

## **COUNCIL – 16 JULY 2012 - QUESTIONS**

### **ORAL QUESTIONS**

#### **ORAL QUESTION 1 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR RAHMAN-KHAN**

In light of the council's support for the local credit union, can the portfolio holder outline some of the advantages for residents of joining as a member of a credit union?

**ANSWER**

#### **ORAL QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR REECE:**

What changes were made to the introduction of fortnightly residual waste collections in Phase 2 after the pilot in the Spring?

**ANSWER**

#### **ORAL QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND CARBON REDUCTION FROM COUNCILLOR GIBSON**

Can the portfolio holder give an update on the council's plans for furthering the use of solar panels in Haringey?

**ANSWER**

#### **ORAL QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND CARBON REDUCTION FROM COUNCILLOR JENKS**

Why has the Council not used the £300k saving identified in IT to reopen Day Centres, Drop-in Centres and Luncheon Clubs?

**ANSWER**

#### **ORAL QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN FROM COUNCILLOR STENNET**

Can the portfolio holder give us an update on the initial stages of the Education Commission?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND CARBON REDUCTION FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**

Why is the Council paying to advertise the ‘One Borough One Future’ fund in Westminster?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 7 – TO DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR BULL**

Can the portfolio holder outline what the council is doing to help tackle the issue of childhood obesity in the borough?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER:**

How many residents have reported missed collections since the introduction of fortnightly residual waste collections compared with same period last year?

**ANSWER**

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**WRITTEN QUESTION 1 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER**

The Council has already said in correspondence that ward level recycling rates are not available. Therefore, apart from an aim of increasing borough recycling levels to 40% by 2015, what measures is the Council using to ensure that recycling levels are increasing and that its policy for fortnightly residual waste collections is working?

**ANSWER**

The recycling rate target for this year is 31.7%. There are various measures in place that contribute to achieving this target, including a detailed communications and engagement programme, free collections of bulky reusable and recyclable items, and the introduction of a new waste collection service.

We have tracked the weekly waste tonnages since before the rollout of Phase 1 of fortnightly collections, to determine the effect of the changes. To date results are encouraging, with a projected annual increase in recycling of ranging from 8% to 10%. On this basis Veolia are on target not only to meet this year’s recycling target but also to achieve a 40% recycling target by 2015.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ALLISON:**

How many residents have requested smaller wheelie bins after the introduction of fortnightly residual rubbish collections?

**ANSWER**

The vast majority of requests for smaller (120 litre) recycling wheeled bins are approved, and to-date 793 have been delivered.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR BEACHAM:**

What is the projected reduction in carbon emissions due to the introduction of fortnightly residual rubbish collections in Haringey?

**ANSWER**

The new contract is set to deliver a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2015. There are a number of measures that have been introduced by Veolia to achieve this target. The introduction of fortnightly residual waste collections will increase recycling levels and reduce the waste being disposed of via landfill or incineration. Through this the contract is set to deliver carbon equivalent savings of 12,158 tonnes per annum, which equates to taking over 4,000 cars off the road.

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

How many and what proportion of the Freedom of Information requests received by the Council in each of the past three years have been refused, reviewed after a request or appealed to the information commissioner?

**ANSWER**

	FOI Requests		Information withheld (exemption applied)		Internal Reviews		ICO Enquiries	
	Number	Number	Percentage Of total received	Number	Percentage Of total received	Number	Percentage Of total received	
2009-2010	822	61	7%	39	4.7%	9	1.09%	
2010-2011	875	113	12%	35	4.0%	10	1.14%	
2011-2012	1,111	105	10%	-	-	-	-	
Sept 2011-April 2012 *				32	5.5%	4	0.7%	

\* We are not able to provide figures on Internal Reviews and Information Commissioner's Office Enquiries for the time period April 2011- October 2011 as the case management database was upgraded at the end of September 2011.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL COUNCILLOR BUTCHER:**

Of the posts that have already been filled what has been the average cost to the Council in subsidy per job for the Haringey Jobs Fund and what is the projected cost per subsidised job?

**ANSWER**

As the first jobs have only just been created through the Haringey Jobs Fund it is too early to provide figures on the average cost to the Council specifically for these jobs. The Council has agreed to provide a maximum of £4,000 in subsidy for each job created through the fund. This subsidy will create jobs lasting 12 months paid at least the upper National Minimum Wage rate – currently £6.08 per hour. The difference between the total employment costs and Council subsidy will be met by the employer.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL COUNCILLOR ENGERT:**

Given that residential gardens are no longer designated brownfield sites and that the National Planning Policy Framework published in March 2012 states in paragraph 53:

'Local planning authorities should consider the case for setting out policies to resist inappropriate development of residential gardens, for example where the development would cause harm to the local area.'

What is Haringey doing to protect residential gardens and their important functions of supporting bio-diversity and soak-away for rainwater?

**ANSWER**

The Council's policies comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Although private gardens are excluded from the definition of 'previously developed land', the NPPF does not rule out entirely any development of residential garden land, but states to 'resist inappropriate development'.

The change in the definition of 'previously developed' land is intended to remove the presumption in favour of development of garden sites, which was previously applied to all 'brownfield' land within the earlier PPS3 'Housing' policy statement. This does not introduce a complete ban on such development but rather requires each application to be assessed on its own merits.

The Council's existing planning policy framework appropriately protects residential gardens from development, subject to permitted development rights. The UDP (2006) policies on biodiversity, conservation and SPG3c Backlands Development provide further safeguards.

The Council’s emerging Local Plan (formerly the Core Strategy) also addresses this issue. Strategic Policy (SP) 13 Open Space & Biodiversity states that all development shall protect and improve sites of biodiversity and nature conservation, including private gardens through its contribution to wildlife and ecological habitats and, where possible, include green and brown roofs, rainwater harvesting, green walls, bird and bat nesting/roosting opportunities. Therefore, local issues around biodiversity and surface water run-off will be tackled.

The London Plan (2011), which is part of the borough’s development plan, seeks boroughs to protect back gardens or other private residential gardens from housing development. Local approaches to the surfacing of front gardens, including the need for such surfaces to be permeable, are subject to permitted development rights.

The strength of the Council’s current Design Policies protect gardens where development is out of character, but also support appropriate garden development in character with the street. The Council may consider setting out more detailed policies to resist inappropriate development of residential gardens, in line with paragraph 53 of the NPPF. In Autumn the Council will update its policies in the Haringey Development Management Policies Document, which will go out for public consultation.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 7 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR ERSKINE:**

How many Council homes have been sold by the Council or released under right to buy in the last six years?

**ANSWER**

2007	81
2008	25
2009	9
2010	19
2011	12
2012	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154</b>
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**WRITTEN QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR GORRIE:**

Of the posts that have been already filled how long is each job created under the Haringey Jobs Fund expected to last?

**ANSWER**

12 months

**WRITTEN QUESTION 9 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR HARE:**

The Council's recycling rate has decreased from 28.98% in Q1 of 2010/11 to 25.07% in Q4 of 2011/12 – why?

**ANSWER:**

The main reason for differences in previous year quarterly recycling rates is that the tonnage of organic (i.e. food and garden) waste recycled or composted in quarter 4 is on average approximately half that of quarter 1, due to seasonal garden waste trends. The average difference in organic waste between quarter 4 and quarter 1 in any year equates to around 2.5% of the recycling rate.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 10 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JENKS:**

How many staff are denoted as "Haringey Managers" and how many of these have received the full training available in finance?

**ANSWER**

406 staff are listed as people managers. Since 2010, 169 staff have attended the Financial Management for Budget Holders course. In addition to formal training courses, finance staff meet with budget managers regularly and provide on the job training on specific areas of budget management.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 11 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:**

According to Haringey's last Road Condition survey how many and what percentage of Haringey's roads and pavements require maintenance?

**ANSWER**

Road Condition surveys carried out in March 2012 for our Principle and Classified road network indicate that 11% of Principle roads require planned maintenance within the next year. Principle roads are A-roads, and the maintenance is funded directly by TfL. 10% of Classified roads were in the same category. Classified roads are B and C roads, which the Council has responsibility for maintaining. We survey between 25-50% of unclassified roads each year. This data indicates that 18% of our unclassified roads are in need of attention.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 12 – TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN FROM COUNCILLOR REECE:**

Please provide a breakdown by school and ethnicity of fixed term and permanent school exclusions in the borough (primary and secondary school) since 2009.

**ANSWER**

See the appendix.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 13 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN FROM COUNCILLOR REID:**

How many Looked After Children currently live in Children's Homes outside the borough and how many are in Children's Homes more than 50 miles outside of London?

**ANSWER**

There are a total of 33 children who are currently placed out of borough, of whom 2 are remanded in custody. 22 children are placed over 50 miles, of whom 2 are remanded in custody.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 14 – TO THE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR SCHMITZ :**

How much funding did the Council contribute to the Tottenham Carnival and Festival this year and how much extra funding did the Festival need to go ahead?

**ANSWER**

To date the Council has received invoices from the Carnival Committee totalling £7,200 towards the costs of the parade. We agreed to fund the Carnival to a total cost of £10,000. We do not have details of the exact funding gap as these have not been disclosed to us by the committee, nor was a request made to the council for gap funding.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 15 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR SCOTT:**

Does the Council have any plans, in draft form or otherwise, to reduce funding to Haringey's library service including the mobile library service, reductions in opening hours or cuts to budgets for new books?

**ANSWER**

The Council has no plans to reduce the funding allocated to the Library Service.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 16 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SOLOMON:**

Please provide the total number of residents who have requested a reduce-price compost bin from the Council in the past twelve months

**ANSWER**

	Number of compost bins	Number of other composting
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		units and accessories (eg. wormeries and other indoor units)
2011	150	139
2012 (to date)	17	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>276</b>

**WRITTEN QUESTION 17 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR STRANG:**

What percentage of rubbish picked up from litter bins and street sweepers is recycled?

**ANSWER**

The contractual recycling target for this year is 31.7%, of which Veolia has stated that street cleansing will contribute 0.7%. We do not know the exact amount of street cleansing commingled recycling that takes place as it is co-collected with other recycling. We do have an exact figure for the leaf fall collected by street sweepers in 2011/12, which totalled 271 tonnes.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 18 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR WHYTE:**

What key performance indicators does Veolia have to adhere to under the waste management plan and if these are not met does Veolia incur any fines?

**ANSWER**

There are yearly strategic targets for Veolia which relate to: recycling, carbon reduction, resident satisfaction, missed collections, street cleansing and contact centre. In addition, there is also Contract Operational Targets (COT) which is reported on a monthly basis. There are deductions made through the contract payment mechanism if COT or Annual Strategic targets are not met.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 19 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS:**

How many residents have contacted Veolia about problems with waste collection in each of the last 12 months?

**ANSWER**

Monthly contacts from residents concerning waste issues across the borough over the last 12 months:

May-11	901
Jun-11	682
Jul-11	608
Aug-11	606

Sep-11	682
Oct-11	702
Nov-11	629
Dec-11	645
Jan-12	609
Feb-12	1342
Mar-12	1982
Apr-12	1331
May-12	1540

It was anticipated that there would be a step increase in calls following the introduction of recycled wheeled bins in February 2012 and then followed by the new waste collection service which started in March 2012.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 20 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND CARBON REDUCTION FROM COUNCILLOR WILSON:**

What was the total pay bill for the 10 highest-paid officers employed by Haringey in each of the last 10 years?

**ANSWER**

The following amounts are based on the total Oncost Salary of the 10 highest paid permanent staff. This is calculated using an overall rate of 33.5% applied to gross pay, which assumes all staff were in the pension scheme. We are only able to provide data for the last 7 years, due to having no pre-existing pay data reports available prior to March 2006.

Total Pay Bill of 10 Highest Paid staff 2006-12						
Mar-06	Mar-07	Mar-08	Mar-09	Mar-10	Mar-11	Mar-12
£1,418,205	£1,422,080	£1,658,771	£1,631,852	£1,799,297	£1,708,598	£1,731,015

**WRITTEN QUESTION 21 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR WINSKILL:**

What work is the Council doing with the police and local community after a spate of stabbings in Stroud Green, Bounds Green, Hornsey and Bruce Grove?

**ANSWER**

Council officers attend the police's fortnightly intelligence meeting and tasking group at which current offences including knife crime are discussed. Actions to mitigate the community impact and prevent further offences are agreed. Many knife-related offences are linked to gang activity. Working with the police on a daily basis, the Council has an active, multi-agency response to gang related crime and serious youth violence. A Gang Action Group is chaired by the Detective Superintendent and co-ordinated by the

Council's Community Safety Team seeking long-term outcomes for those involved in or affected by gang offending.

At a board meeting in June, the Community Safety Partnership agreed the following work in relation to the violent use of weapons:

- Weapons awareness training for young people
- A partnership violence strategy
- Piloting a new partnership communications approach to weapons, robberies and youth crime in Noel Park
- Monthly partnership tasking across Council staff and police neighbourhood teams
- Access for every year 5 and 6 student to the Ben Kinsella knife awareness courses

**WRITTEN QUESTION 12 - APPENDIX**

**Permanent Exclusions**

Fig1 Permanent exclusions in primary schools 2009/10 to 2011/12

<b>Permanent Exclusions</b>	<b>Black Caribbean</b>	<b>Mixed White and Black Caribbean</b>	<b>White British</b>	<b>White Irish Traveller</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>2009/10</b>					
Belmont Junior	1				1
Chestnuts	1				1
Devonshire Hill			1		1
Earlsmead	1				1
Nightingale		1			1
The Green	1				1
<b>2009/10 Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>2010/11</b>					
Coleraine	1				1
Devonshire Hill			1		1
Nightingale				1	1
St. Michael's N22		1			1
The Green	1				1
<b>2010/11 Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2011/12</b>					
Campsbourne			1		1
Devonshire Hill	1				1
<b>2011/12 Total</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>

Fig2 Permanent exclusions in secondary schools 2009/10

	Asian Indian	Asian Other	Black African	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Mixed Race - Other	Mixed Race - White and Black Caribbean	Not obtained	Other	Other Kurdish	White British	White Irish	White Irish Traveller	White Other	White Turkish	Grand Total
<b>2009/10</b>																
Alexandra Park				2				1		2					1	6
Fortismere											1					1
Greig City Academy			1													1
Highgate Wood				1			1									2
Hornsey			1	1			1			1	1			1		6
NPCS			1	1			1			1	1				1	6
Park View Academy			1													1
St. Thomas More			2	2	1							1				6
Woodside High				1					2					1		4
<b>2009/10 Total</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>2009/10 total as % of roll</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.31%</b>	<b>0.54%</b>	<b>0.39%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>0.64%</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	<b>0.93%</b>	<b>0.15%</b>	<b>0.93%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>

Fig3 Permanent exclusions in secondary schools 2010/11

	Asian Indian	Asian Other	Black African	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Mixed Race - Other	Mixed Race - White and Black Caribbean	Not obtained	Other	Other Kurdish	White British	White Irish	White Irish Traveller	White Other	White Turkish	Grand Total
<b>2010/11</b>																
Alexandra Park			2			1	1							1		5
Fortismere											1	1		1		3
Greig City Academy		1														1
Highgate Wood	1										1					2
Hornsey			1	3							1					5
NPCS			2	1							2					5
St. Thomas More								1								1
Woodside High											1	1	1			3
<b>2010/11 Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>25</b>
<b>2010/11 total as % of roll</b>	<b>0.55%</b>	<b>0.59%</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.15%</b>	<b>0.22%</b>	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>1.75%</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.20%</b>

Fig4 Permanent exclusions in secondary schools 2011/12

	Asian Indian	Asian Other	Black African	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Mixed Race - Other	Mixed Race - White and Black Caribbean	Not obtained	Other	Other Kurdish	White British	White Irish	White Irish Traveller	White Other	White Turkish	Grand Total
<b>2011/12</b>																
Alexandra Park				1			1							1		3
Greig City Academy				1			1									2
Heartlands High											1					1
Highgate Wood				1												1
NPCS			1	2											1	4
St. Thomas More				2	1				1					1		5
Woodside High							2								1	3
<b>2011/12 Total</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>2011/12 total as % of roll</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.05%</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.86%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.20%</b>	<b>0.15%</b>

**Fixed Term Exclusions**

**Fig 5 Primary FXTE 2009/10**

School	Asian Bangladeshi	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Black African	Mixed Other	Mixed White African	Mixed White Caribbean	Other	Other Kurdish	White British	White Gypsy/Roma Irish Traveller	White Other	White Turkish	Grand Total	Asian Bangladeshi	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Black African	Mixed Other	Mixed White African	Mixed White Caribbean	Other	Other Kurdish	White British	White Gypsy/Roma Irish Traveller	White Other	White Turkish	Grand Total
Alexandra JMI		3												3		1											1	
Belmont Junior		1												1		1											1	
Bounds Green Junior								1				1		2											1		2	
Bruce Grove Primary					1					1				2					1				1				2	
Chestnuts		3												3		2											2	
Coleraine Park JMI			2	1						1		1		5			1	1					1		1		4	
Coleridge JMI							1							1						1							1	
Crowland JMI							1							1						1							1	
Devonshire Hill JMI		3							2	2		8		15		2						1	1		1	5	10	
Downhills Primary		2		1					2					5		2		1				1					4	
Earlham JMI													1	1												1	1	
Earlsmead JMI		20		1			2							23		3		1			1						5	
Ferry Lane JMI		3		1									1	5		1		1								1	3	
Highgate JMI							2			2				4							1		1				2	
Lancasterian Primary		3					1							4		3					1						4	
Lordship Lane Primary		2		1						4				7		1		1					1				3	
Muswell Hill Primary				3										3				1					1				1	
Nightingale JMI		16	2	4		1	6				7	3	2	41		6	1	3		1	1			2	2	1	17	
Noel Park Primary							1							1													1	
North Harringay Primary				2									1	3				1									2	
Rhodes Avenue JMI										1				1									1				1	
Risley Primary		3		1						1		1		6		2		1					1		1		5	
Rokesly Infant		2												2		1											1	
Rokesly Junior		3			1		1							5		2			1		1						4	
Seven Sisters Primary		1												1		1											1	
St. Francis de Sales RC Junior				2	2		1			2				7				2	1		1			2			6	
St. Gilda's RC Junior										1				1									1				1	
St. Michael's CE JMI N22							1							1							1						1	
St. Paul's and All Hallows CE Infant		5		2										7		2		2									4	
St. Paul's and All Hallows CE Junior		7		3										10		3		2									5	
St. Paul's RC JMI				1										1				1									1	
The Green JMI		19		2			1							22		10		2			1						13	
Tiverton JMI		1								1		2	1	5		1									1	1	4	
West Green JMI	1													1	1												1	
Weston Park JMI										1				1									1				1	
Grand Total	1	97	4	25	4	1	18	1	4	17	7	16	6	201	1	44	2	20	3	1	11	1	2	12	2	7	106	
															470	2088	266	3025	605	211	591	400	388	3362	171	2589	1283	21264
															0.2%	2.1%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	1.9%	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%	1.2%	0.3%	0.8%	0.5%







