



**COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS AND  
RESPONSES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON  
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## **Questions and Responses for 24 February 2022 Council**

### **Question 1 from Cllr Ergin Erbil to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Earlier this month, Building BloQs at Meridian Water had opened its new building. Can the Leader provide us with an update on this initiative?

### **Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

I was pleased to open the new Bloqs, the UK's first open access workshop, alongside Jules Pipe, the Deputy Mayor of London for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, at Meridian Water on 10 February.

Bloqs will now provide 35,000 square feet of new workspace with facilities for woodworking, metalworking, fashion & textiles, engineering, spray finishing, as well as services such as training for local young people, classes and hireable meeting rooms, for thousands of small businesses in North London.

Users have access to £1.3 million-worth of light industrial equipment, usually beyond the reach of most new businesses, including: industrial mills, lathes, sanders, saws, CNC routers, laser cutting, 3D printers, spray booths and sewing machines.

Current active members (c 350) range from fashion designers, furniture makers and interior designers to playground designers, metal fabricators and eco-entrepreneurs. Bloqs Members are servicing the fast-developing film sector in Enfield.

### **Question 2 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Would Cllr Jewell, Cabinet Member for the Environment explain why the recycling rate has plummeted to 31% as per the last Quarterly Performance Report and what action plan is in place to increase it?

### **Reply Cllr Rick Jewell**

The most update to date performance report for Q1 2021/22 details that our recycling rate is 32.5%; this is an increase on the previous quarter (31.9%). Seasonality is very much a determined factor in the quarterly performance, especially in Q1. The Action Plan is well detailed in the January Cabinet Performance report and I commend all members to read it.

Key actions from the Q2 report include:

#### **Increasing dry recycling tonnage**

- Completed face to face engagement with 19,717 properties in Q2
- This engagement had a 28% contact rate, and was complimented with borough wide communications
- A Rubbish, Recycling and Food Waste guide is planned to be delivered to all kerbside properties in March 2022

### **Reducing contamination levels**

- Contamination is having a significant impact on recycling performance
- In Q2 a total of 7603 properties were visited, of which 2772 bins were found contaminated during the visit
- This exercise used three types of educational letter to communicate with residents who contaminated their bins
- Next steps are to continue to reimplement our contamination policy, including further monitoring of another 10,000 properties

### **Question 3 from Cllr Charith Gunawardena to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

The Equality Impact Assessment report related to the Fox Lane LTN concludes that people facing socioeconomic deprivation (23% households are claiming universal credit in Southgate - mostly live outside LTN area) are disproportionately disadvantaged by the scheme. It states they are less likely to be able to afford a bike to benefit from the scheme, and face noise and congestion in their neighbourhoods. £503,000 of public money has been used to cause more hardships on poorer households and none of the proposed mitigation steps address this issue.

Can the Leader provide the evidence of the specific steps being taken to reverse the harm inflicted on these households?

### **Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

It is not clear where the financial numbers in the question are from. Final costings for the trial will be published on completion of the project.

Mitigation action is identified which is to encourage lower income households to make use of free bike repair services, such as Dr Bike, and opportunities to access affordable cycles, such as second-hand bike markets. The Council is also in the early stages of investigating our own cycle hire and loan schemes across the entire borough.

The Equalities Impact assessment also notes that cycling and walking present a low-cost form of transport and can connect people safely and quickly to local centres, as well as to stations as part of multi-modal longer distance journeys (e.g. into inner London). It also identifies that car ownership increases as income increases.

The Council aims to make active travel a real transport for choice for all members of the community; this will certainly be to the advantage of those on lower incomes.

### **Question 4 from Cllr Sinan Boztas to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

The Montagu Industrial Estate redevelopment project has just completed the first phase. Can the Leader provide us with an update on how many new units are now in operation and examples of what sort of businesses are occupying the spaces?

### **Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

I was pleased to visit the first completed phase of the redevelopment of Montagu Industrial Estate recently. The phase comprises 9 new, high specification, energy efficient industrial/logistic units ranging from 400 to 900 sq. metres in size.

Interest in the units has been strong from local business and businesses seeking to move to the borough. 70% of the units were under offer, at rents higher than forecast in the business plan, before the units were completed shortly before Christmas.

The first tenant to move in is Hived a zero-emission parcel delivery provider who will operate their fleet of electric vans and e-cargo bikes from the development. Several other tenants are close to signing leases.

A planning application for the next phases has been submitted and is expected to be determined this summer.

### **Question 5 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing**

Would Cllr Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing explain why wires are hanging across corridors causing a fire risk in our tower blocks whilst works are taking place and what are you doing to stop this occurring?

### **Reply Cllr Gina Needs**

Works are currently on site to install sprinkler and fire alarm systems in some blocks. During an end of week inspection to confirm the site safety on one estate, cables become loose. Following the issue being reported, the loose cables were secured by Enfield Repairs Direct. The incident has been raised with the contractor and an additional health and safety inspection has been undertaken by the contract administrator. The contractor has installed additional metal cable ties to ensure all cables are held securely and are at less risk of becoming loose or being tampered with in future. Regular project management and contract administrator visits will be maintained to ensure these processes are maintained. The contractor will continue to have site management presence while works are being undertaken with end of day inspections being carried out every day and checking all exposed cables. Cable tray covers will be replaced as soon as works allow.

### **Question 6 from Cllr Daniel Anderson to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

On the 4th December 2021, the Deputy Leader informed the Winchmore Hill Ward Forum that he would be the decision maker on the Fox Lane Area Quieter Neighbourhood.

However, at the Environment & Climate Action Scrutiny Panel on the 9th December 2021 the Deputy Leader stated that he would not be signing off the Bowes Primary Area Quieter Neighbourhood Report - and by extension the Fox Lane Area Quieter Neighbourhood Report because of accusations that he was 'too close to the project'. In the event both reports have been signed off instead by the Leader of the

Council. But it now transpires in response from the Healthy Streets team to a resident's enquiry that 'there was no such decision to remove Cllr Barnes from the process. It was simply the case that officers, and the Leader agreed that the Leader would take the key decision, as has been the case with other key decisions.

Can the Deputy Leader please explain which position is correct?

### **Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

The Councils' governance arrangements permit the Leader to take any executive decision, as she has previously done in a number of instances for decisions relating to a number of Cabinet portfolio areas.

### **Question 7 from Cllr Chinelo Anyanwu to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

The Planning Committee recently granted permission for workspace in Angel Edmonton. Can the Leader provide an update on this Council led project?

### **Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

The Angel Edmonton Good Growth Programme comprises a series of meanwhile projects including the creation of a new community space within Fore Street Library, a series of public realm interventions including art murals and new school street, and the conversion of redundant garage blocks into start up work/retail spaces.

A contractor has recently been appointed to carry out works in the library, so that we can enhance this much-loved community provision.

The conversion of redundant garages will provide c. 600 square metres of workshop/retail space together with a café with canopied outdoor work and communal space. It is expected that the units could accommodate up to 36 new business 'start ups'. In addition to the provision of space the scheme will provide business advice to start ups. Following a tender process, Launch It Trust have been identified as the workspace operator and business support partner. The scheme is shortly going out to tender to appoint a contractor for building works and is expected to be complete by November 2022.

The project is jointly funded by Enfield Council and the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund.

### **Question 8 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Mary Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Would Cllr Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance explain to the chamber why she gave a response to council question 18 from Cllr James Hockney at the council meeting of 18 November 2021 (link below) that was £8 million out regarding the cost of consultants and does she think that was acceptable?

<http://governance.enfield.gov.uk/documents/b22030/Council%20Questions%20and%20Responses%2018th-Nov-2020%2019.00%20Council.pdf?T=9>

### Reply Cllr Mary Maguire

Following a review of the information provided to Council in November, officers had planned to update this information and so this question is timely. The updated figures are set out below;

| 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Actuals | Actuals | Actuals |
| £000s   | £000s   | £000s   |
| 2,749   | 2,847   | 1,449   |

The Council's ledger records for this type of cost has been interrogated requiring a line by line assessment of 3,000 transactions for 2019/20 alone, the response also covered 2020/21 and 2021/22 year to date. Council questions are typically significantly more straightforward to respond to and this is very much an exceptional issue. I have received an apology from Officers for providing incorrect figures in response to the Council question in November. The Finance Team are reviewing their processes for the sign off of future requests. Please note that this cost is lower than previously provided.

### Question 9 from Cllr Dinah Barry to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader with responsibility for Highways, traffic, Transport and sustainable travel

Your skill at getting TfL to fund projects in Enfield has been clearly demonstrated by the additional £874,000 they paid for the Bowes and Fox Lane LTNs. Last month you told me that there is no TfL funding to make the Sainsburys junction on Green Lanes safe for pedestrians.

How can you justify spending so much TfL money on two LTNs which according to your own reports, have had a questionable impact on pedestrian safety yet not have done anything to improve this dangerous junction for pedestrians?

### Reply Cllr Ian Barnes

We have no idea where the financial figure mentioned in the question has come from, but final costings for the trial will be published on completion of the project. However, Transport for London, who have provided funding received from the Government, have specified the nature of projects they will fund as part of the Covid-19 response. These projects are:

- Cycle Lanes
- Low Traffic Neighbourhoods
- School Streets

**Question 10 from Cllr Katherine Chibah to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

I was disappointed to see Conservative Councillor Hockney object to the North Middlesex Hospital Active Travel Improvements project on social media. I am sure, like the rest of us, he clapped our incredible NHS Doctors and nurses last year. I am puzzled therefore, as to why he now opposes a project that will hugely benefit medical professionals and other staff who walk and cycle to the hospital. Has the Deputy Leader received any communication from Cllr Hockney as to why he is opposed to the scheme which will improve access for the 4,000 incredible Doctors & nurses who work at North Middx?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

I too was very disappointed to read Cllr Hockney's vehement opposition to a scheme that will mean so much to our incredible NHS staff across the borough as they walk or cycle to the hospital. They have been truly amazing over the past two years so making their commute safer and easier is the least we can do.

I am more than willing to talk Cllr Hockney through our communications with the hospital but I think the general collegiate feeling is summed up perfectly in this quote from the North Midds Director of Strategic Development, Richard Gourlay:

*'We're excited to work with Enfield Council to support works to extend the length of Cycleway 1 to connect directly to North Middlesex Hospital and beyond to Cycle Superhighway 1 (CS1) in Haringey. The proposed changes to the current layout of Bull Lane will help our staff reach the hospital safely from both Enfield and Haringey.'*

*'We welcome the continuing growth of the active travel network that Enfield Council are delivering as part of their Healthy Streets programme.'*

**Question 11 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Mary Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Will Cllr Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement inform the chamber how s/he will keep Energetik prices stable for our most vulnerable residents?

**Reply Cllr Mary Maguire**

The Chancellor recently announced a huge increase (54%) to the energy price cap of around £700 from April, taking an average household energy bill from £1200/year to £2000/year, to compensate energy companies for gas price rises. In comparison, Energetik has managed to restrict its price adjustment for the year to much lower levels. For example, a typical 2-bedroom apartment for Council tenants will see an increase of £35 for the year ahead.

This positive action taken by the company supports some of the benefits of maintaining a local energy network with a social focus, helping to insulate customers to the best extent possible from market fluctuations. While the Council has consulted with the company to seek assurance on tariffs and the effect on its residents, it has not been required to use its executive shareholder power to keep prices stable. The



company's business model allows it greater ability to maintain stable prices compared to the white label energy industry, and it has done so of its own accord.

**Question 12 from Cllr Derek Levy to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

There is clear case law that evidences that in the assessing, arriving at, making and then taking public decisions, a public body such as a Local Authority must take into account all obvious material considerations and disregard those that are immaterial, in order to avoid the risk of material errors of fact, and or to provide (by commission or omission), and in particular, misleading summary of evidence

Can the Leader of the Council assert, incontrovertibly and without equivocation, that all the portfolio and Cabinet decisions taken in the past three months – including recent decisions in respect of the Bowes and Fox Lane Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, have been meticulous in their construction, sufficiently rigorous in the judgement applied, and capable of withstanding any robust and credible legal challenge

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

I am satisfied that there is a robust decision-making process at the Council.

**Question 13 from Cllr Kate Anolue to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

I know there are exciting plans for Fore Street library, and that it has recently closed for construction work. When can we expect the building to open again?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

Fore Street Library temporary closure is part of an exciting regeneration piece for the Angel Edmonton area support funded by the Good Growth Fund and GLA. It gave the team the chance to really develop a design of building that will see partners working together with the community to facilitate events, find solutions to local wants and needs, become a space to accommodate families, education, skills and employment, support young people, grow small business collaboration and many more activities as well as being an exciting library resource for the community. The design has attracted an award and positive responses from others.

To enable the closure over the four months starting from 21 February 2022 staff have been speaking with customers and displaying in the main library window at the front of the building an artist's impression of what the library will look like after its Good Growth Fund refurbishment.

There have also been open days and public engagement days held in 2021 about the project and to which the public were invited. These were advertised on the Council's social media platforms and in the library. There was also a link on the Council's website with information on the refurbishment in the area.

Presently there are posters in all the libraries advertising its closure and refurbishment as well as on the Libraries' social media pages. Customers are primarily being re-directed to their nearest library which is Edmonton Green Library

while it is closed, and staff will be making pro-active calls to customers to ask where they would like their reservations to be collected. Staff are working with Angel Community Centre nearby to place a light provision such as a drop box and small collection, starting mid-March.

It is planned to re-open Fore Street library for July.

**Question 14 from Councillor Joanne Laban to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

Would Cllr Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Council confirm the date for the Dugdale Centre's reopening as it has been closed for months?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

Officers have been working hard to design and secure an improved community and cultural offer at the Dugdale and I am pleased that plans for investment in the boroughs cultural facilities are due to be shared with members and stakeholders very soon.

With additional performance spaces, enhanced museum facilities and a stunning outward-facing design the revitalised venue will bring clear benefits to our residents, our town centre and our culture and heritage.

It is hoped that the improved space will open in time for the Christmas season but in the meantime the Dugdale continues to operate with great success from the Culture Palace in Palace Gardens which was recently shortlisted for the prestigious RIBA Journal MacEwan Award.

**Question 15 from Cllr Ayfer Orhan to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

The Leader frequently reminds us that Edmonton is one of the most deprived areas in the country; that there are serious health inequalities and over 60% of residents are from BAME backgrounds. Yet not one Edmonton Cllr including the Leader, attended a protest organised by a coalition of local groups including Black Lives Matter.

Moreover, in January Cllr Caliskan's administration voted once more to ignore both the evidence and expert scientific opinions and support building this enormous incinerator which will harm the health of residents and be a financial burden on Enfield for years to come. Residents wonder if the Leader understand why they describe this as environmental racism.

By voting to burn waste in this new, oversized incinerator rather than to 'Pausing and Reviewing' the build and use alternative technologies to raise Enfield's recycling rate from 28% (one of the lowest in the Country), the Labour administration also ignored the data on incineration overcapacity, the future impact of carbon taxation on the economics of incineration and the huge financial costs of the construction to Enfield residents for generations to come.

The new expanded incinerator will potentially mean new contracts agreed with other local authorities and the transportation of waste, much of it recyclable, from across the country -all to be burnt in Edmonton.

Can Cllr Caliskan provide assurances to this council and the residents of Whitewebbs and Edmonton that they will not see an increase in traffic congestion on local roads as a result of heavy industrial vehicles carrying what will mostly be recyclable waste into Enfield and in particular travelling along the A10, Bullsmoor Lane and the Ridge Way coming off the M25 or on the much congested and heavily polluted, Mollison Avenue and the A406?

### **Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

Cllr Orhan's new found interest in the development of the NLWA Echo Park is curious, given that she served many years as an Edmonton councillor yet never spoke out against the longstanding NLWA proposals. Indeed, Councillor Orhan was also a Cabinet Member when proposals were initiated, developed and negotiated – she agreed with Enfield Council's support for the NLWA proposals. Cllr Orhan's concern for Edmonton residents would be more convincing if she hadn't recently thrown in her lot with the LibDems to stand for a ward on the other side of the borough.

NLWA are following scientific evidence from health experts and academics including Public Health England, the Air Quality Expert Group, the Institute of Occupational Medicine, the University of Birmingham, and Imperial College London, all of whom are very clear that modern and well-run facilities like the new facility for Edmonton, do not pose a significant risk to public health.

The new facility will operate under the Environment Agency's most stringent environmental permit, and industry experts have designed the facility to be built with the world's most advanced technology for emissions cleaning. This means for the majority of the year emissions at ground level are effectively zero and the highest concentrations of particulates from the facility are almost 1000 times lower than the safe limits set by the World Health Organisation.

The facility has been designed according to north London's forecast waste needs in the future, with a top capacity of 700,000 tonnes. As part of efforts to boost recycling, the facility is designed to be flexible so that it doesn't need to be full to run successfully. It can operate at lower volumes if residents move faster than expected to reduce their rubbish, so there is no need to take in external waste from other areas.

### **Question 16 from Cllr Tim Leaver to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

Could the Deputy Leader let us know what feedback we have had from residents concerning the Enfield Lights festival?

### **Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

The Enfield Winter Lights festival is running from the 3<sup>rd</sup> February to the 26<sup>th</sup> March at locations across the borough. It was originally programmed to run to the 9<sup>th</sup> of

March but the interest from artists and businesses and feedback from the public has been so positive that we have been able to extend this.

The programme has also received fantastic coverage on BBC Radio London, in the Londonist and in local media and across social media. I encourage you to view enfieldwinterlights on Instagram to see many fantastic images of the events to date.

The programme includes a series of art installations and workshops intended to bring local businesses and artists together with established UK Light artists to celebrate the heritage and culture within Enfield. The events are organised on behalf of the Council by local arts organisation, HIVE studios and curated by Chantelle May Purcell and light sculptor Mark Beattie.

Enfield Council is using funding from the governments Welcome Back Fund and the European Regional Development Fund to deliver this programme.

**Question 17 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

With reference to Question 11 at the 17 November 2021, would Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council update the chamber of the plans made to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee including timescales for when these might be publicised to the residents of Enfield.

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

The administration has begun to develop plans for Enfield Council to take part in and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Enfield. We will shortly be making an announcement on how we can support our local communities to celebrate this unique occasion; and we are still working up the proposals for a wider programme of events, including our intention to participate in 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons.' Further details on all of these exciting events will be issued in plenty of time for local people to make arrangements to commemorate this once in a lifetime event.

**Question 18 from Cllr Charith Gunawardena to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

The Fox Lane LTN trial report lists 8 actions to mitigate the damaging consequences of the scheme on bordering roads and Southgate town centre (point 6). The actions omit many other issues that it needs to consider, for example increased through traffic dispersed on to other residential roads (e.g. Crown Lane and Wynchgate).

Given the fact that the two Fox Lane LTN trial schemes, originally intended to reduce speed and traffic volume on some roads, have cost £503,000 to date, can the Leader confirm how much money would be required annually to implement all the proposed and additional mitigation steps?

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

It is not clear where the financial numbers in the question are from. Final costings for the trial will be published on completion of the project.

The Fox Lane QN report makes a clear recommendation that a further review is undertaken of traffic speed and volume on some roads outside of the scheme area to consider any additional mitigating actions. Developing cost estimates for future actions will form part of that review. Reducing reliance on private motor vehicles and enabling more active travel choices will be an ongoing endeavour and one that this administration is committed to.

**Question 19 from Cllr Hass Yusuf to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

There is usually a small admin fee of £50 for a road closure for a street party. As the Platinum celebrations for The Queen's Jubilee are a truly unique occasion, can the Deputy Leader explore with officers reducing this fee, to encourage even more of our residents to celebrate Her Majesty's incredible contribution over the last 70 years?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

I am delighted to announce that this year we will be waiving all charges in relation to applying for a road closure for a Jubilee street party.

It has been a very arduous couple of years, and we are now entering the brutal grip of the government's cost of living crisis, so we want to do whatever little we can so that local communities across the borough have the opportunity to commemorate this historic milestone together.

**Question 20 from Cllr Glynis Vince to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

Would Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader inform council what arrangements have been made regarding street parties during the Platinum Jubilee Weekend. Some local authorities have stated that administration charges as well as processing and publishing the Road Closure notices will be waived. Will Enfield council be waiving any fees and charges for residents who wish to close their road for a celebratory street party? I have already asked the Director of Place but not had the courtesy of any sort of response. I would have thought these decisions would already be in place as part of the councils plans for celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend 2-4 June 2022.

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

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**Question 21 from Cllr Anne Brown to Cllr Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care**

Following the recent BBC Panorama program highlighting the appalling record of many companies running social care homes, where their investors are private equity firms with complicated financial structures, often based in tax havens and

putting profit before the most basic needs of residents, would the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care please advise how many, if any, care homes in Enfield are run by companies with investment of this kind or whose financial structures are not completely transparent and what measures are in place to monitor the standard of care they provide to residents and the conditions of service of their staff.

**Reply Cllr Alev Cazimoglu**

The quality of the care and support provided to some of our most vulnerable residents is an absolute priority to Council officers. I can provide assurance to colleagues here this evening that we do have regular and robust assurance processes in place both in terms of the viability and sustainability of our providers and the quality of care that is delivered. In reality the care provider market is delivered by a large variety of different types of organisations ranging from small family run businesses, to voluntary sector and larger national organisations. The key thing for the Council as commissioners of these services is viability, sustainability and the quality of the service. We are in regular contact with all of our care homes, we have strong quality assurance processes in place as well as robust partnership arrangements across our north central London sub region to ensure we, as commissioning organisations, have visibility of any risks within our care markets.

**Question 22 from Cllr Mahym Bedekova to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

Urban street trees are hugely important to our residents, not just because they're incredibly beautiful, but also because they provide shady, cooler areas in hot weather and provide homes for wildlife in the urban environment. Could the Deputy Leader outline any council plan for street trees in the budget next year?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

I am so pleased to share the news that the budget going to this full council includes a capital programme which includes £500k to deliver 1,000 street trees – more than double previous years.

Residents have told me time and time again what a difference trees make to their quality of life and the character of their area, alongside improving air quality and providing shade as you say.

**Question 23 from Cllr Chris Dey to Cllr Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Will Cllr Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care provide an update as to how many staff and residents have had the booster vaccine in care homes in the borough? Please express as a total number of vaccinations and as a percentage of the overall headcount of staff and residents.

**Reply Cllr Alev Cazimoglu**

I can confirm to colleagues that as a result of the fantastic partnership work between the Council and our NHS colleagues 1355 of our residents have received their booster jab out of 1558 which is 87% and of 2,135 staff working in care homes 885 have received their booster jab which is 41.5% of the total staff number. The number for staff is disappointingly low, given what we know about the benefits of having all

three jabs against Covid19 and the government mandate did only cover jabs one and two so did not include a mandated requirement to have the booster jab. I can confirm that over 99.5% of care home staff have had two vaccine jabs with a very small number exempt due to medical reasons. Nevertheless, we are continuing to work with our care home providers and their staff to educate and encourage with regards to the benefits of having the full three set of jabs.

**Question 24 from Cllr Derek Levy to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

There is clear case law that evidences that in the assessing, arriving at, making and then taking public decisions, a public Authority (and its constituent Authorities) must consider all obvious material considerations and disregard those that are immaterial, to avoid the risk of material errors of fact or to provide (by commission or omission) misleading summary of evidence.

Can the Leader of the Council assert, without equivocation, that the recent decision taken by the North London Waste Authority, which membership includes two members from Enfield Council, to sign a contract with the sole bidder Acciona to build the new Edmonton Incinerator, and to which the Council is now totally committed, will have absolutely no impact, but especially adverse financial impact upon the Council – or any detrimental social, financial, environmental and health impacts upon the residents of Edmonton and Eastern Enfield.

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

NLWA Members have regularly reviewed the project to make sure the careful and responsible plans to replace the existing energy from waste plant will help to protect the planet and safeguard our communities from environmental, health and financial risks. The decision to award the contract to Acciona follows years of work and research to ensure the very best facility is built to manage north London's rubbish.

Not proceeding with the project would add significant cost and risk to Enfield because it would mean relying on private companies bidding to take our waste, paying what they ask and having the expense and environmental impact of 30,000 lorries a year driving to take the waste out of the area. This would add millions of pounds a year to our bills compared with having the cleanest publicly owned, publicly controlled facility available for north London.

**Question 25 from Cllr Birsen Demirel to Cllr Mary Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement outline the practical steps the Council has to take to administer grants to help people with the rising cost of fuel?

**Reply Cllr Mary Maguire**

The Government has recently announced a new £150.00 one-off Energy payment for most households in council tax bands A-D. To clarify, this is not a rebate on Council Tax bills. This is a £150.00 payment to householders who are liable for

Council Tax on the 1 April as a one-off payment. In Enfield this will be paid by the Council to over 84,000 of our 127,000 households. This is to be paid out by May and is dependent on further government guidance. However, this is challenging for local authorities to practically administer this grant as we do not have bank details for over half of these households and Councils are not set up to make payments out at this scale. This will require IT system changes, new processes, checks to ensure that the funds are going to the households set out in the guidance and staff resources; this timing coincides with the annual council tax billing cycle peak period. Officers will be doing their best to ensure that these funds are allocated expediently as possible in the context of the practical issues faced, and as additional government guidance is provided information will be shared with residents on how this will be administered.

A discretionary pot of money will also be provided by the Government to be administered by the Council, to help households who are most in need in council tax bands E and above. As yet we do not know what the government's allocation of funding to these households will be and await further guidance. A process of targeting those in need is likely to be applied, using the information we hold of those in receipt of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. About a third of households in the borough receive these benefits.

Another government grant to help people in fuel poverty (as well as food and other forms of need) is the Household Support Fund. By January 2022 we had provided £300k on fuel support to nearly 3000 households. We have a further 4000 households identified and contacted that we are also offering this support to, and continue to work hard to maximise the uptake of this offer by the end of March 2022. Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support data is used to target those in most need, and families where neither parent worked. In addition, where individual households are referred to the Financial Assessments team and trusted partner organisations, individual cases are assessed and offered support if they present themselves in Financial Hardship.

**Question 26 from Cllr Chris Dey to Cllr Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Would Cllr Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care inform the chamber how the Administration is planning for the return of CQC inspections in the area of Adult Social Care?

**Reply Cllr Alev Cazimoglu**

Members may be aware that final legislation (the Health and Care Bill 2021) has not yet completed its passage through parliament so no new regulations are expected for some time yet. However, we have anticipated as best we can what the new regulatory framework will look like and a programme board has been established in order to identify areas where we feel further work and development is needed. I would point out that in Enfield, as in other Councils, the period of austerity and resultant cuts in funding have forced Councils to prioritise front line service delivery, often to the detriment of other vital types of service seen as nice to have. Engagement with our local population, strategy and communications are included in these to name but a few. However, this administration has begun to address the



funding pressures and has made additional provision for resources needed to ensure that we are well prepared for the return of regulation to Councils with Adult Social Care responsibilities. An update report on progress made to date will be coming to our next Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny panel in March 22 which will provide the detail on what has been done so far and plans for the next twelve months.

**Question 27 from Cllr Dinah Barry to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

How many protected trees (e.g. those with TPOs or in conservation areas) have been removed each year over the last ten years in Winchmore Hill ward and how many of those were on sites where planning permission was being or was later, sought?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

I have enquired with officers and they do not monitor the number of protected trees removed or whether the requests were in connection with approved development. They can confirm that over the past 10 years in the Winchmore Hill ward, there have been 70 applications for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order and 184 applications for works to trees in Conservation Areas. Not all of those applications will relate to applications involving the removal of trees and it will require officers to review each individual application to identify the number of trees removed and associated planning permission for redevelopment.

I have asked officers to review each application and to provide the information you request shortly.

**Question 28 from Cllr Margaret Greer to Cllr Mary Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement outline what help Enfield Council has received from the £4.8bn Levelling-up Fund, the £3.2bn Town Fund and the £220m Community Renewal Fund? Additionally, could she comment on a recent National Audit Office report that the relevant Government department had “wasted opportunities”, there was “inadequate evidence and limited scrutiny”, no proper business cases, ministers pick the wrong projects and ignore what works?

**Reply Cllr Mary Maguire**

Enfield Council has not received a penny from any of the funds in question.

In June Council members were informed of the two bids submitted to the Levelling up Fund, one for Edmonton Silver Links and the other for the Enfield Chase Cultural Gateway. Officers met recently with central government officers about the two Levelling Up Fund bids and report positive feedback on the Enfield Chase Cultural Gateway bid. I will be encouraging officers to resubmit to a further round if there is one.

Enfield has lost out over the past 10 years from cuts in Government funding, grant damping, and increasing costs associated with demographic changes. Levelling up

applies just as much to parts of Enfield as it does to other parts of the country and it is disappointing that the Government does not recognise this. We still do not have the long-promised fair funding settlement nor business rates reset.

Local government needs sustainable and long term funding to enable Enfield to level up, to boost our recovery from the pandemic, drive improvements in public health, boost local economic growth, revive our town centres, build more homes, improve our roads, improve the life chances of children and young people, support older and disabled people to live well and equip people with the skills they need to succeed so no one is left behind.

It is unacceptable that the National Audit Office should have found such evidence of bad governance and poor judgement by the Government in its stewardship of billions of pounds of public money in these funds. Additionally, the Levelling Up White Paper itself contains few commitments beyond the 2021 spending review that itself failed to offer anywhere near enough to compensate for the past decade of cuts. The Institute for Fiscal Studies says that the targets are “highly unlikely to be met ...ambition and resource will be spread very thin”. Once again, high on promise, low on delivery.

**Question 29 from Cllr Maria Alexandrou to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Council**

At the Cllr briefing on 21.1.22 with Richard Eason, post Quieter Neighbourhood (QN) Scheme, crime figures in Winchmore Hill were shown to increase 7%, (similar to the 8% increase in Bowes post QN Scheme). Yet in the report, the increase is shown as 3%. Would Cllr Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Council explain the difference in reporting and confirm which is the correct figure?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

The crime figures included in the published Fox Lane report are based on a reporting period of November 2019 to October 2021. These show a slight overall increase in crime of +3%.

The crime figures reported at the Ward Councillor briefing were based on a reporting period of October 2019 to September 2021, which is why there is a difference.

It was decided to utilise the reporting period of November 2019 to October 2021 in the final report as it was this period that was discussed at the crime overview and scrutiny meeting.

The Bowes Quieter Neighbourhood showed a slight overall –2% decline in overall crime.

We greatly appreciate everything the Metropolitan Police do in our neighbourhoods and will continue to offer them any support we can in our borough.

**Question 30 from Cllr Ayfer Orhan to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Whitewebbs golf course has been a wonderful public asset been enjoyed by people from all parts of Enfield for many, many years. Now it is to be rented out for a derisory sum.

The marketing process to secure a tenant considered a range of factors including whether the applicant had paid for pre-application planning advice which was weighted at 10%, but no mention is made of the environmental impact of the proposals.

The winning bid will see the building of artificial pitches and a larger clubhouse. CO<sub>2</sub> released by disturbing this amount of soil, the increase in traffic and the impact of the artificial pitches alone should have prompted cabinet to ask questions about mitigation measures yet there is be no record of any such questions.

Can the Leader confirm that no consideration was given to the environmental impact of the bids?

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

Whitewebbs will remain a wonderful public asset and more of the course will be freely enjoyed by people from across Enfield should the proposals secure planning consent.

The proposal secures a rent that is comparable to that received on other golf courses that the Council has leased out for many years, along with significant investment that will create new parkland and improve access to areas outside the leased area.

All the bids were required to seek pre-application advice. The pre application and planning processes take consideration of environmental impact of the proposed scheme.

The application process will consider this in greater detail and as previously advised no lease will be entered into unless and until planning consent is granted.

**Question 31 from Cllr Susan Erbil to Cllr Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing**

The Council's strategy for preventing homelessness and reducing the use of temporary accommodation relies on the effective use of the private rented sector – and ensuring that sectors works well for residents. What progress is being made on these fronts?

**Reply Cllr Gina Needs**

The Housing Advisory Service launched in October 2020. At that point the Council had 3515 households living in long term temporary accommodation. We have developed new partnerships with Capital Letters and the Single Homelessness

Prevention Service to provide new routes into the private rented sector for residents. Each month we secure around 70 privately rented properties for residents to both prevent homelessness and the use of TA as well as meeting our statutory duty.

We understand that the private rented sector is not always able to provide accommodation that residents can access and so we have launched Enfield Let, our ethical lettings agency, where we directly manage properties and the traditional barriers to accessing private rented accommodation such as credit checks, rent in advance and deposits are removed. On the same basis the Housing Gateway continues to provide rented accommodation for these residents. As of 7<sup>th</sup> February, we had 3187 households in temporary accommodation despite the pandemic increasing the number of residents who are affected by housing overcrowding and insecurity. Officers have done an outstanding job preventing residents from entering a housing crisis and they should be recognised for their hard work and innovative approach.

**Question 32 from Cllr Maria Alexandrou to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Council**

Would Cllr Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Council inform the chamber what criteria the council applied when deciding which roads to place the ANPR cameras on the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood Scheme?

**Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

Continued dialogue with the London Ambulance Service guides locations and any changes made. The purpose of introducing further camera-enforced modal filters is to increase the permeability of the area for emergency service vehicles. Officers have therefore reviewed the locations where delays have been reported. This is not the only necessary course of action and officers will continue to work with the London Ambulance Service to understand how they are navigating through the schemes. This may help to identify any other actions, in addition to Council led updates to driver mapping software, to help avoid future issues.

**Question 33 from Cllr Dino Lemonides to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council and member with responsibility for LTNs**

How much have council officers been fined to date for driving in or through LTNs whilst on council business?

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

We only record PCNs issued to Council vehicles. In total 50 PCNs have been issued to vehicles owned by the Council (PCNs are £130 but discounted to £65 if paid within 14 days). These are paid by the driver of the vehicle.

**Question 34 from Cllr Hass Yusuf to Cllr Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care**

Can the Lead Member advise what the Council is doing to prepare for the Care Cap?

### **Reply Cllr Alev Cazimoglu**

For those members unaware of the Care Cap, it follows from legislation brought forward by this Conservative government to introduce a cap or limit on the amount of money any person will have to pay towards the costs of their care over their lifetime. Sir Andrew Dilnot produced a report on this back in 2011 and whilst we welcome the principles behind this legislation, I do need to make colleagues aware that this legislation is not without some risk to Councils. It will effectively mean that once people meet the care cap amount (Which is £86,000) Council's will become entirely responsible in most cases for funding all of a person's care costs. The government has done work to establish what it thinks the financial impact on Councils will be and we are working to understand whether that will be sufficient to cover all of the costs. This will not only be about the additional costs of care met by the Council, however. People who currently fund their care privately will be eligible for this support as well. We estimate that at least 30% of people currently accessing some kind of social care support are private self-funders which in any given year will be up to an additional 2,500 people approaching Adult Social Care for an assessment of their needs. There will, therefore, be implications not only for front-line services (more social workers needed for example) but for other ancillary and support services.

I can tell members this evening that we have established a project board chaired by the Director of Health and Adult Social Care to oversee the planning and delivery of work needed to prepare for the introduction of the care cap in October 2023. Again, legislation is not finalised. However, we do, I believe, have sufficient information to begin to plan for what will be required to ensure that all of our eligible residents are Council services are ready. Our plan is to have a care account enabled IT system in place for April 2023 in order to allow time for testing and embedding processes ready for October of that year. That is just over 12 months away, so it is a challenging task. Regular and robust oversight will be key to making sure we keep on top of our development and delivery timescales. We will of course, make sure that regular progress updates are provided to members and officers through our governance processes.

### **Question 35 from Cllr Maria Alexandrou to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

Would Cllr Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Council analyse the extra financial cost to the local businesses loss of trade due to the increase in traffic on boundary roads (average increase of 6% as stated in the Fox Lane QN report) and main roads from the QN Schemes?

### **Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

The Council has taken steps to understand the views of local business owners as part of the consultation and engagement for this project. As with similar projects, the Council is of the view that there are longer-term benefits by enabling more people to access local business by walking and cycling. It is acknowledged that this project has been delivered during the pandemic and the unprecedented challenges that this

has presented to local businesses. As part of a Green recovery, the Council wants to help encourage more people to support their local town centers and has developed action plans to help deliver this, including the Palmers Green Action Plan.

We continue to demonstrate how reclaiming some road space from motor vehicles can help create more space for people and events: The modal filter at Devonshire Road, locally known as 'Devonshire Plaza', most recently hosted the wonderful Enfield Winter Lights installation by Eve De Haan, plus my decision to allow businesses to set up shop on the road in Winchmore Hill Green have both helped to encourage footfall to our local businesses.

### **Question 36 from Cllr Derek Levy to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

At Full Council on 26th January 2022, the Leader of the Council tabled a motion calling for the Prime Minister of the UK to resign because, among other things, he had lost the trust of the British public and therefore his right to govern. The motion was carried.

Given that the Enfield Council's Cllr Code of Conduct is the local authority equivalent of the Ministerial Code, and given that the Leader was twice found to have breached the code for actions taken on two occasions within less than six months of assuming her period of office, and has herself subsequently lost the confidence and trust of the Enfield public on a multiplicity of issues, when is she going to finally going to practice what she preached last month, do the honorable thing, and tender the resignation that should have been done without hesitation three years ago.

### **Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

It is disappointing, but unsurprising that Cllr Levy once again aligns himself with the Conservative Party, including Enfield Conservatives who have refused to condemn the disgraceful boozy parties at Number 10 Downing Street.

The Prime Minister should stop lying, take responsibility and resign. While most were separated from loved ones during the pandemic, Boris Johnson was partying. When people scarified so much to follow the rules, he decided he was above them. I can confirm that I did not break the law, and, like most other people, I followed the rules.

More people during the pandemic died because people like Boris Johnson and the staff he appointed didn't take their own rules seriously. And Boris Johnson reminds as Prime Minister because Conservative MPs lack the decency and backbone to call for his resignation, much like Enfield Conservatives and other councillors such as Cllr Levy.

### **Question 37 from Cllr Elif Erbil to Cllr Nneka Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion**

Can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion explain recent volunteering awards?

### **Reply Cllr Nneka Keazor**

I thank the Member for the question. I am really pleased to inform you of how we continue as a local authority to honour those who give so much to our communities and make Enfield such a special and caring place to live.

Despite the challenges presented to us all by the pandemic we have continued to ensure our 100 Hours Volunteering Awards remain part of our programme of activities. These Awards are presented to volunteers that have completed 100 hours or more of voluntary work over one year. In 2021 we awarded 420 certificates and will invite further nominations in April 2022.

In addition to this, I am pleased to tell you I have worked with officers to develop a new Lifetime Achievement and Special Recognition Volunteering Award which was launched in December 2021.

The intention of these new annual awards is to recognise and reward those volunteers that go above and beyond normal expectations in their volunteering role, who may have taken on one or more special initiatives to help others, and those who have shown exceptional long service, to celebrate the effort and commitment they have shown over many years.

The response from our partners in the community to this new initiative has been overwhelmingly positive and on 25th February 2022, I will present medals and certificates to 31 volunteers at the Civic Centre to recognise their outstanding service to Enfield. I hope this new annual event will become a fixture in our civic calendar for many years to come.

**Question 38 from Cllr Maria Alexandrou to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

It has been acknowledged by officers in the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood report to make the scheme permanent that Southgate Circus was under immense pressure and in order to deal with the congestion that the Fox Lane QN has caused it requires major infrastructure improvements that would necessitate significant investment in partnership with TfL (a company that currently has its own financial difficulties).

Would Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council explain why she made the decision to implement the Fox Lane QN scheme permanently before securing such funding from TfL and what contingency is in place should this funding not be forthcoming from TfL?

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

The Fox Lane QN report makes further recommendations for future actions to mitigate some negative impacts. However, it is clear from paragraph 7 that the decision is made in the knowledge that these further recommendations may or may not be implemented and therefore making the ETO permanent stands alone. The decision was taken on the basis that the benefits of the Fox Lane LTN outweigh the negative impacts but recognises that steps may be taken in future to mitigate negative impacts. Some short-term and low-cost measures have been identified for Southgate Circus which will be implemented in the near future.

### Question 39 from Cllr Charith Gunawardena to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

The Fox Lane LTN trial report lists 8 actions to mitigate the damaging consequences of the scheme (point 6). One of the actions states “Resident views are gathered on a future proposal to alter the current model filter on the Meadway. Considerations may include the removal of this restriction entirely, ....”

The report states (figure 5) that most residents perceive the impact to this scheme negatively. Assuming they all support the removal of this restriction; can the Leader confirm the estimated volume of traffic that would then pass through Meadway?

#### Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan

Figure 5, reproduced below, shows how views on the scheme vary depending on where respondents live.

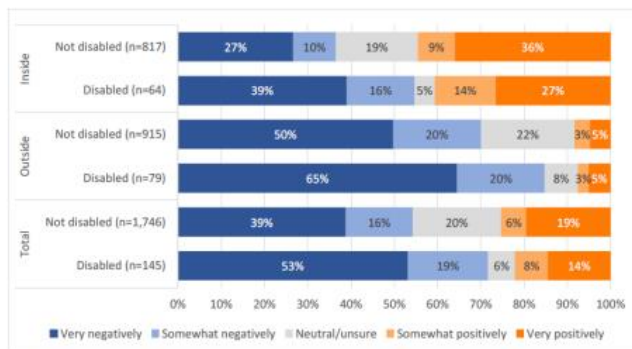


Figure 5 Perceived impacts of the QN by disability. Source: Appendix 9 Consultation Analysis

A review of the Meadway is part of the next steps for the Fox Lane QN, if the trial is made permanent. As well as listening to residents' views, further analysis will be required on the potential traffic impacts.

### Question 40 from Cllr Mustafa Cetinkaya to Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council's plans to install more CCTV in our borough to tackle fly tipping?

#### Reply Cllr Rick Jewell

Officers recently installed 13 new deployable CCTV cameras to help us to tackle fly tipping.

6 cameras have been installed into Upper Edmonton and the other 7 have been deployed at other hotspots locations in the borough.

The plan is to redeploy the cameras every couple of weeks to cover various hotspots for fly tipping throughout the borough. The Council is also asking the public to assist us with identifying any persons captured on CCTV that might appear to be involved in the fly tipping so that we can make further enquiries of them.



**Question 41 from Cllr Edward Smith to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Following the successful residents' ballot on Joyce and Snells, would Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council set out the reasons why the Design Review Panel disagreed with developing mansion block style housing on the estate and instead opted for 20 storey tower blocks?"

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

The Design Review Panel is an independent group which advises the planning service not the housing service. The Panel are architects with experience in design and planning for new homes and it's important that a range of views are taken on board to develop the masterplan. It's not the case that the scheme is opting for 20 storey tower blocks. There is a variation of height and typology across the estate and where height is proposed, it creates wayfinding points through the east to west which connects and creates a destination for existing and new residents.

**Question 42 from Cllr Dinah Barry to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Although the constitution makes it clear that ward Cllrs should be informed and involved in matters that have a particular implication or effect for their ward, there have under her leadership, been numerous examples where we have not been. The proposals to build a crematorium on Firs Farm, to close Fords Grove car park and plans for the permanent closure of the slip road on WH Green being among the most recent.

Would the Leader please explain why this has happened and what she is doing to stop it.

**Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

Officers have a duty to all elected councillors regardless of party and should keep councillors updated about matters that affect their ward.

I previously stated, there is no proposal to build a crematorium on Firs Farm Wetlands. I understand that several spaces within Fords Grove were closed to allow Thames Water to do works on the New River, but the car park remained open for public use. I am aware this is in the context of broadly positive and engaged feedback from businesses and residents about the road closure and ongoing engagement about tweaks to improve the scheme in the future.

**Question 43 from Cllr Mahmut Aksanoglu to Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment**

As part of the Council's efforts to improve recycling rates can the Cabinet Member tell us what is being done to support residents on Council estates?

**Reply Cllr Rick Jewell**

### **Recycling in Estates:**

I am pleased that the Council has recently moved to support council tenants to recycle more. 20 estates were selected to improve/introduce recycling services. Phase one of the project covered 45 blocks of flats.

Over 500 households have been engaged and are currently using the new bins. An additional 60 sites have been identified for recycling improvements in phase 2. This phase like previous phases, will include improving bin areas, new bins, improved signage and resident engagement using best practice principals.

Further collaboration with Enfield Housing continues through recruiting recycling champions for estates and community days and I commend officers for their approach to this initiative.

### **Question 44 from Cllr James Hockney to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader**

Road safety is a major concern on many roads across Bush Hill Park Ward. Despite repeatedly advocating and raising with Enfield Council (including meetings, calls, MEQs etc) a wide range of concerns from residents and groups in the community over the years; road safety measures have not been installed. Would Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader explain why Bush Hill Park Ward has not had road safety improvements in this time?

### **Reply Cllr Ian Barnes**

The Council takes an evidence-led approach to road safety and has developed a prioritisation strategy to help ensure that investment is targeted in the most effective way. This takes into account a basket of indicators, with particular weight given to collisions where vulnerable road users are being injured. In short, the reason why streets in Bush Hill Park ward have not been identified for investment at this stage is simply because the technical evidence indicates that there are other areas with higher casualty rates that must be addressed first.

In 2020 Cllr Hockney tweeted his support for the Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. There are several historic LTNs that have existed in Bush Hill Park since the 1980s as solid examples to highlight the rationale behind the measures. I am happy to have further discussions with Cllr Hockney in relation on such traffic calming measures in BHP.

### **Question 45 from Cllr Daniel Anderson to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Since the scrutiny process was overhauled in the Summer of 2020 with the introduction of 6 new scrutiny panels, can the Leader of the Council say how many reports, together with major recommendations - separate to the annual report - have been produced and come forward to Full Council and/or Cabinet, together with the resulting outcomes?

### **Reply Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

Since July 2020, there have been 2 reports with recommendations referred to Cabinet and one recommendation to General Purposes Committee. Furthermore, comments and feedback have been fed into two major policy documents, and the annual budget setting.

Monitoring of recommendations and referrals from scrutiny panels is an item on the March meeting of OSC.

The referrals and input to major policy documents are listed below:

1. October 2020 referral from Scrutiny on the Meridian Water Scrutiny Report. Cabinet noted the report and Leaders response.
2. December 2020 feedback and views from the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Panel fed into the draft Children and Young People's Action Plan prior to approval at council.
3. December 2020 feedback and views from the Environment and Climate Action Scrutiny Panel fed into the Parks Blue and Green Strategy prior to approval at Council.
4. February 2021 the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Finance and Performance Scrutiny Panels comments fed into the Budget process prior to Council approval.
5. September 2021 referral to Cabinet from the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Panel, on the development of an action orientated mental health charter & policy was agreed. The recommendations and proposed charter were supported, preliminary work was underway, and progress would be reported to the Health & Wellbeing Board.
6. January 2022 recommendation to General Purposes Committee from the Housing Scrutiny Panel that the Portfolio holder and key members receive training on Building Safety responsibilities following the introduction of the Building Safety Bill, and Fire Safety Act 2021, this was agreed as part of the member development programme for 2022/23.
7. February 2022 the Overview & Scrutiny Committees comments are fed into the Budget process prior to Council approval.
8. March 2022 OSC will monitor recommendations and actions referred to Cabinet and committees and receive updates on implementation.

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