

**FULL COUNCIL: 17 MARCH 2016**  
**QUESTIONS**

**ORAL QUESTIONS**

**ORAL QUESTION 1 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JOGEE:**

After recent reports about the serious care issues at the North Middlesex Hospital, will the Leader please detail what the council is doing to help address and resolve these problems?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SUSTAINABILITY FROM COUNCILLOR CARTER:**

How much has the council spent on the new branding and logo in total?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR DORON:**

Will the Cabinet Member update us on the progress of the council's new My Account service and what impact it will have on our customer service delivery?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CONNOR**

What plans does the council have to consult residents on the future of Muswell Hill Library?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR WESTON:**

In light of the planned closure of Wightman Road for National Rail works, what measures have been put in place to manage the significant traffic disruption the closure will cause?

**ANSWER**

**ORAL QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIS**

Local carers are concerned that the recent changes to care packages announced by the council will mean less respite for carers. What consultation has been undertaken with carers on these changes?

**ANSWER**

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

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

Will the council take action to ensure that the new works announced by Thames Water for Muswell Hill Broadway cause minimal disruption and loss of business to local traders, particularly in terms of rubbish collection and bus journeys?

**ANSWER**

The council will take action to reduce the disruption to local businesses, including:

- Reducing the length of road works on the highway at any one time
- Introducing parking bay suspensions to allow for bus stops to be temporarily relocated
- Ensuring no additional traffic signals are used
- Ensuring access is maintained to allow for waste collections to be carried out as usual

Officers will continue to carefully monitor the situation on a daily basis, and will take further action if required.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CARTER**

How much of the £190,000 ward budget money for 2015/16 has been allocated?

**ANSWER**

In total £161,000 of bids have been received, of which £140,000 has been approved. A further £21,000 is still pending clarification or further information prior to final approval.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:**

How many children are currently classified as homeless in the borough?

## **ANSWER**

There are currently 5,693 children (3023 families) living in temporary accommodation with their parent/guardian pursuant to a duty under the provisions of housing legislation. Children's Services are also accommodating 13 children (6 families) under s 17 Children Act 1989.

### **WRITTEN QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR BEACHAM**

Post Offices provide a vital service to the local community. If new franchises cannot be found for the Crouch End and Muswell Hill Post Offices, would the council consider co-locating the Post Offices in council buildings in those areas?

## **ANSWER**

Apart from the library in Crouch End the council does not operate any buildings in these areas that would be of sufficient size to accommodate a Post Office franchise. Officers are more than happy to look at opportunities within the commercial portfolio to provide accommodation for a franchised operator.

### **WRITTEN QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROSS**

How many of the borough's bus stops are not accessible, and please list them?

## **ANSWER**

There are a total of 329 bus stops on borough roads, of which 311 (94%) are Bus Stop Accessibility (BSA) compliant and 18 non-compliant.

During the last three years 53 borough road bus stops have been made compliant and our BSA programme will continue to address and improve non compliance.

A full list of bus stops on borough roads is available to members on request.

### **WRITTEN QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT**

Can you please provide an update on the progress of the Housing infill programme in general and in particular what work has taken place or is due to take place on the Hillcrest Estate?

## **ANSWER**

### **Housing Infill Programme**

The first phase of the housing infill programme consists of eight council-owned sites, for which planning consent has been obtained to provide 20 rented and nine shared ownership affordable homes and one house for outright sale.

The 29 affordable homes are currently in a construction contract with Borrás Construction.

The schemes at Barnes Court N22 (4 dwellings), Whitbread Close N17 (4 dwellings) and Connaught Lodge N4 (7 dwellings) are scheduled to complete by September 2016. Anderton Court N22 (5 dwellings) will be completed in January 2017.

The contractor has organised site resources so that the schemes at 10-12 Muswell Hill Place N10 (2 dwellings), Fenton Road N17 (5 dwellings) and Ednam House N4 (2 dwellings) will follow-on, completing in March 2017.

### Hillcrest Estate

PRP architects produced a draft concept design study analysing the constraints and opportunities of the estate and identified three potential development sites of between 26 and 34 dwellings each. This report has been posted on the council website to enable access by residents, with the caveat that it is in draft and that no decisions on any development proposals will be made until the Local Plan Adoption process has been concluded. This report can be found here:

[www.haringey.gov.uk/housing/housing-consultations/hillcrest-estate](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/housing/housing-consultations/hillcrest-estate).

Haringey's Local plan proposals will go to Public Examination in July and the Planning Inspector's Report is estimated to take a further two months to be issued. This report will establish the principle of development in planning terms at the Hillcrest Estate which is included within the local Plan as a potential site for development. Following Adoption of the plan by Cabinet, a decision can then be taken on whether the council wishes to proceed with any development proposals.

### **WRITTEN QUESTION 7 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIS**

How many nursery places are needed in the borough and how many are the council supplying?

### **ANSWER**

The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment for Haringey, carried out in Autumn 2015, was commissioned as part of the council's statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of child care places in the borough. Overall, the Assessment findings suggest a sufficiency of childcare at borough level, but with barriers to access, primarily around cost and affordability. The findings also suggest that available provision may not necessarily be in the areas or types of provision that parents say they want.

In more detail, the Assessment identified over 6,700 child care places available in the borough, carrying approximately 2,480 vacancies, with over 3,116 children waiting to be placed in provision. Whilst it is understood that a proportion of names on the waiting list for a particular provision may already have taken up a child care place in a different provision in the borough, this cannot be tested fully. This high number of names on waiting lists taken in conjunction with the high number of vacancies indicate that parents are seeking particular types of care, in particular areas and at particular times. A high number of children are waiting for a place in certain parts of the borough, for example.

In addition, all three and four year olds and 40% of all two year olds nationally are entitled to a free early learning and childcare place for 570 hours a year. In Haringey, there are 1,710 eligible two year old children who are entitled to a free early learning place. As an authority, we have created 1,296 places of which 80 places are supplied directly by the council. There is a population of 6,941 eligible three and four year old children who are entitled to a free early learning place. As an authority, we have created 5,908 places of which 180 places are supplied directly by the council.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR HARE**

How many deaths have there been in each of the last three years where air pollution was thought to be the cause or a contributory factor?

**ANSWER**

Long term exposure to air pollution is understood to contribute to early deaths from lung disease and especially cardiovascular disease; i.e. it's unlikely to be the sole cause of individual deaths.

So it is likely that air pollution contributes a small amount to the deaths of a large number of people rather than causing a specific number of individual deaths. With this understanding, officers are able to provide an estimated number of deaths (though this is indicative and not individual people) as follows:

	All over 25 deaths(registered) in Haringey	Estimated number of deaths attributed to air pollution (note not individual people)
2010	1178	84
2011	1070	78
2012	1114	75
2013	1068	73

**WRITTEN ANSWER 9 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CONNOR**

How much has the council spent on security staff and measures for council and cabinet meetings in the last year?

**ANSWER**

The council carries out a risk assessment ahead of all council meetings to ensure the smooth running of the meeting and the safety of Members, staff and visitors.

The total expenditure on council officers, security staff and equipment for the 2015/16 is £18,213, which averages out to approximately £1,500 per meeting. Details for each meeting are set out in the table below:

Meeting date	Staff costs	External security guard	Equipment and barriers	Total per meeting
14.05.15 AGM	£1,284	-		£1,284

16.06.15 Cabinet	£1,050	-	£148	£1,198
14.07.15 Cabinet	£1,072	-	£148	£1,220
20.07.15 Full Council	£834	-	-	£834
15.09.15 Cabinet	£741	-	£148	£889
08.10.15 Full Council	£490	-	-	£490
10.11.15 Cabinet	£1,337	£1,372	£474	£3,183
23.11.15 Full Council	£1,151	£368	£148	£1,667
15.12.15 Cabinet	£1,231	£257	£148	£1,636
19.01.16 Cabinet	£450	-	-	£450
09.02.16 Cabinet	£1,270	£662	£1,614	£3,546
22.02.16 Full Council	£975	£515	£326	£1,816
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£11,885.00</b>	<b>£3,174.00</b>	<b>£3,154.00</b>	<b>£18,213</b>