

COUNCIL QUESTIONS – 20 MARCH 2006:

Oral Questions

Oral Question 1 – To the Leader of the Council from Cllr Neil Williams

If he thinks it is appropriate for the Labour party to hold its 'campaign team' meetings in River Park House.

Oral Question 2 – To the Executive Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Jean Brown

Would he highlight the achievements of Children's Services in the past four years and outline his vision for another four years under Labour?

Oral Question 3 – To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Cllr Aitken

What information has she about possible closures and disposals of Police Stations in the Borough?

Oral Question 4 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Q Prescott

Would he highlight what he sees as the achievements of this Labour administration in the past four years, How would he like to see the Better Haringey Project develop in the coming four years under another Labour Council?

Oral Question 5 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Edge

If he can confirm that the council's graffiti hotline is a dedicated number with staff deployed specifically to deal with the reporting of graffiti.

Oral Question 6 – To the Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration from Cllr E Prescott

Would he highlight the achievements in this field over the past four years and outline what he would like to see in the coming four years under another Labour Council?

Oral Question 7 – To the Executive Member for Organisational Development and Performance from Cllr Hoban

If he will please inform me of measures being taken by the Council to improve public access to the Haringey Website

Oral Question 8 – To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Cllr Bevan

What does she believe are the key achievements on community safety in the borough for this administration?"

Oral Question 9 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Engert

Following the Council's decision of the 31st January 2006 to close Cooperscroft and Trentfield residential care homes, and in light of the decision to withdraw from the plans to place a care home and centre for the care of those with dementia on the Hornsey Central Hospital site, what assurance can the Council give that adequate provision of care for the elderly, especially those with dementia, will be maintained in the borough?

Oral Question 10 – To the Executive Member for Community Involvement from Cllr Patel

Would she highlight the achievements in opening up council services and community engagement over the past four years? How would she like to see community involvement develop in the coming four years under another Labour Council?

Written Questions

Written Question 1 – To the Executive Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Krokou

Could he outline what Early Years Provision we have here in Haringey?

ANSWER

As a Labour Council we attach enormous importance to caring for children in their early years. Labour's agenda of tackling inequality and improving education and opportunity for all our children is one in which we take great pride in Haringey. For Labour, raising educational attainment – better schools, better standards – is the key to the transformation into a fairer and more equal borough that we all want to see. Working with the Labour government, our Labour Council has made major strides in extending and improving early years provision across the borough.

Unlike the Liberal Democrats, whose opposition to the Child Trust Fund is well known, we believe passionately that every child deserves the best start and we are determined to deliver that. Only by ensuring that every child has the chance and the support they need to excel can we break down inequalities of inherited wealth, of class and of ethnic background in our society.

In Haringey we now have 85% of three year olds accessing early year's education and sufficient places in nurseries for all four year olds. A Children's Centres programme is well on track to achieve 10 centres open by the end of the month and 8 more by 2008 - offering services to 7,559 children in deprived wards by April 2006 and 14,759 by April 2008.

Because Labour has a vision of society that goes beyond individuals, we know that it is families and communities as well as children who benefit from better childcare and better services, and that is why the services aimed at families are as important as those aimed at our children. The centres will provide young children and their families with a range of services including healthcare and education to ensure that families are given as much help as possible at such an important time.

All Early Years and childcare providers for young children will be networked with our Children's Centres. Haringey has a Quality and Inclusion Team which works closely with Children's Centres to ensure high quality provision. A Workforce Team provides a range of training opportunities to support practitioners.

Our five Sure Start Programmes will be integrated as part of the development of Children's Centres; one programme has already been designated as a Children's Centre. All three nursery schools and four Under 5 Centres have also been designated as Children's Centres.

The following summarises early years provision in Haringey. The daycare places include the private, voluntary and children centre childcare places.

Summary of Current Provision

Daycare	75 OFSTED registered settings with a total of 2550 childcare places
Schools with nursery classes	57 schools with early years provision
Childminders	290
Children's Centres	10 Centres by 31 st March 2006 Phase I 18 Centres by 31 st March 2008 Phase II 5 Sure Start programmes which by 2007 will be fully integrated with Children's Centres

Summary of Current Provision by Council Ward

The following summarises early years provision in Haringey by Ward. The daycare places are places registered by OFSTED in the private, voluntary and Children's Centre childcare places and relate to where settings are located, however parents often access settings in neighbouring wards according to where they live.

Alexandra Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 158

16
does not meet criteria for Phase I or II
Does not have a sure start programme

Bounds Green Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 54

14
will be developing a centre for Phase II
Does not have a sure start programme

Bruce Grove Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 66

20
will be developing a centre for Phase II
Does not have a sure start programme

Crouch End Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 180

8
will be developing a centre for Phase II
Does not have a sure start programme

Fortis Green Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 201

15
will be developing a centre for Phase II
Does not have a sure start programme

Harringay Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 52

17
will be developing a centre for Phase II
Does not have a sure start programme

Highgate Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 135

3
does not meet criteria for Phase I or II
Does not have a sure start programme

Hornsey Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 108

20
will be developing a centre for Phase II
Does not have a sure start programme

Muswell Hill Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 311

10
Stonecroft Children's Centre (Phase I)
Does not have a sure start programme

Noel Park Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 155

22
Noel Park Children's Centre (Phase I)

Northumberland Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 163

11
Park Lane Children's Centre merged
with Park Lane Sure Start programme

Seven Sisters Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 71

10
Plevna Children's Centre (Phase I)
Does not have a sure start programme

St Ann's Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 178

16
Woodlands Park Children's Centre
West Green & Chestnuts Sure Start
programme

Stroud Green Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 40

15
Stroud Green Children's Centre
Does not have a Sure Start programme

Tottenham Green Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 99

15
will be developing a centre for Phase II
Does not have a sure start programme

Tottenham Hale Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 234

15
Pembury Children's Centre
High Cross Sure Start programme

West Green Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 144

15
Broadwater Farm Children's Centre
West Green & Chestnuts Sure Start
programme

White Hart Lane Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 119

25
Rowland Hill Children's Centre
Roundway Sure Start Programme

Woodside Ward

Daycare places
Childminders
Children's Centre

Total 72

13
WhiteHart Lane Children's Centre
No Sure Start Local Programme

Written Question 2 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Makanji

Could she detail how meals on wheels have increased, relative to the last year of the last administration, for each ward in the borough?

ANSWER

I am pleased to be able to advise the Member that the new meals service introduced last summer now offers:

- A wide choice of meals (up to 35 European meals) with clients selecting a four weekly menu
- A wide choice of culturally specific and special meals including Afro Caribbean, Halal, Eastern European, Kosher, gluten free and texture modified, also available on a four weekly pre-selected menu
- Culturally specific meals are available 7 days a week
- A wide choice of sweets including fresh fruit
- All meals are nutritionally balanced and have low salt content
- All meals are regenerated on route ensuring that all meals are delivered at the optimum temperature

A survey undertaken 2 months after the start of the new contract showed a high level of client satisfaction. This, I think, will be confirmed by those Members who have themselves had the opportunity to taste these meals.

In 2005/06 we will deliver 127,150 meals to local residents as well as providing meals for those attending day services.

The breakdown of current service users by ward is:

Ward	Total
Alexandra	13
Bounds Green	31
Bruce Grove	17
Crouch End	16
Fortis Green	36
Harringay	12
Highgate	22
Hornsey	30
Muswell Hill	30
Noel Park	18
Northumberland Park	28
Seven Sisters	20
St Ann'S	18
Stroud Green	10
Tottenham Green	19
Tottenham Hale	18
West Green	20
White Hart Lane	27
Woodside	19
Grand Total	404

Written Question 3 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Jean Brown

Could she detail how older peoples day-care, has improved for the people receiving it, for each ward in the borough?

ANSWER

I am pleased to provide details of the wide range of services available to older people in Haringey. 'Experience Counts' our strategy for older people clearly sets out older people's own expectations for an active, healthy and enjoyable life. Social Services works with other council services, the NHS and Voluntary Sector partners to enable frailer and more vulnerable older people to also maintain their health, remain active and enjoy life.

A few examples of how this is supported are:

- A foot care and nail cutting service delivered by day care staff
- Advice sessions in both day care settings and sheltered housing units
- Introducing activities such as Tai Chi, play reading, poetry and oral history and information sessions
- Providing internet access to service users to compliment the public access facilities in our libraries.
- Celebrating cultural festivals and occasions such as Valentine's Day.

The Council directly provides a range of specialist Day Care/Day Opportunity services in Haringey. Three are formal day care services, where places are allocated following a care management assessment of need. The Council also provides four Drop-In Centres for Older People (OPDICs) which are on an open access, walk-in basis. Funding is also provided for services provided by voluntary sector organisations. These are as follows:

Ward	Services
Harringay Ward	• Willoughby Road OPDIC
Hornsey Ward	• Abyssinia Court OPDIC (in partnership with Hornsey Housing Trust)
Noel Park Ward	• African Caribbean Leadership Council [culturally specific day care] • The Asian Centre [culturally specific day care]
Northumberland Park	• The Grange Day Centre (older people with dementia) • Irish Centre OPDIC • GRACE [frail older people]
West Green Ward	• The Chinese Centre [culturally specific day care]
White Hart Lane Ward	• The Haven Day Centre (older people with physical disability/sensory impairment)

Woodside Ward	• Woodside Day Centre (older people with mental health problems) • Woodside House OPDIC • Cypriot Day Centre (for Greek and Turkish Cypriot Older People, in partnership with the Cypriot Elderly & Disability project)
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Older people from all Wards attend Day care services across the Borough. At the end of February 2006 the service users by ward are as follows:

Ward	Total
Alexandra	7
Bounds Green	18
Bruce Grove	25
Crouch End	10
Fortis Green	16
Harringay	10
Highgate	4
Hornsey	17
Muswell Hill	9
Noel Park	19
Northumberland Park	26
Seven Sisters	17
St Ann'S	13
Stroud Green	10
Tottenham Green	30
Tottenham Hale	22
West Green	22
White Hart Lane	20
Woodside	19
Grand Total	314

Written Question 4 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Bevan

Could she provide details of how many people have benefited from adaptations or occupational therapy equipment during this administration?

ANSWER

I am pleased to tell you that we have been able to assist a considerable number of people with disabilities to maintain their independence and live within the community over the last four years.

However, because we are always keen to continue to improve services, a scrutiny review of our adaptations service was carried out in 2004/05. The Executive accepted the recommendations last June and the preparatory work to introduce an end to end service across the Council has been undertaken. This has already paid off by delivering faster response times.

In November 2005 we identified an additional one-off investment of £320,000 for equipment and adaptations. This successful initiative has helped an additional 337 people during the last four months. Of these:

- 7 people received advice and information
- 201 Council tenants received equipment or adaptations
- 129 non Council tenants received equipment or adaptations

Taking a longer view, I am pleased to advise you that during the last three years 351 people have received a Disabled Facilities Grant to adapt their property and over 700 Council properties were also adapted to meet tenants' needs. In addition, this year [2005/06] we have delivered over 6000 items of equipment to help people live at home and funded 1400 minor adaptations.

Written Question 5 – To the Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration from Cllr Q Prescott

How much money has been gathered in Hornsey ward through Section 106, and to what purposes has it been put to? How does this compare to neighbouring Crouch End ward?

ANSWER

From the financial year April 2004 to date, a total of £2,128,555.9 was negotiated in respect of developments in the Hornsey Ward, and £2,150,055.9 has been received. In addition, another £1 million will be received shortly in respect of an agreement dated 2002.

For the Crouch End Ward no monies were negotiated during this period, but £94,717 was received in respect of two Agreements signed before 2004. This money is for improvements to the highway/CPZ.

The detail of this funding is as follows:

Hornsey Ward

In the Hornsey Ward the most significant S106 Agreements was negotiated with St James Homes in respect of the development at the New River Village. There are two separate Agreements for this development, which were signed in 2002 and 2004. The 2002 Agreement involved a total contribution of £3,040,000 and the 2004 was for £2,050,000. In all £3 million was negotiated for the provision of social and physical infrastructure, of which £2 million has **been** received, but decisions about where specifically this money will be spent have **yet to be made**. Other monies include £925,000 to provide affordable housing, £219,000 for education, £520,000 to regenerate Hornsey High Street (including £120k regeneration study/management, £280k Rectory Gardens, £99k building improvements scheme plus £99k match funding from English Heritage, £18k St Mary's church clock and £3K for restoring the Smithfridge historic sign). £50,000 has been provided for improvements to the public realm and play area at Campsbourne Estate (St James have in principle agreed that a further £200K can be used out of the Social and Physical

infrastructure monies for Campsbourne). £75,000 is for highway improvements to Tottenham Lane.

It should be noted that in addition the New River Development involved S278 Agreements, which are specifically negotiated for improvements to the public highway necessary as a result of any development. Improvements at Hornsey High Street have **been** implemented.

With regards to the remainder of the Hornsey Ward during the financial year April 2004 to date, £78,000 was negotiated in respect of developments at 159 Tottenham Lane and Block B Campsbourne, for education and highways.

Crouch End Ward

For the period April 2004 to date no monies have being negotiated in respect of developments in the Crouch End Ward, namely because there has been no planning permissions granted for large developments that have attracted **s106 payments**. However, in respect to a S106 Agreement that was signed in August 2003 for development at 'Land at Telecom House, Crouch End Hill', £124,000 was received, £30,000 of which was used to upgrade street lighting in the area and £94,000.00 was used for highway improvements including parking control measures at Crouch Hill and Crouch End Hill junction, and for a CPZ study.

Written Question 6 – To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Cllr Patel

Could she detail how and when the roll out of Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Teams will commence across the remainder of the borough?

ANSWER

The roll out of the remaining Safer Neighbourhood Teams will take place at the start of April 2006. They will be staffed with a minimum of one Sergeant, one PC and one PCSO by the end of April. Full staffing of all the teams will be an ongoing process throughout the year, with our crime hot spot areas being prioritised in the earlier months. The whole programme will be finalised by December 2006.

Written Question 7– To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Cllr E Prescott

Could she outline what is being done in the borough to combat hate crimes and harassment in recent months?"

ANSWER

Tackling hate crime and harassment has been a priority for the Safer Communities Partnership over the last six months. Haringey's strong community cohesion means that the levels of hate crime in the borough are low compared with other parts of London. However, as the hate crime and

harassment has a profound emotional and psychological effect on victims and also impacts on the wider community, the partnership has prioritised this work despite the relatively low levels observed in the borough.

We are developing a hate crime and harassment strategy to guide our work over the next two years. The overall aim of the Strategy will be to raise awareness about hate crime, improve community confidence in statutory agencies, increase support for victims and ultimately increase the level of recorded hate crime in the borough.

We are working closely with community leaders and voluntary groups to develop the strategy, and on the 8th of February we held a community event to launch the draft strategy for consultation. Over 80 delegates attended a seminar, with representation from the council, police, community nurses, and managers from the PCT. In addition, a wide range of voluntary and community groups attended, including Victim Support, Haringey Race Equality Council, Community and Police Consultative Group, Muslim Safety Forum and Network, Kurdish Advice Centre, LGBT Network, GALOP, Council of Asian People, Somali Carers Trust, and the Peace Alliance.

The day was extremely successfully. The table discussions were lively and a number of innovative ideas on how to take this work forward were reported back in the feedback session. Members of the community praised the council on the day for raising the profile of this sensitive and topical issue, and stated that they felt a renewed commitment and energy to this area of work.

We have also developed a hate crime and harassment publicity campaign to raise awareness about reporting hate crime and harassment to the Anti Social Behaviour Action Team. The campaign focuses on four strands of hate crime: homophobic hate crime, race hate crime, religious hate crime and disability hate crime. The posters will be displayed across the borough on JCD signs and in council buildings from March 14. We have also hired a 'poster on wheels' van to drive around the borough and developed leaflets in six community languages to distribute to members of the public.

Written Question 8 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Robertson

Could she detail how home care provision has increased and improved over this administration, and on a ward by ward basis how many people have benefited from these improvements?

ANSWER

During this administration significant improvements have been made to our home care service and I am pleased to report that it is the borough's most vulnerable older people who benefit from these changes.

Home Care provision in the borough has continued to develop. As well as our In-House service we commission a number of independent providers. The block contracts that we have with two major providers have helped provide stability in the market and raise the quality of care that is delivered.

The development of specialisms within the In-House service has enabled an average of 350 older people a month with complex needs to remain at home instead of being admitted into hospital or a residential or nursing home. Home Carers are trained in palliative care, mental health and dementia care and support people with long term conditions.

The development of the Night Service has meant that more frail older people have been able to choose to remain at home, one or two visits between the hours of 10pm and 7am ensuring their safety and well being. This innovative service was the London regional winner and a national finalist in the Department of Health's Health and Social Care Award for the Queen Mother's Award for care of older people.

We have worked with NHS colleagues to maximise people's independence. The Intermediate Care Team and the Rapid Response Team, working alongside In-House home carers and NHS colleagues, ensure that people receive rehabilitation where appropriate and thus reduce dependency. The Rapid Response Team have assessed and accessed home care for an average of 82 people aged 50+ per month.

Our Prevention and Enabling Team is a multi disciplinary service which provides intensive rehabilitation and support to prevent hospital admission and enable timely hospital discharges. Early, intensive, time limited intervention, where someone may be helped to regain independent living skills and feel included in their community, provides value for money, reducing the need for services later. In 10 months 118 people have been supported to become independent within 8 weeks.

Home Care Services currently provided to people across Haringey is as follows:

Ward	Total
Alexandra	44
Bounds Green	84
Bruce Grove	70
Crouch End	54
Fortis Green	87
Harringay	57
Highgate	40
Hornsey	77
Muswell Hill	67
Noel Park	66
Northumberland Park	92
Seven Sisters	61
St Ann'S	77
Stroud Green	49
Tottenham Green	87
Tottenham Hale	74
West Green	65
White Hart Lane	69
Woodside	74
Grand Total	1294

Written Question 9 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Basu

Could she detail how many more older people are in receipt of sheltered or supported housing in each ward, relative to the last year of the last administration?

ANSWER

Haringey has a greater than average supply of sheltered and supported housing than London as a whole. During this administration we have not increased the total available but have developed the service to better meet the needs of older people.

This has included:

- Developing extra care sheltered housing units to support very frail elderly people
- Enhancing the community alarm system for example by introducing personal fall monitors
- Improving community garden space
- Providing benefits and pension advice sessions in sheltered schemes
- Developing drop in services within sheltered schemes

There are 2128 housing units in the borough provided either directly by the Council [1448] through its partners [680]. The ward breakdown is as follows:

Wards	No. of Service Users
Alexandra	69
Bounds Green	133
Bruce Grove	106
Crouch End	82
Fortis Green	121
Haringay	26
Hornsey	119
Muswell Hill	131
Noel Park	22
Northumberland Park	219
Seven Sisters	106
St Ann's	50
Stroud Green	57
Tottenham Green	255
Tottenham Hale	203
West Green	39
White Hart Lane	178
Woodside	135

Written Question 10 – To the Executive Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Aitken

What alternative provision does the Council intend to provide for the up to 77 reception children from the Crouch End area who will not have a local school place in September 2006?

ANSWER

There are sufficient places for all who applied for a reception school place in 2006, though not all will receive an offer for one of their preferred local schools.

The figure of 77 quoted in the question is the difference between the total reception places on offer in the wards of Alexandra, Fortis Green, Muswell Hill, Highgate, Crouch End, Hornsey and Stroud Green and the total number of applicants for reception places in those wards.

A significantly lower number will receive an offer at none of their four preferences. Offers are issued on 17th March, and until acceptances are received, we cannot accurately predict the final position.

It is certain, however, that in comparison with previous years, residents of many of these wards will benefit from the 60 additional places we have created at Coldfall and Tetherdown.

In Crouch End, the situation is likely to be similar to that in recent years. We regret that the School Organisation Committee did not approve the expansion of Coleridge and have put a strong case to the schools adjudicator to allow this expansion in 2007.

Written Question 11 – To the Leader of the Council from Cllr Beacham

What staff resources, internal or consultancy based, have been deployed to investigate the Tech Refresh project and overspend, how much have they cost, who made the decision to conduct them, and how were outside consultants (if any) chosen, and what was the outcome?

ANSWER

As all Members know the major review of the Tech Refresh project and its overspend has been undertaken by the District Audit Service. This review has been reported to the Executive, the Audit Committee and Full Council. I took the decision to invite the District Auditor to undertake this review and the costs will be contained within the account he renders to us each year for external audit services. I do not know the totality of the external resources that he deployed to undertake this work but I am entirely satisfied with the outcome.

It of course required staff inside the Council to provide information and documents and be interviewed prior to the Auditor finalising his document. In the absence of a time sheeting system for senior staff I cannot give you an estimate of how much time this involved.

In addition to this report I have wanted to look at the interface with Executive Members. The Executive when they considered this in February recommended that there would be a further report to deal with this aspect. The Interim Chief Executive has commissioned an outside consultant to do this work. The consultant is a former North London Borough Chief Executive as both he and I considered that only someone with knowledge of working at this interface would be able to assist. The individual was chosen on the basis of suitability, availability and fee rate. I anticipate that the total cost of this element of activity will be significantly less than £10,000. The consultant as yet to report as the project has only just commenced. I have no doubt that this will improve our systems of corporate governance and be money well spent particularly in the context of the money spent on the Tech Refresh project itself.

Written Question 12 – To the Executive Member for Community Involvement from Cllr Bloch

Given the appalling state of repair of the Children's Library and public lavatories on the top floor of Muswell Hill Library which include wallpaper hanging off the walls and flaking paintwork, what measures will the Council be taking to urgently address repairs using the Library Services dedicated Maintenance and Repair budget?

ANSWER

Muswell Hill Library is a Grade II listed building. It is a well-used facility, indeed the number of visitors using the building this year (2005/2006) increased by 240% over 2001/02 figures. The external building fabric of the Library requires extensive renovation. The flaking paintwork and discoloured wallpaper seen internally are a consequence of significant problems relating to the failure of the external fabric of the building to keep out the rain.

The maintenance and repair budget for the Libraries Service covers only ongoing planned preventative and legislative maintenance: it does not have provision for the significant capital injection that the Muswell Hill Library building now requires. Indeed, even if the Maintenance and Repair budget could fund the necessary work, much of the building would still not have wheelchair access, and the facilities would still be too small for the increasing demand.

Because of these significant issues, the Libraries Management Team commissioned feasibility studies for the development of the building, addressing not only the current state of repair but also providing facilities appropriate to the future needs of the community. These have been received by the Council and will be made public in June 2006.

Written Question 13 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Davies

When did the CCTV cameras on Muswell Hill Broadway (between the roundabout and Woodberry Crescent) start being used to monitor (i) bus lane offences (ii) other parking offences; how many fixed penalty notices of each type have been (i) issued and (ii) contested; and what signage and other

methods have been used to ensure that residents are aware of both the parking restrictions on that stretch of road and the fact that CCTV camera is being used?

ANSWER

The Council commenced Bus Lane enforcement using the CCTV camera on Muswell Hill Broadway in September 2003. This was one of the first enforcement cameras installed by Transport for London. Enforcement was extended to deal with all parking contraventions in September 2005. To date the Council has issued a total of 2,200 penalty charge notices from this camera, of which 1400 were issued for Bus lane contraventions and 800 for parking restriction violations.

The IT system cannot identify the number of contested representations relating to a specific CCTV camera.

The signage relating to parking restrictions complies with regulations and the Council has also erected specific CCTV enforcement signs in line with approved designs. The council also widely advertised the introduction of CCTV enforcement in 2003 and this was in addition to publicity arranged by the Association of London Government [ALG]. Details are provided on the Council's website.

There was further publicity of CCTV enforcement of traffic and parking offences in the Autumn of 2005, to complement the introduction of the Council's CCTV enforcement of Moving traffic offences on November 1st.

Written Question 14 – To the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety from Cllr Edge

On how many occasions have the Police Kiosks in Tottenham and Wood Green been open in the last two years and how much was the cost to the Council or other agencies of erecting them?

ANSWER

The kiosks were erected in March 2003. The lead partner staffing the kiosks has been the Police and predominantly in the early mornings and early afternoons. It was never intended that the kiosk would be staffed 24 hours a day. Maintenance costs ran to around £3,000 per year for cleaning and any graffiti removal etc. Only on rare occasions or for specific events in the past two years, have the kiosks been staffed by the police in the evenings and nights. The Council's Neighbourhood Warden Service supported the kiosks significantly over the life of the project. The kiosks were funded from external funding secured by the Haringey Safer Communities Partnership. The Wood Green kiosk cost £45,000, and the Seven Sisters kiosk cost £47,000. Opportunity costs around staffing were covered from agencies mainstream funding.

As I said in answer to written question 16 at the last Council meeting, whilst it was originally believed to be a worthwhile project, the Safer Communities

Partnership realised that methods of policing have moved on and this project has therefore ceased to be effective. Therefore, the Police Service is now removing the kiosks.

Written Question 15 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Engert

What is the current status of the proposed skateboard park in Priory Park including Thames Water's position over building it on the basketball area, and if the Council still proposes to go ahead with this, and what is the proposed timetable, including full consultation?

ANSWER

Providing a high quality environment and access to a range of facilities for children and young people is a major priority for the Council. In this instance, following an extensive consultation exercise that identified Priory Park as the most suitable location for the facility, we made the decision to support the development of a skatepark in Priory Park in the knowledge that there were some local people who had expressed opposition to this.

We were also aware that our preferred location within the park, on the tarmac area, also housed water settling tanks which provide temporary flood relief in the event of very heavy rain. We have held discussions with Thames Water who have advised us that the construction of the water tanks is not sufficiently robust as to enable us to place concrete skatepark structures directly on top of the tank without additional works to supplement their structural integrity. We will therefore produce designs that enable us to overcome this problem..

We are also very mindful of the need to successfully integrate this new facility alongside both other existing facilities in the park and in a way that does not cause a noise nuisance to surrounding residents. The park is surrounded by residential property and we want to ensure that effective measures to reduce noise impact are incorporated within the design.

This work, to investigate effective noise baffling measures, is still ongoing and has affected our previously published timetable. We are now proposing to commence consultation in June 2006, with a public exhibition of the proposed skatepark design as well as the noise baffling and management measures we propose to integrate into the facility.

The public exhibition will be for a minimum of 7 days and will be scheduled in order to give everyone who would wish to comment the opportunity to do so.

Written Question 16 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Featherstone

Why has the Council pulled out of Phase 2 of the development plan for the future of Hornsey Central Hospital and if she will make public any exchange of correspondence on this subject between the Council and the Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust.

ANSWER

I am happy to remind Lynne Featherstone of the discussion at the Executive on 25th July 2005 and our subsequent decision.

Our service planning for improving our residential care homes had for some time been to either refurbish Cranwood or replace it with a new build facility during Phase II of the Hornsey Hospital site. When advised that Phase II was unlikely to happen ahead of 2009 we took the decision, I believe rightly, to go ahead and refurbish Cranwood and advise the Haringey Teaching PCT that we no longer wished to be part of the Phase II planning.

Given that Lynne Featherstone joined the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bax and myself at a carol concert at the refurbished home just before Christmas and commented on how nice the facilities were at Cranwood, I am surprised she now has any concerns.

I would be willing to make public any exchange of correspondence between the Council and the TPCT on the issues she raises.

Written Question 17 – To the Executive Member for Social Services and Health from Cllr Floyd

What is the procedure for assessing the needs of individuals or carers who may need an additional room because they are in receipt of homecare or other domiciliary health or social care needs and if she will state:

- a) How many medical or housing transfers have taken place in the last three years where Council Tenants required additional room because of homecare needs and how many people are on the waiting list.
- b) How many applications for Disabled Facilities Grants have been received in the last three years, how many were successful and how many are on a waiting list.
- c) Are such housing needs facilitated through the Choice-Based lettings scheme or the points system and do GPs or the Council's own medical assessor carry out examinations; what is the average waiting time for an assessment to be carried out?

ANSWER

I am pleased to reassure the Member that Council services work closely together to meet the needs of any resident with additional needs due to age, disability or frailty. Only a very small number of individuals at any given time will need additional space to meet healthier social care needs. During the last three years nine medical transfers have been made where an additional bedroom was needed to meet a health and social care need. There are currently four people on the waiting list.

Where a Council tenant has substantial health or care needs that may require a move to a property with an additional bedroom, he or she will be invited to complete an application for a medical assessment. Information will be sought

on the nature of the care and support needed and how 24 hour care will be delivered. The Housing Service Medical Adviser will consider the application and obtain any further necessary supporting medical evidence. This may take up to six weeks.

All applications for Rehousing are assessed based on the points system and appropriate medical points are awarded based on how the current property occupied impacts on the health of each individual within the home. The medical points awarded are based on the assessment carried out by the Medical Adviser. Cases where an additional bedroom is required usually attract 70 – 150 medical points, dependent on the condition of the current property and the severity of the client condition.

Cases requiring an additional bedroom can bid for properties via the CBL scheme where they do not require an adapted property. However they can also opt for a direct offer, where the Council's lettings team can make them one suitable offer in line with their assessment recommendations. Adapted properties are currently offered by the lettings team in partnership with the medical team and OT assessment to ensure the adapted properties meet the needs of the clients at the time of offer or can be further adapted if necessary.

There have been 523 DFG applications in the last 3 years, 351 were successful and have had adaptations, and 89 are currently on the waiting list.

In addition adaptations were made to Council properties funded from the HRA. An average of 200 adaptations were carried out per year in 2003/4 and 2004/5 and 306 were carried out from April to February 2005/6.

Written Question 18 – To the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation from Cllr Hare

What, if any, consultation did the Council carry out before erecting 130 lamppost banners measuring 2m x 0.8m throughout the borough which are four-times larger than the 90 lamp post boards that they are meant to replace and how will the Council go about consulting over Advertising Planning Consent for commercial (non-Council) advertising at these sites?

ANSWER

As the system is an update of the previous boards, consultation was not deemed necessary. The question refers to 130 banners replacing 90 boards. There were 135 lamp post boards, of which 50 remain in place for the short term to honour an existing booking, and 23 free-standing boards. Overall, therefore, there are considerably fewer banners than boards.

Advertising planning consent for non-Council advertisements is not necessary where the advertiser is renting an existing site from the Council, as applies to these banners. But the Council has power of veto over such advertisements to ensure that none of an inappropriate nature appears.

Written Question 19 – To the Executive Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Hoban

With regard to “Every Child Matters” what efforts is the Council making to improve the collection of data regarding children with disabilities. Will he state for the last three years the number of children on the Child Protection Register or who have been referred for support broken down by disability. What advocacy and support is provided to this group of children from the independent or voluntary sector and how can families access these services.

ANSWER

Up to date data in relation to children with disabilities can be found in Knowing our Children and Young People, - planning for their futures which is the in depth needs assessment recently undertaken which informs Haringey's Children and Young People's Plan. The plan itself will be published shortly and the needs assessment is available at www.haringey.gov.uk/cyp. Copies will be made available in the Members' room.

At 31st March 2004 there were four children with a disability on Haringey's Child Protection register.

At 31st March 2005 there were seven children with a disability on the child protection register.

Currently there are eight children with a disability on the Child Protection register.

Children are placed on the Child Protection register under the category of abuse not according to disability.

All children on the child protection register have an allocated Social Worker. Advocacy and support is provided by a range of voluntary organisation in the borough, for example, the Markfield Project, Haringey Autism and Mencap.

Families can access these services either through the Social Work Team or can self refer. Information on how to do this is available through schools, nurseries, GP surgeries, Children's Centres, and via the Children's Service directly.

Written Question 20 – To the Executive Member for Community Involvement from Cllr Newton

When will the feasibility study for the future development of Muswell Hill's Library facilities, which has been received by the Council, be made public and go out to public consultation?

ANSWER

We hope to publicise the options for development of the Library building in June 2006, and will be holding a number of consultation meetings to gauge the opinion of the community.

Written Question 21 – To the Leader of the Council from Cllr Oatway

To list the occasions, if any, in the past four years, in which Labour councillors have appeared on behalf of members of staff of the council at employment tribunals of any sort, and to set out the nature of their role at those tribunals and in what capacity they appeared – subpoenaed witnesses, voluntary advocates or any representational role for the staff in question.

ANSWER

Labour Councillors have not appeared on behalf of members of staff or former members of staff at the employment tribunal in any capacity within the last four years.

Written Question 22 – To the Leader of the Council from Cllr Simpson

On how many occasions has he appeared at an employment tribunal of the council, and in what capacity (voluntarily on behalf of a member or former member of staff of the council or subpoenaed, etc) what was the outcome of the case or cases (if any), and was there in any such case any cost to the council?

ANSWER

None. I have not appeared at an employment tribunal of the Council in any capacity.

Written Question 23 – To the Leader of the Council from Cllr Williams

What, if any, investigations have been commissioned and reported on into any aspect of the Council's relationship with the Haringey Business Development Agency, what staff resources, internal or consultancy based, have been deployed in this regard, what was the reason for conducting such investigations, how much have they cost, who made the decision to conduct them, and how were outside consultants (if any) chosen (ie the nature of the tendering process for such work) , and what was the outcome of these investigations?

ANSWER

The Interim Chief Executive in consultation with myself and the Lead Member for regeneration has commissioned a short piece of consultancy work designed around rebuilding the Council's relationship with HBDA.

We are all aware that unemployment in the Tottenham Parliamentary Constituency has stubbornly remained significantly above London and National averages for many years. Over the past four years almost £7 million have been invested by Central Government and ourselves in initiatives to address this. Unfortunately, this has had very mixed success with some schemes delivering real jobs and opportunities and some completely failing.

What we know is that it is the small and medium enterprise sector that creates most jobs and in Tottenham we need to encourage the BME sector to participate and be successful if we are to make a real difference to the people of the area.

HBDA are one of the very few agencies that work in this field and that have any record of success. It is therefore crucial to our policy approach that we work up a strategy to continue to work with them in some way. They need to be able to understand our position and approach and we need to work together with them for the benefit of our residents. The Review is about developing that action plan. It will complement a similar piece of work being undertaken by the LDA who have similar concerns to ourselves. Given that we are soon to be without a permanent Head of Economic Regeneration it makes sense to have this work done by a senior outside person who has knowledge of our area and as I understand has worked with HBDA in the past.

I understand that in addition to the LDA Review both they and Government Office for London have signalled to HBDA that they have given a commitment to review the project considered by the Council in the summer and subject to GOL funds becoming available allow it to proceed in the near future in some form. This gives some urgency to our review although I do not anticipate any reconsideration of our decision at this stage.

I anticipate the total cost of the consultancy will be significantly less than £5,000. It has yet to report.

Written Question 24 – To the Executive Member for Finance from Cllr Winskill

If he will list for the last three years all property sold by the Council and the receipts from such sales and state for the next 12 months all proposed sales of property by the Council and the likely budgeted receipts, and if he will also list the agents who have acted or are acting on behalf of the Council with regard to these sales and the fees they receive.

ANSWER

I list below the information requested in relation to properties sold by the Council over the last three years and provide the information requested in relation to proposed sales. Values in relation to anticipated receipts for individual sales for the next 12 months are subject to the disposal process. However, the Council's financial plan shows a total target of £11 million receipt anticipated for the year ahead.

**Properties Sold
since 31 march
2003**

Property Sold	Gross Proceeds	Agent FEES PAID	Comments
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Blaydon Close	£450,000	none	
42 Hermitage Road N4	£51,462	none	
117/119 Stamford Raod N15	£215,000	Strettons	£1,075 Auction
17 Palace Road N11	£185,000	Harman Healy	£925 Auction
19a Salibury Road N22	£140,000	Strettons	£700 Auction
102 Maryland Raod N22	£12,500	none	
Honeywood House PB	£2,600,000	none	
Sydney Road N8	£254,500	none	
Sandford Avenue N22	£17,000	none	
r/0 38 milton road n6	£10,000	none	
67 Lawrence Road	£150,000	none	
Goulding Court	£158,011	none	
GLC County hall	£220,284	LB Bromley net receipt	
55 Russel Road Cheshunt	£73,402	none	
14 perth Road N22	£306,000	Harman Healy	£1,530 Auction
188 Moselle Road N22	£171,000	Harman Healy	£855 Auction
30 Sanford Avenue N22	£189,000	Harman Healy	£945 Auction
1 Palace Road N11	£162,500	Harman Healy	£813 joint with No 3 (insurance claim) - Auction
Glademore School/Iemsford Close	£697,000	none	
66 Turnpike Lane N8	£75,500	none	
Strathlene House N10	£1,505,000	none	
Rangemoore Road N17	£150,000	none	
Moore House Garages	£250,000	none	
115 Clyde Raod	£50,000	none	
Albert Close	£575,000	none	
Garages N22			
Falconer Court N17	£500,000	none	
BP Petrol station West Green Road N17	£1,068,750	Adlers appointed by BP	£16,03 joint sale with BP ltd 1
7 Hatherly Gardens	£653,000	none	
32 Tilson Road, N17	£149,000	Harman Healy	£745 Auction
101 Morley Avenue, N22	£172,000	Harman Healy	£860 Auction
9 Whitley Road,	£286,000	Harman Healy	£1,430 Auction

N17 7 Poynton Road, N17	£145,000	Harman Healy	£725 Auction
Lansbury Road, N18	£45,000	Harman Healy	£225 Auction
Amersham Avenue, N18	£90,000	Harman Healy	£450 Auction
625 Lordship Lane, N22	£280,000	Strettons	£1,400 Auction
27 Parkland Road, N22	£214,000	Harman Healy	£1,070 Auction
15-17 Perth Road, N4	£756,000	Harman Healy	£3,780 Auction
Moselle Street, N17	£18,000	none	
6-8 James Place N17	£110,000	None	
Right to Buys2003/2004	£42,568,161	None	
Right to Buys 2004/2005	£44,625,253	None	
Right to buy 2006 to date	£22,878,251	None	

**Properties
Programmed for
Sale - 2006/07**

Pulford Road N15		subject to planning
61 Nightingale Road N22	at leaseholders discretion	joint with leaseholder
land at Thorald Road N15	none	subject to planning
land at weir hall avenue N18	none	subject to planning
Varoius Freehold reversion	none	subject to leases
Pembroke House N8	none	subject to planning
Coopercroft Coopers Lane Road EN6	Christie & Co TBA	subject to tender
land at Saltram Close N15	none	unlikley to proceed at present
Freehold of the Narrow Boat N17	at leaseholder discretion	joint with leaseholder
73 Trent Gardens N14 4QB	none	subject to tender
725 Lordship lane N22	none	No valid planning apporoval