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	Questions from Cllr Alexander:	
141	<i>The Haringey Guarantee and the North London Pledge</i> – Will these strategies for getting more people into work need to be reassessed in light of the current economic climate where significant job losses are forecast for the next year?	<p>The format and methodology of the programme is considered good and supported by North London and the LDA. Its size and complexity may change as and if the downturn becomes more severe. It is monitored regularly by the officer Regeneration Board and the public HSP Enterprise Board.</p> <p>Changes to some provider contracts were agreed in November/December to include work with newly unemployed residents. The capacity of the programmes to see newly unemployed residents and to provide appropriate job opportunities is developing all the time.</p> <p>Further it should be noted that while there will be significant job losses the programmes need to be aware of and be able to respond to government proposals around creating new job opportunities through increased public works and increased apprenticeships. Increased work is currently underway with Homes for Haringey and Building Schools for the Future on developing and increasing local labour and apprenticeship opportunities.</p>
141	<i>Haringey Guarantee – Statistical Profile of people accessing the programme, against agreed targets and against estimate of the nos of people in Haringey who might be in</i>	Haringey Guarantee figures from April 2008 to September 2008 (profile figures (up to March 2009) are in brackets):

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	<p><i>need of the programme</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrations – 292 (959) • Work placements – 30 (117) • Qualifications – 14 (74) • Sustained jobs – 32 (230) <p>These figures are expected to increase substantially from quarter 3 as more people are supported through their action plans.</p> <p>Haringey Guarantee figures from September 2006 to March 2008 (profile figures are in brackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrations – 1,391 (1,368) • Work placements – 161 (243) • Qualifications – 244 (335) • Sustained jobs – 169 (154) <p>The Government has an aspiration to achieve a national 80 per cent full employment rate. To achieve a similar rate in Haringey would require 21,000 extra residents to find employment. This figure will also include people who are on mandatory employment programmes such as the New Deal or Pathways to Work and therefore won't be eligible for the Haringey Guarantee. It can be estimated that there are over 1,000 people in the borough who are eligible for a mandatory programme such as the New Deal or Employment Zone (this doesn't include people, such as lone parents on Income Support, who can volunteer to participate on these programmes). However, this figure will increase</p>
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		substantially as more lone parents are moved from Income Support to a more active benefit such as Job Seekers Allowance or the Employment and Support Allowance, and Pathways to Work begins to support more claimants with a disability or health condition.
143	<i>The Annual Monitoring Report – Planning Policy Progress:</i> What action is being taken to reduce our appeal loss rate?	In January a new Development Management/Control Management Group meets for the first time to develop a service improvement plan for the next 1-3 years. It is likely that appeal actions will include more rigorous checking of officer statements of case and support for Planning Cttee to be careful about over turns.
	Questions from Cllr Winskill:	
139	Regen Development Policy - research for the production of the Borough Regeneration strategy: what research projects are currently being undertaken?	<p>The Regeneration Strategy was developed through stakeholder engagement – identifying the regeneration priorities for the borough and the key actions for the next three years. In developing projects from the delivery plan, research has been undertaken to review the background of each subject, identify best practice and to inform on the right approach in Haringey.</p> <p>Examples of this approach include a review of Town Centre management, understanding levels of VAT Registration in Haringey, developing Social Enterprises and in all the work to take forward major capital schemes such as the master-planning of Tottenham Hale and the Haringey Heartlands sites.</p>

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		In addition to work around the Regeneration Strategy, studies have been commissioned to look at options for our employment land, a review of corporate property and also work to increase the number of apprenticeships and local labour opportunities. All of which contributes to the delivery of the Regeneration Strategy.
139	Regen External Funding Bids - what bids are currently in the process of being written and what pots of money do you anticipate accessing in 2009/10, 2010/11?	<p>This point and the next are answered together because we now have a joint Planning and Regeneration Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in the process of bidding for Growth Area Fund and Community Infrastructure Fund (GAF/CIF) Round 3 – April 2009-12. We have bid for £17m GAF and got £7m (approx) and we have bid for £8m CIF and wait to hear result in Feb 2009 • We are considering putting a European ERDF bid for funds to support business start up/development – particularly in green industry sector, (to be submitted by Sept 09 for 3 years bid) • We will be responding to the London Development Agency LDA 09-12 Investment Strategy, (£3- 400m across whole of London pa). We would aim to target a minimum of between £1-3m per annum for HSP and its partner and sub regional agencies – on employment; enterprise; social inclusion; physical regeneration and housing • The North London Pledge is funded through the LDA - £1.6million over 2 years. The Haringey Guarantee Extension – allowing the programme to operate borough wide is ESF funded £250K over 2 years.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are partners in a 3 year European Refugee Fund project delivered by 5E in Tottenham. • The council is a strategic partner on a large LDA ESF employability project application currently being developed – other partners include LB Enfield, Waltham Forest, CoNEL, RSLs including Circle, Metropolitan, Newlon and will be delivered by a range of providers including KIS, Prodiverse, Women Like Us. • The council is also exploring with European partners on the MetropolisNet partnership some European funded project applications under programmes such as Interreg. • ERDF application on procurement being developed. • Initial discussions with DWP on the council submitting an expression of interest to Right to Bid for DWP funding to support innovation in employment support. • Over the next 2 years Regeneration will monitor and target relevant funding opportunities through LDA, JCP, LSC and European sources.
139	Planning External Funding Bids - what bids are currently in the process of being written and what pots of money do you anticipate accessing in 2009/10, 20010/11?	See above

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139	Development Control Service. Have there been any discernable signs in a trend developing that indicate a fall off in planning applications?	Not as at end of November 08. At time of writing December figures are still being calculated
141	Enterprise Partnership: what will the allocation of funds for the current and next two years be spent on? What proportion will be spent directly on Haringey Services?	<p>The Enterprise Board's allocation of Area Based Grant in 2009/10 and 2010/11 is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1.773 million on the Haringey Guarantee • £564K on Families into Work • £650K on business support and enterprise
141	Families into work programme – how many families in Northumberland Park would qualify as being long term and persistently unemployed?	<p>Data from the 2001 Census show that 1,862 parents in Northumberland Park ward live in a family where at least one parent is not in work. This represents 68% of all parents living in Northumberland Park and is higher than comparable figures for Haringey (57%), London (48%) and England (39%).</p> <p>More recent data show that, at May 2008, 37% of all people in the Tottenham parliamentary constituency claiming out of work benefits (Job Seekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance, Income Support and Pension Credit) had at least one dependent child, compared to: Haringey – 35%; London – 34%; and England – 27%. Of these claimants with dependent children, 70% had been claiming out of work benefits for 2 years or more.</p> <p>It should be noted that Families into Work is a pilot project that is testing out an approach to tackle long-term and persistent worklessness amongst families. Therefore support, at present, is restricted to 100 families.</p>

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		The figures presented above clearly show the high level of labour market disadvantage present in Northumberland Park and this is why the area was chosen for the pilot.
141	<i>Northumberland Park School and Families – statistical breakdown of families and individuals who have accessed the Guarantee and Families into Work as against estimated need</i>	9 families are currently receiving support through Families into Work, against an indicative target of 50 for 2008/09. However, it should be noted that the project commenced delivery in October 2008.
143	LDF – Please outline the consultation process for the “Core Strategy”	Haringey Adopted “Statement of Community Involvement Feb 2008” p50-52. Whilst the dates have changed from Sept-07 / Dec 09 to June 08 / June 10 – the consultation stages and processes remain the same.
145	Olympic opportunity – Have any applications/initiative yet been made to access Olympic funding or benefit from employment opportunities? What, precisely, will the £60,000 be spent on?	<p>A programme is being developed that will maximise the benefits that the Games could bring to Haringey. The Olympic Programme will capitalise on our existing successful work programmes, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and information for businesses to ensure that they are “fit to supply” and equipped with the skills to bid for Olympic contracts • Continued emphasis on our Employment and Skills programmes to enable residents and young people to access work and volunteering opportunities. The Haringey Guarantee has established links with Relay London Jobs the main job brokerage service for the Olympics. • Ensuring improved access to the Olympics site and Stratford for business and employment

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		<p>opportunities – e.g. creating disabled access at Tottenham Hale Station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing opportunities for residents and young people to participate in Sport and Physical activity • Exploration of opportunities to host visiting countries and their sports stars <p>Cultural activities and events to support the “Cultural Olympiad”</p>
145	<p>Credit crunch - other than producing a series of “economic indicators” and a business information pack, what else is Haringey proposing to do to support SMEs under stress as a result of the Credit Crunch? When will the information pack be available and what will it contain?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging businesses to take up Small Business Rates relief by issuing a mail shot in December targeted at all those ratepayers who have not applied for the reduction but may qualify, approximately 1,000 businesses. • A second mail shot, will be sent out in February with the annual rate demand outlining the support available for businesses located within the borough. • A ‘business pack’ is being produced, which will be circulated to the borough’s businesses in March 2009. The pack will form an easy to use guide for all of our businesses providing them with information on council services to business and signposting to other relevant external agencies. • A meeting with local bank managers organised for late Jan to discuss support for small business and the Council has committed to paying all invoices within 21 days, this is inline with calls from the Federation of Small Businesses. • Economic Regeneration in collaboration with Corporate Procurement, continue to work to

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		improve access to the local supply chain as well as increasing the business communities capacity to enter pan-London programmes such as CompeteFor.
145	Town Centres – in the light of the Credit Crunch, would the Lead member feel that the Town Centre Improvement Plans and management might have to be adapted? What will the plans contain?	Plans for TCM are being adapted – notwithstanding the credit crunch. Work on this is ongoing and will be consider towards the end of the financial year. Essentially the Police and Frontline services will focus on “safe and clean and street and parking design” and Planning and Regeneration will focus on “development; transport; business/cultural/service offer”. Planning and Regeneration will also look at coordination; partnerships and monitoring.
146	Homes and Community Agency – please list all meetings that haringey Councillors and officers have had with the HCA and what was discussed. What meetings are scheduled for the immediate future?	Councillors have not had any formal meetings. The Organisation has only just come into being. The Director of UE has had 2 meetings with David Lunts the HCA London Director. These have been introductory and also to discuss Hale Village. There is meeting planned to continue to this in Jan.