

**COUNCIL – 14 JULY 2008**

**Written responses to Oral Questions not reached**

**Oral Question 6 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Winskill:**

Why has Haringey Council failed to prosecute or even fine contractors following a series of failures to protect trees on a Council building project in Crouch End?

**Answer**

I am assuming that the Council building project referred to is the work to expand Coleridge School on the site of the former TUC building. I am aware of only one instance of a tree being removed. There is no tree preservation order in place for this tree. However, planning enforcement officers are currently working with the arboricultural team to actively address this matter.

**Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Cllr Dogus:**

What provision and activities will be available for our children and young people during the summer holidays?

**Answer**

A big programme of activities has been organised for young people during the summer holidays.

After last year's success we are again taking part in the London Summer University. Events range from bike building to dance, sports to photography. Most of these are free events. The Summer University Programme is designed for young people aged 13-19, though some activities will take some younger children.

For younger children we have Haringey's Summer Fun programme. These events are hosted by playcentres around the borough and intended for children aged 4 ½ - 13. The variety of activities include arts and crafts, cooking and sports as well as visits to places such as museums or the seaside.

All the activities are listed on Haringey's website and there has also been publicity in the current edition of Haringey People, which has gone out to all residents.

**Oral Question 8 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Engert:**

How many schools in Haringey have a functioning and effective School Council and what action is the Council taking to provide support to encourage such school councils as was recommended in Scrutiny Review of Youth Democracy of 2005?

**Answer**

**Almost all primary schools have a school council. All secondary schools have school councils that are elected annually. Student representatives of our ten maintained secondary schools and three special schools, with the leaders of Haringey Youth Council, myself, Councillor Engert and others, signed the Haringey Student Voice Charter last October. This is a commitment to pursue the highest levels of best practice in school democracy, participation and student voice.**

**To help achieve effective school councils officers have provided guidance and training for school staff responsible for developing student voice.**

**Further training (called 'Beyond Toilets and Tucker') is offered for this year to help schools review good practice in school council organisation and meet the challenges in developing provision. Additional training around the Participation Toolkit is being provided for teachers and other professionals.**

**Lead council officers for youth participation and citizenship have been visiting secondary school councils. They encourage them to meet regularly, to take a full part in the Youth Council and to use every opportunity to engage the widest number of school students through election processes, year and class councils and good communication between representatives and the whole school.**