haringey Young Carers Project	Crouch End	Borough wide
2 - Off Da Streetz	Hornsey	Borough wide
3 - Exposure Music Factory	Muswell Hill	Muswell Hill
6 - Kori Arts	Muswell Hill	Borough wide
14 - The Apartheid Project (Kori)	Muswell Hill	Borough wide
39 - Positive Life (Kori Arts)	Muswell Hill	Borough wide
8 - Where you goin? (Victory youth group)	Noel Park	Borough wide
4 - Somerford Grove Adventure Playground Yth Council	Northumberland Park	Northumberland Park
17 - DLC Productionz	Northumberland Park	Borough wide
25 - Haringey Shed Youth Forum	Northumberland Park	Borough wide
27 - Youth Scope Project c/o iTech Training Centre	Northumberland Park	Borough wide
32 - Healthy Youth Mentors, Fun With Food	Northumberland Park	Northumberland Park
36 - Changes (Wing chun Boxing Academy)	Northumberland Park	Borough wide
38 - Health 4 Life	Northumberland Park	Northumberland Park
10 - Let's Be Positive	Seven Sisters	Seven Sisters
1 - Efiba Arts	St. Ann's	Borough wide
9 - Chettle Court Rangers	Stroud Green	Borough wide

<b>YOF-YCF 2007-08 PROJECT_NAME</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>
13 - High Cross Community Café	Tottenham Green	Tottenham Green
21 - Young Muslim Empowerment project	Tottenham Green	Borough wide
26 - Keep it Real (Highway Youth Club)	Tottenham Green	Tottenham Green
18 - Project X (Ascend Dance and Performing Arts)	Tottenham Hale	Borough wide
29 - Team Spirit, The Sports and Social Forum	West Green	Borough wide (LDD)
30 - Team Spirit, The Boing Club	West Green	Borough wide (LDD)
31 - The Big Bowling Club at Team Spirit	West Green	Borough wide (LDD)
5 - Re-Dress	White Hart Lane	Borough wide (LDD)
24 - Haringey Total Respect Team	White Hart Lane	Borough wide (Leaving Care)
15 - Haringey Wrestling Club	Woodside	Borough wide
16 - African Children & Youth Centre (ACYC)	Woodside	Borough wide
19 - R Lives Campaign (LIT, St Thomas More Sch)	Woodside	Borough wide
22 - Deep Programme	Woodside	Borough wide
23 - Leaders In Training, Academy Of Cultural Talent (ACT)	Woodside	Borough wide

**Table 3**

<b>YOF PROJECTS 2008-2009</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>
Bounce Back	Alexandra	Borough wide
Healthy for Life	Bounds Green	Borough wide
Youth in Action	Bruce Grove	Bruce Grove
Gateway (City Saints Youth)	Noel Park	Borough wide
Young Emergers	Noel Park	Borough wide
No Parent zone/Youth Outreach Centre	Noel Park	Borough wide
Turkish/Kurdish Folk Music music	Noel Park	Borough wide
Troy Junior Netball Club	Northumberland Pk	Borough wide
Harts Trampoline and Gymnastics Club	Northumberland Pk	Borough wide
Step by Step Swimming	Northumberland Pk	Northumberland Pk
Art Attack	Northumberland Pk	Borough wide
London Stories	Northumberland Pk	Northumberland Pk
Something for Everyone	Northumberland Pk	Borough wide
People's World 6 Seven 6 Project	Northumberland Pk	Borough wide

<b>YOF PROJECTS 2008-2009</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>
Young Kush Creative Network	Seven Sisters	Borough wide
Fast Forward	Seven Sisters	Borough wide
Higher Heights	Seven Sisters	Borough wide
Alhijra Participation Project	Seven Sisters	Borough wide
Shoshanim Volunteering Project	Seven Sisters	Orthodox Jewish
Tottenham Youth TV	Seven Sisters	Seven Sisters
Zichron Avrom Dov (Chaverim Youth)	Seven Sisters	Orthodox Jewish
Surf Club Music Masters	Seven Sisters	Borough wide
Chasdei Hindy	Seven Sisters	Orthodox Jewish
Girls Can	Seven Sisters	Borough wide
Efiba Young People Drama Project	Tottenham Green	Borough wide
Skankers Dance Project	Tottenham Green	Borough wide
At the moment Sexual Health & Fun Project	Tottenham Green	Tottenham Green
Reconciliation International	West Green	Borough wide
Big Bowling	West Green	Borough wide (LDD)
The Cricket Crew	West Green	Borough wide (LDD)
Coach Education & Achievement Programme	Woodside	Borough wide
LIT Young Women's Basketball Academy	Woodside	Borough wide
Lives We Live	Woodside	Borough wide
Creative Wearable/Viewable Arts & Design	Woodside	Borough wide

**Written Question 12 – To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise from Cllr Gorrie:**

**In the twelve months to 03/08 the rateable value of business property in the Borough declined 1.6% to £131,437,606 and in the twelve months to 03/07 it declined 1.0% to £133,588,136 from £134,964,011. How does the Cabinet Member for Regeneration explain this accelerating rate of decline and which specific policy initiatives have been unsuccessful?**

**ANSWER**

Rateable Value fluctuates annually, and is a result of ongoing calculations and corrections of the business space available in the borough. Haringey does not directly receive any receipts from collecting business rates and relies on secondary distribution methods, specifically Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) which, when compared with Enfield and Waltham Forest and even Camden and Islington, Haringey has fared favourably over the last three years. Haringey has received £3.1 million between April 2005 and March 2008 and looks set to secure a minimum of an additional £800k.

In terms of increasing the Rateable Value, it will not be a failure of policy, but rather an indication of the success of our Regeneration Strategy in delivering major new developments at Tottenham Hale, and Haringey Heartlands.

Haringey's key development sites promote mixed-use developments increasing our commercial and retail floorspace and therefore increasing the Rateable Value within the borough.

**Written Question 13 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Hare:**

**On current waste amounts is the Council on course to reduce waste sent to landfill in line with European Union targets for 2010 and 2013? On current levels of waste sent to landfill via North London Waste Authority would the Council face fines from the EU due to excessive landfill? How much is this projected to be?**

**ANSWER**

It is the North London Waste Authority that is subject to the targets for landfill diversion in the European Landfill Directive and the UK's Waste & Emissions Trading Act's Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme. As such it will be the combined actions of the Authority and all seven constituent borough councils, and the rate of growth in the municipal waste stream that together determine whether or not the targets are achieved. We are set to achieve both these on the basis of current plans. Consequently no fines are expected.

**Written Question 14 – To the To Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Cllr Mughal:**

**Are Council/Homes for Haringey properties cleaned prior to residents on the housing list viewing them as prospective tenants?**

**ANSWER**

Viewings should take place to ensure that the property can be re-let as quickly as possible. Therefore they take place at various stages within the void process, with properties marked as suitable for advertising as early as possible, so as to minimise the time the property is void.

All viewings are accompanied, and are only undertaken when it is safe for people to visit the property. Prospective tenants are not invited to view a property until after any rubbish, or items of furniture left by the previous tenant, have been removed, but the property may not yet have been cleaned. If work is still in progress, there may be materials on site awaiting fitting which will be stored so as to not impede safe access during the viewing.

The final clean, by a specialist cleaning company, is the last job completed before the property is passed as ready for let. Prospective tenants at that stage see the property as ready for occupation.

**Written Question 15 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Newton:**

**Has the Council made any representations to Transport for London (TfL) for extending Pay-As-You-Go Oyster Card usage on Haringey's over ground service north of Finsbury Park?**

**ANSWER**

The train operator for the services north of Finsbury Park which serve Hornsey, Harringay, Alexandra Palace and Bowes Park stations is First Capital Connect (FCC). The Council has raised the issue with FCC who have advised that Oyster pay as you go equipment will be installed. The equipment was scheduled to be installed during the summer of 2008 and become operational in the spring 2009. However, as yet FCC have not installed the equipment and the Council will be making inquiries as to why this is not the case and whether or not the system is still planned to be operational in spring 2009.

**Written Question 16 – To the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Cllr Oakes:**

**Please detail the number of times the following MPs have featured in Haringey People (a) Lynne Featherstone and (b) David Lammy since May 2005.**

**ANSWER**

In the last three years an image of the MP for Tottenham has appeared in Haringey People 8 times. The picture captions in Haringey People have referred to him:

- as local MP four times,
- as MP and Minister four times and
- once as Minister for Skills without mentioning his status as local MP .

The MP for Hornsey & Wood Green has not appeared.

**Written Question 17 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Cllr Oatway:**

**In total how much, to date, has the Council spent on the project to redevelop Woodside House as the new Civic Centre (i.e. architects costs, survey costs etc)? What is the Council's current forecast date for the first capital receipt from the sale of the existing Civic Centre site?**

**ANSWER**

To the end of September, the Council has spent approximately £300,000 on the project to redevelop Woodside House as the new Civic Centre.

The Council's current projection for the first capital receipt from the sale of the existing Civic Centre site is mid 2010. However with the uncertainty in the property market and the evolving global economy issues the sale is being kept under close review.

**Written Question 18 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Rainger:**



**Can residents currently recycle batteries in their door-step recycling service? Are there any plans to introduce battery recycling? How many batteries were recycled last year by Haringey's residents?**

**ANSWER**

No. Household batteries are classified as Hazardous Waste, and subsequently they are not included in the 'green box' collections due to the high risk of contamination. Residents can recycle batteries at our R&R Centres in Hornsey and Tottenham. At present the Environmental Resources Team are researching the various battery collection service options, which include providing battery bins in public buildings around the borough. To date the council has recycled 8.96 tonnes of car batteries collected from the two Reuse and Recycling Centres in Hornsey and Tottenham.

**Written Question 19 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Cllr Reid:**

**Following her recent statement to Full Council regarding the council's effectiveness in enforcing the smoking ban, can she set out total council expenditure on enforcement to date, and the total number of incidences of breaches of the law identified, the number of fixed penalties, and prosecutions to date.**

**ANSWER**

To date total expenditure is £72,000. The service has investigated 76 complaints from local residents and businesses. Since July 2007 we have undertaken 1700 inspections including out of hours visits.

- 2 prosecutions in the Magistrates pending Court (Offences – failure to prevent smoking in a smoke free premises)
- 2 prosecutions in Magistrates completed. Fines and costs awarded for failure to prevent smoking in a smoke free premises. The fines and costs are first case: £100 fine and £452.55 costs and second case £800 fine and £548.60 costs.
- 1 Fixed Penalty Notice has been served for an individual smoking in an enclosed public space.

**Written Question 20 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Weber:**

**Does Haringey Council have an age dispute policy in regard to Looked After Children who are placed in children's homes or with Foster Carers?**

**If Haringey has an age dispute policy please clarify at what point the age dispute policy is used, where and by whom?**

**If Haringey does not have an age dispute policy, could they please confirm whether any placed Looked After Children have been found to be older than alleged after placement be it for assessment, permanent or temporary placement?**

### **ANSWER**

All young people referred to the Local Authority as unaccompanied minors are age assessed as part of the initial assessment process. The age assessment follows guidance provided by the Refugee Council and is followed by all local authorities. The purpose of the assessment is to verify that the young person is a minor and not an adult.

If the young person is believed to be an adult they would be referred to the Refugee Council or the migrant helpline for accommodation, in line with the agreement reached between the Home Office, the London Consortium, the Migrant Helpline and the Refugee Council.

The majority of unaccompanied minors presenting to Haringey are 16-17yrs of age and are placed in semi independent accommodation along with other young people over 16. No young person believed to be over 18 would be placed in foster or residential care.

### **Written Question 21 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Cllr Whyte:**

**How many consultants does Haringey Council employ and how much has the Council spent on consultants each year for the past five years?**

### **ANSWER**

The Council currently engages 44 consultants. This is a 20% reduction since the Council introduced controls on the use of consultants in 2007. Consultants are engaged only on approval of a business case, and the duration of their use is monitored.

Spend analyses for the last two years accords with the definition adopted at General Purposes Committee in April 2007, which is: the term 'consultant' relates to those people who are either freelance / self employed or supplied by a consultancy to work on a temporary basis for the Council. Such consultants normally charge their services at a daily rate or a set fee for an entire project.

Such consultants will normally be required to provide senior and/or specialist positions and will cost in excess of £250 or more per day'. Earlier years spend analyses (2003-2006) include broader work such as contract for services projects, and are therefore less reliable on expenditure solely attributable to consultant spend. The analysis is:

- 2007/2008 = £1,452,164
- 2006/2007 = £1,767,484
- 2005/2006 = £4,795,457
- 2004/2005 = £4,773,064
- 2003/2004 = £3,790,600

### **Written Question 22 – To the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Cllr Williams:**

**What is the council's contingency plan for Jackson's Lane should the Arts Council cease funding in the spring?**

**ANSWER**

The Council already provides Jacksons Lane with a core grant of £55,000 per annum. In addition, the Council is providing 50% (£30,000) of the cost of a feasibility study designed to review a variety of issues relating to the future of Jacksons Lane including funding sources available to the Centre. The consultants undertaking the study have started work and will report in December 2008. In the meantime, the Council has supported Jacksons Lane in its ongoing discussions with the Arts Council in relation to the funding which is currently provided for Jackson Lane.

**Written Question 23 – To the To Cabinet Member for Resources from Cllr Wilson:**

**How many trade union representatives are employed by Haringey Council; which department's do they work in; and what is the cost?**

**ANSWER**

The salary cost per annum is £428,243.00. There are 18 Trade Union Representatives (Full Time Equivalent is 10.9) employed by Haringey Council and they work in the following areas:

Directorate	Trade Union Reps
Urban Environment	2 people (1.8 FTE)
Children and Young People	5 People (2.7 FTE)
Adults, Culture and Community Services	3 people (0.9 FTE)
Corporate Resources	2 people (1.4 FTE)
Policy, Performance, Partnerships & Communications	2 people (0.4 FTE)
People & Organisational Development	1 person (0.8 FTE)
Schools	3 people (2.9 FTE)

**Written Question 24 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Cllr Winskill:**

**With regard to Bull Lane and following my meeting with Cllr Adje during the summer, is he aware of the excellent work that Community Action sport has undertaken to identify funding streams from Sport England and the Marathon Trust to reinstate the ground as a quality sports facility? Does he not feel that (subject to a satisfactory business plans) Haringey should be offering full Officer support to facilitate a Community Asset Transfer so that Bull Lane can continue to benefit Tottenham residents as a sports facility and green open space?**

**ANSWER**

Council officers have met with Community Action Sport (CAS) representatives on a number of occasions and I have been informed of the proposals from them. I am therefore aware of the objectives and aspirations expressed by CAS who I understand have secured in principle, agreement for support from various organisations including the Marathon Trust, subject to a viable business plan being formulated.

Having considered the proposals from CAS I will report to Cabinet in the near future on the optimum option for achieving community benefits through improved sporting facilities as well as supporting the Council's financial needs.