

## **FULL COUNCIL: 21 NOVEMBER 2016 QUESTIONS**

### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Cllr Gail Engert to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Health:**

**How much money has the council and Homes For Haringey spent on buying property in each of the last 3 years and please list the properties acquired?**

The Council has acquired Strategic sites for land assembly purposes and Leaseholder buy-back stock acquisitions to enable vacant possession in order to facilitate our regeneration proposals in Tottenham. The Council has also acquired street properties to provide additional affordable rented accommodation within the borough. Nine properties were purchased within the past three years part-funded by Right to Buy receipts, and the costs associated with buying these homes total just over 2.3m. Yearly expenditure, sites and properties purchased is listed below.

#### 2014/15

- Strategic acquisitions (38-46 Station Rd N22) - £3,250,000
- Right to Buy acquisitions (38 Stonebridge Road N15) - £190,000
- Yearly total - £3,440,000

#### 2015/16

- Regeneration stock acquisitions (13 Ermine House N17), High Rd West (8 Whitehall St N17), Leaseholder Buy Backs (71 Whitehall St N17) - £618,130
- Right to Buy acquisitions (12 Tunnel Gardens, N11, 31 Marriott Road N10 , 51 Whitbread Close N17, 8 Pugin House, Braemar Road N15, 64 Rheola Close N17, 47 Reed Road N17) - £1,597,000
- Yearly total - 2,215,130

#### 2016/17

- Strategic acquisitions (40 Cumberland Rd, 4 Ashley Rd, BP Site Ashley Rd N17, The British Queen PH N17) - £12,105,150
- Regeneration stock acquisitions (12 Ermine House N17) - £155,000
- Right to Buy acquisitions (22 Tarmar Way, 34 Helston Court N15) - £550,000
- Yearly total - 12,810,150

Grand Total - 18,465,280

#### **2. Cllr Clive Carter to the Cabinet Member for Environment:**

**How many potholes in the borough have not been repaired within the 7 day target in each of the last 3 years?**

The Highways contract provides for pothole defects to be repaired within 2 hours, 7 days or 28 days, depending on the nature of the defect. The information below sets out the number of defects that were ordered for a 7 day repair, but not rectified within that timeline.

2013-14: 41  
2014-15: 259  
2015-16: 600  
2016-17: 356

The Council uses the London Highways Alliance contract to deliver highways and street lighting works. The contractor has performed below a reasonable standard in dealing with defects. We are working with them to improve performance.

### **3. Cllr Martin Newton to the Cabinet Member for Environment:**

#### **How many people have reported accidents in Haringey due to faulty/uneven/broken pavements in each of the last 3 years?**

The information held relates to the number and types of defects reported and we cannot easily identify those associated with personal injuries. We have therefore relied on the number of insurance claims arising from accidents associated with footway condition.

There is a notable reduction in claims in recent years reflecting the increased investment in the highways infrastructure. The Council's 10 year capital strategy continues to support investment in our roads which will hopefully secure a further reduction in claims, as the condition of the highway continues to improve.

2013-14: 105  
2014-15: 91  
2015-16: 76  
2016 to date: 32

### **4. Cllr Dave Beacham to the Cabinet Member for Environment:**

#### **How many people have claimed against the council for injuries or asked for compensation for accidents in Haringey due to faulty/uneven/broken pavements in each of the last 3 years and how much compensation were they awarded?**

##### 2013/14

Total Number of Claims Received - 105  
Number of Claims closed without any payment - 78  
Number of Claims closed where compensation was paid - 18  
Total Amount Paid - £228,449  
Claims still to be agreed - 9

##### 2014/15

Total Number of Claims Received - 91  
Number of Claims closed without any payment - 66  
Number of Claims closed where compensation was paid - 12  
Total Amount Paid - £115,536  
Claims still to be agreed - 13

##### 2015/16

Total Number of Claims Received - 76  
Number of Claims closed without any payment - 47  
Number of Claims closed where compensation was paid - 5  
Total Amount Paid - £104,282

Claims still to be agreed - 24

2016/17

Total Number of Claims Received - 32

Number of Claims closed without any payment - 2

Number of Claims closed where compensation was paid - 0

Total Amount Paid - £0

Claims still to be agreed - 30

Please note: The total amount paid includes all solicitor fees associated with claims.

**5. Cllr Viv Ross to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Planning:**

**How much money has Homes for Haringey spent on redundancies in each of the last 3 years?**

2013/14 - £1,640,210

2014/15 - £72,524

2015/16 - £632,129

2016/17 - £85,030

**6. Cllr Liz Morris to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families:**

**The Education Secretary recently announced that the Education for All bill will not be taken forward which means councils will still be legally required to run school improvement services next year and meet other costs, such as maternity cover for teachers, but without funding from central government, what will the financial impact be in Haringey?**

The dropping of the Education for All bill does not in fact mean Councils will still be legally required to run school improvement services. We will retain school improvement powers, but not responsibilities as such. However we will still be required to deliver many other services to schools, such as ensuring every child has a school place, and addressing the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities. As you rightly point out, regardless of the changes in legislative proposals, the government is establishing a funding framework that effectively assumes a fully academised school system. That is seen most clearly in the termination of the Education Services Grant in September 2017, which we estimate will mean a reduction of funding for Haringey school services of £1.355m in 2017-18 and £2.235m in 2018-19.

**7. Cllr Bob Hare to the Cabinet Member for Environment:**

**How many landlords in the borough have been issued with remedial/enforcement notices or PCNs as a result of failure to install smoke/carbon monoxide alarms since 1 October 2015? (as per The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 and amended Housing Act 2004)**

The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 and amended Housing Act 2004 was recently adopted by Cabinet on 12 July 2016. No landlords to date have been issued with remedial/enforcement notices or PCNs.

**8. Cllr Pippa Connor to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Health:**

**How many council owned buildings have been sold in each of the last 3 years and please provide details of the buildings and if they are listed or not?**

We have made 174 freehold disposals (including 154 Right to Buy sales) from 01/01/2014 to date. None of these sites hold listed building status.

Of these disposals, there were 5 in postcode N4; 2 in N6; 12 in N8; 3 in N10; 1 in N11; 1 in N13; 28 in N15; 81 in N17; 10 in N18; and 31 in N22.

Officers are able to provide further information on individual buildings if needed.