

Council Questions – Wednesday 13 May 2015

Section 1: Questions to Cabinet Members

Question 1 from Councillor Laban to Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment explain why some residents associations who represent areas that will be affected by Cycle Enfield have not been allowed to serve on the Cycle Enfield Partnership Boards whilst others have?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The Cycle Enfield Partnership Boards are part of the project governance arrangements. They act as a sounding board for emerging designs. Attendees are expected to garner support from the communities and organisations that they represent and help us whittle down the options to take forward to consultation. To keep the Partnership Board meetings to a manageable size, only residents' associations whose areas touch or are crossed by a main road route were invited to attend.

Question 2 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member explain why the MP for Enfield Southgate is not invited to both the Enfield North and Enfield West Cycle Enfield Partnership Boards given the fact that Grange Ward comes under the North East Cycle Enfield Partnership Board but is actually within the Enfield Southgate parliamentary constituency?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

On 16 July 2014, Council agreed some amendments to the Constitution, including the creation of three new Associate Cabinet Members. Each Associate Cabinet Member provides a focal point around regeneration and other strategic development initiatives within an area e.g. Enfield North, Enfield West and Enfield South East (see attached plan). The Associate Cabinet Member areas are closely aligned with the parliamentary constituencies. However, there are a few anomalies as follows:

1. Grange ward is in Enfield North and is part of Enfield Southgate Constituency
2. Ponders End ward is in Enfield North and is part of Edmonton Constituency
3. Highlands ward is in Enfield West and is part of Enfield North Constituency

This explains why the Member of Parliament for the Enfield Southgate Constituency is invited to Partnership Board meetings for Enfield West and the Member of Parliament for Enfield North Constituency is invited to Partnership Board meetings for Enfield North. Interestingly, no members of Parliament have accepted our

invitations or attended any of the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meetings held so far.

Question 3 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member ensure that the MP for Enfield North is also invited to the Enfield West Cycle Enfield Partnership Board as Highlands Ward is within the Enfield North parliamentary constituency; however that comes under the Enfield West Cycle Enfield Partnership Board?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

As explained in answer 2 above, the Associate Cabinet Member areas are closely aligned with the parliamentary constituencies but there are a few anomalies. To date, Members of Parliament were invited to the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting using a best fit approach. I will discuss the possibility of the Member of Parliament for Enfield North attending both meetings with the relevant Associate Cabinet Members.

Question 4 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety set out what plans his department has to improve engagement with the east of the borough as the Cycle Enfield exhibitions that relate to Edmonton and North East Enfield have the lowest public attendance records?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

To improve engagement in the east of the borough, we will:

1. Choose venues for the next round of public exhibitions that are as attractive and conspicuous as possible
2. Review the timing and duration of public exhibitions to make them as accessible as possible
3. Deliver presentations to community and faith groups
4. Hold a youth event for each main road route
5. Distribute information packs to local businesses
6. Hold a business event for each main road route
7. Publish larger adverts in local papers
8. Consider advertising Cycle Enfield events in social media

Use Council events e.g. the Town Show to capture people's imagination and encourage them to engage with us.

Question 5 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety set out to date how many business groups have met with the Cycle Enfield team as part of the initial engagement process?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

- Met with representatives from Enfield Business and Retailers' Association (EBRA) at the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting on 5 January 2015
- Met representatives from EBRA at the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting on 8 January 2015
- Met various business owners/managers at the Cycle Enfield Exhibition on 11 February 2015
- Met various business owners/managers at the Cycle Enfield Exhibition on 17 February 2015
- Met Huw Jones (North London Chamber of Commerce) and Mark Rudling (EBRA) on 16 February 2015
- Met representatives from EBRA at the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting on 19 February 2015
- Met with Helen Osman (N21) on 19 March 2015
- Met with Ian Welland, Manager of the Palace Exchange shopping centre on 16 April 2015
- Walkabout at Enfield Town Centre with Mark Rudling (EBRA) on 16 April 2015.

Question 6 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Fly tipping levels have risen year on year on since 2012 and residual waste has also gone up, please could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety set out what action plan his department has put in place to reverse this trend?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The operational resources deployed to clear fly tips have not increased during this period, and the fly tip tonnages have only increased marginally over the 3 years.

To address this marginal increase in tonnages additional enforcement resources have been trialled from January 2015. For the first 3 months 373 notices have been served.

As previously updated the new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) contract will help to address the increasing residual tonnages along with the work on fly-tips and waste enforcement. Officers are also reviewing ways to reduce waste and increase recycling to 45% based on other boroughs experiences.

Question 7 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Parents of the children who attend St Andrew's School have contacted me regarding the traffic light junction at Parsonage Lane/Baker Street complaining that the traffic lights do not give any signal as to when the correct time is to cross and feel it is

dangerous for children. This junction is not only used by children who attend St Andrew's but also Enfield Grammar and Enfield County. Can the Cabinet Member advise whether he would be willing to investigate the possibility of having a lollipop person patrol that junction during the local school's dropping off and pick up times as this would be cheaper than having to reconfigure the traffic lights and install a full scale crossing.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The crossing was last reviewed when the previous school crossing patrol retired in January 2012. After careful consideration and discussions with the Police it was decided that the school crossing patrol should not be replaced, mainly because of safety concerns due to the sometimes contradictory information given to motorists by the traffic signals and the school crossing patrol. Although the junction has a good safety record, I fully support the idea of better pedestrian facilities wherever practicable. However, I am conscious that this was looked at by the previous Conservative administration but not taken forward because of the long delays to traffic that were predicted. I have asked officers to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the traffic conditions have changed sufficiently to make the introduction of pedestrian facilities more viable now.

Question 8 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

At a recent Friends of Enfield Playing Fields meeting, senior representatives from the group announced that they had been contacted by the Environment Department about the possibility of having an all-weather sports pitch, however the person who contacted them failed to tell the Public Realm Improvement Officer who attends the Friends of Enfield Playing Fields meeting so therefore the Officer was completely unable to answer questions on the topic and did not even know of the proposed plan.

Can the Cabinet Member advise what measures are in place to ensure that officers who attend future Friends of the Parks (FOPs) meetings are fully briefed so they are able to respond to issues raised at these meetings.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The way that officers meet with the FOP's is being reviewed. Officers attend around 100 meetings with FOP's each year.

Question 9 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The Pevensey Road flats currently have large household wheeled bins that are often overflowing with their lids wide open for all to see the overflowing refuse spilling out. When I enquired, I was told that the flats could not have the larger style recycling bins for flats and enforcement would be needed so that the current provision would not be overflowing, however due to Enfield Homes coming back within the Council, they had no idea how to enforce even though they are now within the same directorate. Can the Cabinet Member advise what steps are being taken to ensure a

“One Enfield Approach to Delivery” within his Department and the necessary guidelines are in place to tackle these type of issues, now and in the future.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Council Housing and Public Realm are working closely to align services and the bin provision here will be reviewed to ensure the optimum numbers and size of bins are located at these properties.

Question 10 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The algae is again forming in the New River, please could the Cabinet Member for Environment set out what action plan is in place this year to make sure it is regularly cleaned during the summer months when it is at its worst?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Duck weed and algae in slow moving water such as the New Rover Loop is unavoidable. I am reminded of King Canute.

Question 11 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Does the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety support some of the other boroughs’ view that an audit of the North London Waste Authority is needed to make sure that both Enfield Council and tax payers are receiving value for money from our waste disposal authority?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

I am unaware of any calls for audits. I believe Enfield’s taxpayers are receiving very cheap waste disposal costs and in fact we have saved local taxpayers millions by increasing recycling rates following our introduction of wheeled bins.

Question 12 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The new highways contractor currently charges significantly higher rates for new crossovers than the previous one. Because of this the Environment Department is investigating the possibility of reducing the cost of crossovers, however at the same time it is conducting a crossover enforcement programme. If the Environment Department is successful in its efforts to reduce the cost of crossovers and extensions to the crossovers then those people who experience enforcement in the latter half of the programme will therefore pay a lower amount.

Does the Cabinet Member agree that the enforcement programme should halt until the outcome of the Environment Department’s work to lower the cost of crossovers is concluded, so everyone pays the same amount so that the council’s key priority of “fairness for all” is truly delivered.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

No, we will not halt our enforcement programme. I would like to remind you that it is illegal to drive across a pavement or verge without a vehicle crossover. If residents are doing this at the moment, then they should not. Our current initiative focusses on classified roads and we will continue to prioritise our efforts on those locations where residents are causing damage and or are causing a danger. This will involve following up with enforcement action on the worst offenders. We will then review the success of the current phase before continuing on borough roads.

The current contract rate is based on the recent London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC). Although this contract provides lower rates overall than our previous contract, the specific rates for constructing vehicle crossover are more expensive. We are currently evaluating contractors' responses to a recent tender exercise for the construction of vehicle crossovers. As a result of this, we will review the current unit rate for constructing vehicle crossovers in order to ensure 'value for money' for our residents.

Question 13 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Please could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration inform the chamber when we are likely to get much needed homes on the Parsonage Lane and St Georges Road small housing sites?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

I am pleased to say that the 3 four bedroom homes being built along St Georges Road will be completed by late July 2015 and the 29 two and three bedroom homes being built along Parsonage Lane by November 2015.

These are the first of the 94 new homes to be built across the original seven small sites and all 94 will be delivered this year.

Question 14 from Councillor R. Hayward to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Please could the Cabinet Member for Housing update the chamber on Enfield's application for a housing zone?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Enfield's Housing Zone is on track to be approved by the Greater London Authority on 13th May 2015.

Question 15 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Can he please update me on the conversations he or officers have had with:

- The owners of the various retail parks along the A10 concerning boy racers gathering there on Sunday nights?
- The Metropolitan Police/Transport for London (TfL) traffic teams concerning speeding on the A10, particularly on Sunday nights?
- Hertfordshire Police or Councils in Hertfordshire concerning joint operations considering the problems that there are with speeding/racing on the A10 North of the M25 roundabout?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

As a local authority, we have been undertaking work with the police and other partners around the issue of cars gathering in nearby areas, particularly industrial estates, where those drivers then go on to speed on the A10. We have coordinated activity through the Joint Tasking arrangements to resolve car “cruises” when these occur, and have been successful in removing them from a variety of estates through measures such as enforcement, improved security or redesign of the car parks to reduce their appeal. We have had some success at areas including Ravenside Retail Park and Enfield Retail Park on Crown Road.

However, because there are several areas where this can be a risk, we continue to work to make these more secure, including providing permanent or temporary CCTV as appropriate.

The Metropolitan Police in Enfield continue to work with Transport for London who have responsibility for the A10 around the enforcement of speeding and with the central police traffic team that undertake and coordinate activity. I am sure Councillor Dines would join me in requesting that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime continues to pay attention to this area alongside their current priorities of reduce cycle deaths in Central London.

Question 16 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Can he please update me on the conversations he or officers have had with Barnet Police or Barnet Council concerning joint operations considering the problems that there are with boy racers in their cars or on their motorbikes meeting in the Friern Barnet Retail Park before speeding on the A406/A10 in Enfield?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

As mentioned in my last response, we have had numerous conversations with the Police around cars speeding on the A10/A406 and gathering on industrial estates and how we can tackle this.

These operations and action are undertaken by the central Metropolitan Police traffic unit, which is a central resource and not a borough based service, so liaison is coordinated through that team. The Neighbourhood Inspector has also prioritised this issue for some time and continues to do so.

Although the area in question is just outside Enfield we will continue to work in partnership together to stop these disruptive gatherings from occurring and to work to reduce speeding on the borough's roads.

Question 17 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

How much has been spent by the Council on the market garden initiative and how many jobs have been created?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

The Council entered into a grant agreement with the Greater London Authority (GLA) for £600,000 funding to deliver a market gardening project. The revenue spend for market gardening for 13/14 and 14/15 is £330,000 which has been claimed from the GLA grant. Capital expenditure for 13/14 and 14/15 is £252,000 and this has been spent as part of the Council's approved capital programme and the medium term financial plan.

- Sixteen community growing projects are receiving funding for local growing projects.
- Community growing projects have delivered more than 100 volunteer places at Forty Hall Farm market garden, Albany Park and Arnos Park alone. The numbers are set to rise as the other projects progress with their projects.
- The Forty Hall market garden supplies Budgens, Forty Hall Café, Baskervilles Tea Shop and other outlets with fresh produce on a weekly basis.
- One new business, the Enfield Veg Co. has been created and has been operating for over a year now.
- Twenty-two primary schools have received funding and training to start growing on their school grounds, and over 600 children have been involved in the growing projects.
- An additional 35 primary schools are keen to grow and will receive support over the next year, with the potential reach another 900 schoolchildren.
- The Farm Start project will provide job and business opportunities for more than six fully trained growers to try their hand at growing for the commercial market

Of course the bulk of the jobs created will arise if the project moves to full implementation, but to date 3 new jobs were created.

Question 18 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

How much money has been spent by the Council in encouraging the growth of the tech sector in Enfield and how many jobs have been created?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

The council with Johnson Matthey, London Waste Eco Park and Kelvin Hughes, recently organised a three day initiative introducing 28 young people aged 14 - 17 to the world of engineering.

Students at Winchmore, Edmonton County, Chace Community, St Anne's and The Latymer Schools spent three days at each company taking part in some practical engineering. The next step, working with local schools will be to investigate the need and plausibility for an engineering pathway for young people specifically tailored to the needs of local engineering firms.

This did not incur any direct costs beyond staff time.

The EnfieldThinks project in Enfield town is designed to provide a range of taster sessions for residents of all ages including business start-up and science and engineering. This project is funded by the training providers involved (the three further education colleges and Birkbeck University) with £20,000 from the Mayor's High Street Fund. As well as the education offer, we are also looking at future potential use of these units for new business start-up models.

The Meridian Water development in the southeast of the borough seeks to create approximately 3,000 new jobs, many of which are expected to be in the tech sector. The Council's Inward Investment strategy will actively encourage this industry to relocate to Enfield, or start a new business in Enfield.

The European Union funded Retrofit London project is working with 175 Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SME)s in Enfield, Haringey, Waltham Forest and Lewisham and includes SMEs in construction and allied professional fields and producers of energy saving technology and products and aims to create 25 new jobs and safeguard 35 existing jobs by December 2015. SMEs supported producers of bio-fuel and energy efficient glazing systems and other products. Construction SMEs taking part in the Retrofit London Project are accredited Green Deal Installers with a cluster of 12 out of about 22 Installers in London located in Enfield. Enfield Council is investing £172,405 in match funding towards this project between Nov 2013 - Dec 2015.

Question 19 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Has the Council considered setting something up akin to a tech incubator that encourages young people in Enfield to set up businesses/pursue their creativity in the tech sector?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Most Enfield schools run enrichment sessions for students in year 10 and above which will include an element of business. Schools may commission entrepreneurial organisations such as the Prince's Trust on an ad hoc basis to support students showing interest in this area.

The initiative described above in response to Question 18 to work with the borough's engineering businesses will raise the profile of this sector and foster interest, as well as the EnfieldThinks project.

The Council works closely with Enterprise Enfield, the borough's enterprise agency, to stimulate and develop business development in all sectors particularly the tech sector. Working with Capital Enterprise the agency is keen to copy and adapt models such as Tech City in Old Street so they can be developed in Enfield.

Question 20 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Does the Council have a strategy for encouraging the growth of the tech industry in Enfield? If it does, what are the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)/measurable outcomes that it is working towards?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

The initiative described above in response to Q18 to work with the borough's engineering businesses will raise the profile of this sector and foster interest, as well as the EnfieldThinks project.

The council will explore the potential to increase the number of schools offering IT courses at KS4 and above, as well as increasing number of children (especially girls) studying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects.

Enterprise Enfield is exploring the development of an incubator space at Enfield Business Centre where start-ups would be offered space to develop with supportive in-house business advice.

The Greater London Authority (GLA) Broadband voucher scheme is being extended to continue supporting businesses to increase their broadband speed and will be integrated into regeneration programmes such as Meridian Water.

Question 21 from Councillor Dines to the Leader of the Council

Will Councillor Taylor rule out the release of any green belt land in Enfield for residential or commercial development over the next:

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15 years?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

It would be premature to comment on the future of the green belt in advance of a review of the Council's Core Strategy (Local Plan) which is now underway.

Enfield's Local Plan is key to shaping the future of the borough and ensuring that the right amount of development is built in the right place at the right time. It must be based on evidence of the economic, social and environmental character and prospects of the area. Consultation on key issues for the Local Plan Review will start this summer. This will outline the challenges faced by Enfield and seek views and ideas from local residents, businesses and other stakeholders on how growth could be accommodated.

Question 22 from Councillor Dines to the Leader of the Council

Does Councillor Taylor agree with the Labour Mayoral candidate David Lammy MP that the green belt should be reviewed to allow residential development on it? If he doesn't, has he told David Lammy MP that Enfield's green belt will never be released for residential development?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

David Lammy MP is not the Labour candidate for London Mayor.

Question 23 from Councillor Dines to the Leader of the Council

The 'Local London: Driving growth through devolution' document' has some interesting proposals in it that are worth considering in more detail. Why are we not pursuing this agenda with our immediate neighbours, Haringey and Barnet, as well given the local links that we have?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

Barnet Council is now a member of the West London Alliance, which is the focus of their sub-regional work.

The Retrofit London project described above in response to Question 18 works closely with Haringey.

Enfield is in a key position within the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor which includes Haringey to the south. New research by London Stansted Cambridge Consortium estimates that over 14,000 new jobs could be generated in the life sciences sector along the London-Stansted-Cambridge Corridor alone before 2023.

The report predicts total life sciences employment could rise to 54,600 jobs by 2023 in the corridor between London, Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridge taking into account the significant projected inward investment into the area, believed to be the highest growth rate in Europe. The report supports the UK Government's prediction that to 2018, the corridor will see a net increase of 7,700 life science employees,

giving an average annual growth rate of 3.5%, the greatest being in the biotech sub-sector, at 9%.

Through its inclusion in the North East cluster of 10 boroughs, Enfield is well-placed as a west positioned partner, and new funding opportunities for employment and skills development are actively being pursued with the sub-region.

Question 24 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Given we are entering a new financial year will the Council now consider releasing funds for the extension of the double yellow lines at the corner of Rosewood Drive and Wroxham Gardens?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

We will consider Rosewood Drive / Wroxham Gardens as part of our junction protection programme. However we get many requests of this nature, far more than we can fund. We therefore prioritise each request against a set of criteria which includes road casualty record, number of vehicles and pedestrians using the junction and proximity of schools. We will fully assess the Rosewood Drive / Wroxham Gardens junction but I suspect it will score quite low when compared to many busier junctions that we have had similar request for.

Question 25 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm that at no point during the next three years will residents living in Chase Ward have to pay for their garden waste to be collected by the Council?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Due to the budget savings facing the Council both imposed and planned, services are continually being reviewed against the need to reduce budgets. I can give no commitments because of the budget reductions that we will have to make.

Question 26 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm that at no point during the next three years will residents living in Chase Ward see their 'black' bins collected fortnightly?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

I refer you to Question 25.

Question 27 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Below are some of the comments I have received from residents in Enfield over recent weeks. Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that the Council, local police, Met Police centrally, Transport for London and the owners of the retail parks need to work together and prioritise enforcement on the A10:

- I nearly got run over on Tesco's Ponders End zebra crossing (outside their frontdoor!) by one of these ***** who then did a high speed 'donut' around the car park roundabout just to show off his bright green death machine.
- My car was hit by a hit and run ***** in a fast car a couple of weeks ago just up the road from McDonald's. Somehow the police were unable to identify their car despite 2 cameras pointing at the junction.
- I hated living nearby and the fact Enfield council and the police did nothing for years. Apparently, the 'boy racers' aren't even boys but husbands and grown men!
- I work in Hackney and I enforce for littering in a public place I think the enforcement officers for Enfield should do an operation with the local SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) and start issuing fines to these youths and it might make them a bit more respectful of the area!!
- I have work colleagues from all over London. The South, West and East and when I've complained about not having much sleep on a Sunday night due to these so called men in their stupidly loud and anti-social cars, they have said oh we know about the A10 strip our mates go there. It's not just people from around Enfield, this is a well-known "racing" road for these idiots. It's all organised on social media. People literally come from miles around to show off and "race" each other on a road with a 40mph speed limit. The noise is dreadful and used to wake my son up. Fortunately he is now quite a heavy sleeper. Even now as I am sitting here typing this I can hear one outside.
- Between 9pm and 1am, I'd say is the loudest times of Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.
- I live between both of these sites off Addison Road (A10 and Brimsdown) and this noise is so bad during the warmer nights I cannot have the windows open at night, it needs to stop before someone is killed or injured.
- We live near Bullsmoor lights and its awful keeps us awake and sometimes wakes the baby. The scary thing is there are other motorists on the road and their life's are being put at risk through no fault of their own. These cars go so fast I'm surprised their hasn't been a fatal accident already it needs stopping before there is
- I know someone who lives on the corner of Lee Road, and she's being driven to distraction by it. Her son refuses to sleep in the front now

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

I congratulate Councillor Dines in meeting some of his constituents. A rare event indeed.

I am fully aware of the impact this can have which is why we are working in partnership to tackle this problem.

As Councillor Dines knows from my other responses, the enforcement of speeding on the A10 is a matter for the Metropolitan Police and Transport for London (TfL) and I again ask if Councillor Dines would join me in asking the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime continue to make central resource available to support the local Ward Team, for whom this continues to be a priority.

I should also add that as a local authority with joined up CCTV systems, we are already monitoring any TfL traffic cameras in the area at appropriate times and passing information or activity to the Police to enable a response.

Question 28 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Assuming Meridian Water does eventually get developed, what is the working assumption as to how many residential units a year will be released onto the market and what will the starting date of their release be?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The Council is targeting housing completions on Meridian Water from 2018. The rate of completions will be determined by the master developer (once appointed).

Question 29 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Has the granting of housing zone status at Tottenham Hale, and the large number of residential units being planned there, impacted in any way upon the Council's assumptions as to how many units a year will be released onto the market?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

There is a housing supply crisis in London. The Council has been advised that Meridian Water and Tottenham can both deliver large volumes of homes without giving rise to market saturation.

Question 30 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

With respect to the placing of people in Enfield in temporary accommodation, how many conversations have you had with Haringey Council concerning the number of people they place into the Borough?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Enfield Council is in a live and active partnership with Haringey Council as part of the North London Housing Partnership. The full membership of this group consists of Enfield, Haringey, Barnet, Islington, Camden and Westminster. The Council is represented at a senior management level at regular meetings, where all matters relating to homelessness across the partnership are discussed: this includes the number of placements made in all the partner boroughs. To exemplify the high profile and importance given to this subject, of 12 meetings which took place during 2014-15, the subject was discussed 10 times.

Question 31 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

With respect to the placing of people in Enfield in Temporary Accommodation, how many conversations have you had with Barnet Council concerning the number of people they place into the Borough?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Enfield Council is in a live and active partnership with Barnet Council as part of the North London Housing Partnership. The full membership of this group consists of Enfield, Haringey, Barnet, Islington, Camden and Westminster. The Council is represented at a senior management level at regular meetings, where all matters regarding homelessness across the partnership are discussed, this includes the number of placements made. To exemplify the high profile given to this subject of 12 meetings which took place during 2014-15, the subject was discussed 10 times.

Question 32 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

How many people/families have been housed out of Enfield over the last calendar year and what other authorities were they placed in?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Private Rented Sector Lettings

Local Authority	
Barking & Dagenham	2
Barnet	4
Birmingham	1
Bournemouth	1
Broxbourne	5
Chichester	1
Cheshunt	2
Haringey	11
Harlow	1
Hertsmere	1
Middlesborough	1
Newham	1
Preston	1
Southwark	1
Tendring	1
Waltham Forest	1
Welwyn & Hatfield	1
Wellingborough	1
Wolverhampton	2
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Temporary Accommodation Lets

Local Authority	
HARINGEY	200
BROXBOURNE	63
BARNET	47
HACKNEY	35
HARLOW	28
WALTHAM FOREST	23
NEWHAM	18
BRENT	9
BARK & DAG	8
EPPINGFOR	8
CROYDON	6
ISLINGTON	6
HERTSMERE	6
HARROW	5
THURROCK	4
REDBRIDGE	4
LEWISHAM	4
WELWYN HATFIELD	3
LAMBETH	3
LUTON	3
BEXLEY	3
PETERBOROUGH	3
WESTMINSTE	2
HAVERING	2
GREENWICH	2
RICHMOND	2
SLOUGH	2
BROMLEY	1
WOKING	1
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Question 33 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

When is work set to start on the 'small site' plots in Chase Ward?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Development works are programmed to start on site at Tudor Crescent by the end of next month (May 2015) and complete by November 2015, and at Forty Hill & Lavender Hill the following month (June 2015) with completion planned at these two sites in December 2015.

Question 34 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

When will the announcement of which secondary schools are going to get a bulge class to meet the identified demand for secondary school places in Central and Western Enfield be made?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

We regularly review information about the demand for secondary places. The current school roll projections do not suggest a need for bulge classes in addition to current plans for provision of additional secondary school places from Heron Hall and Ark North Enfield between September 2016 and September 2018.

For additional provision in 2019 and 2020, the need for temporary arrangements will depend on the outcome of discussions and plans for the permanent provision. If temporary arrangements are needed then we would not expect to be confirming that until 2017.

Question 35 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

The Secondary School places paper, which incredibly the Council did not debate at the last Full Council, identified that a new school will likely be needed in the Centre or West of the borough to balance out the over provision in the East of the Borough.

Can I please be provided with an update on how the search for a site is going? I understand specifics can't be mentioned but can you give a categorical assurance that a site will be found and a deal struck so that a new Secondary School will be ready by September 2019 as the report indicates is needed?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

The Secondary School Places paper produced to update Council stated that in addition to a need for 10 forms of entry by September 2018 (11 additional forms will be provided by Heron Hall and Ark North Enfield) a further 16 forms of entry would be required between September 2019 and September 2020. There are a multitude of options to provide those 16 forms and the paper states that they could be provided through two new schools. However, if in discussion with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) it transpires that new schools will not provide enough provision then the expansion of existing schools would be an option.

Question 36 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

Can I and residents be assured that if a Free School or Academy provider is willing to provide a new Secondary School in the centre/west of the borough that it will be seriously considered?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

I am sure that Councillor Dines is aware of the legislation around free schools and academies.

The Council is pragmatic in terms of the funding and delivery of additional secondary school places. The most important element of any proposal is that there must be a clear and evidenced commitment to quality of provision and a willingness to work with the Council and other school providers in the borough to deliver the best possible education to children in our borough.

Question 37 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

Does the expected provision of a three form entry Primary School at Chase Farm mean that the expected number of forms of entry in the centre and west of the Borough for Secondary School provision needs to be increased upwards? Was this taken into account in the Secondary School places paper? If it wasn't, then what will the upwards revision be?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

The need for additional secondary school places to serve an area is based on population and school roll projections not the amount of primary school provision. The residential development at Chase Farm will create demand for secondary school places but the provision requirements in the immediate area are less clear due to different travel patterns of secondary school children.

The impact of the residential development at Chase Farm on demand for secondary school places will be assessed as part of this year's school places report. The assessment cannot be done now as there needs to be a discussion with the Greater London Authority (GLA) about how the delivery of the residential development over the long-term will be picked up by their school roll projection model.

Question 38 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Will the Council be looking to own private rented sector units at Meridian Water?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The Council is open to owning homes at Meridian Water. These homes could include private rented sector homes.

Question 39 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

How much did the LDA Design Vision masterplan for Meridian Water cost and is this still a 'live' document within the Council or is it now considered out of date?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The Masterplan and all the evidence gathered to support the Masterplan cost the Council £340,000. The Masterplan has been adopted and is therefore a planning consideration. The Masterplan principles remain current.

Question 40 from Councillor Smith to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Could the Cabinet Member provide the Council with the Enfield expenditure and income figures for the three types of temporary accommodation (Private Sector Leased (PSL), Private Leased Annex (PLA) and Nightly Paid Accommodation (NPA) for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 (projected)?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The table below shows Temporary Accommodation rents Expenditure and Income

	Expenditure	Income	Net
2013/14 outturn	£'000	£'000	£'000
PSL	7,609	(10,623)	(3,014)
PLA	8,873	(10,698)	(1,825)
NPA&BB	10,181	(6,770)	3,411
	<u>26,663</u>	<u>(28,091)</u>	<u>(1,428)</u>
2014/15 outturn			
PSL	7,454	(10,420)	(2,966)
PLA	10,047	(10,935)	(888)
NPA&BB	15,796	(11,738)	4,058
	<u>33,297</u>	<u>(33,093)</u>	<u>204</u>
2015/16 (forecast based on EY model)			
PSL	7,472	(9,436)	(1,964)
PLA	11,017	(11,267)	(250)
NPA&BB**	22,054	(19,486)	2,568
	<u>40,543</u>	<u>(40,189)</u>	<u>354</u>

* The 2015/16 forecast for NPAs assumes a £5m mitigation savings will be achieved.

The figures in brackets represent income.

Question 41 from Councillor Smith to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Could the Cabinet Member tell the council whether he is involved with any discussions with the Greater London Authority GLA or London Councils to restrict the flow of homeless households from other boroughs into Enfield and what is the current position?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The homelessness challenges facing London Boroughs are discussed regularly at The London Councils Housing Directors meetings. To exemplify the high profile given to this subject of 6 Housing Directors meetings which took place from March 2014 to date, the subject was discussed 6 times. It was also discussed twice at the Leaders London Council Meeting from October 2014 to date.

Since 2010, I and the Leader have written to Grant Shapps, on numerous occasions and recently written to Brandon Lewis (Feb 2015) and Iain Duncan-Smith (March 2015).

The monitoring of movement of households between boroughs is available for the first six months of 14/15 only. It indicates that 783 households were placed in Enfield during this time by other boroughs.

Question 42 from Councillor J Charalambous to the Leader of the Council

I am disappointed to see that the Council has waited until the very end of the 8 week statutory period in considering whether or not to grant the heritage assets at Trent Park the status of an Asset of Community Value – at the time of writing no decision has been announced and the deadline of the outcome is today (28 April 14 - which coincides with the deadline for submitting this question). Does he not think it is unfair that the Council has taken so long to consider this relatively straightforward application which should, in my estimation, have taken no more than 4 weeks to consider?

Irrespective of whether or not the heritage assets at Trent Park are granted the status of an Asset of Community Value by Enfield Council will he ensure that, together with the soon to be established working group, he will guarantee that the Council will do everything in its power to ensure the grounds to the front and rear of the mansion are granted permanent public access, and that the history and heritage of the site is promoted – with a museum and memorial to be installed at the very least to honour the Secret Listeners of World War II whose work at Trent Park was integral in the war effort?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

I have been clear from the outset that Trent Park is an important part of Enfield's history, and I am again happy to add my support to the Council doing everything it can to ensure it remains part of the Borough's future. I am grateful for Councillor Charalambous' opinion on the time it should have taken to consider this application, and I note his assessment of how long it should take is based on no empirical evidence or knowledge.

Question 43 from Councillor J. Charalambous to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

There has been a marked rise in hawkers in Cockfosters in recent months – over the past year on at least three separate occasions young men have approached my door and those of my neighbours claiming to be on a prison probation programme and using hard sale tactics to sell household cleaning products. I have spoken to the police who have confirmed there is no such scheme and that their behaviour is illegal, and I am grateful to them for their prompt action in seeking to identify these individuals. My concern is that many elderly and vulnerable people find these individuals intimidating and are forced to part with money for things they don't require, and moreover that they are exposed to other potential risks and dangers.

What will the Council do to inform people of the fraudulent behaviour of these hawkers and to advise residents not to open the door and engage with them? In my view a letter highlighting this issue to all households where the hawkers operate is a minimum.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The Trading Standards team operate a programme of educational talks and events to advise vulnerable and older people across the borough on how to prevent them becoming victims of doorstep crime and rogue trading. This usually includes at least one talk/event at the over 50s forum. This advice is also included as part of the 'Safe as Houses' package operated by the Community Safety team for prevention of burglary and distraction burglary.

Trading Standards also work with partners like the Police and immigration to undertake proactive patrols on building works to check that householders are not being ripped off by rogues. They undertook one of these Operation Liberal patrols on Cockfosters ward in February 2015.

In relation to your concerns about hawkers selling goods at the door in Cockfosters ward, we will contact the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, CAPE, any Neighbourhood Watch and resident associations in that ward to make them aware and to remind residents of precautions to take, such as:-

- Don't answer the door unless you are expecting a visitor
- If you do answer the door, make sure your back door is locked whenever you answer the front door and either talk through the locked front door or if you open the door keep the chain on
- Politely ask them to go as you are not interested in buying goods on the doorstep
- Don't let them inside
- Persons selling goods door to door are required to be licensed by the Metropolitan Police. Ask them for their ID and licence and that you will check with the Police

Question 44 from Councillor J. Charalambous to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

There has been a prolific rise in planning applications in Hadley Wood for infilling to provide new oversized houses on residential plots – this is to the dismay of many local residents who see the character of their neighbourhood changing rapidly. What can he do to ensure that infilling or new developments that are granted consent are more sympathetic in size and location than is currently the case?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

All applications for extension and new infill development are carefully considered against the policies contained in the Council's adopted Core Strategy and Development Management Document. Recognising the importance of new development to economic growth and the supply of much needed housing, the national planning policy statement contains a presumption in favour of allowing development to proceed unless the effect on the area or residential amenity is in itself harmful. Applications for development in Hadley Wood will continue to be assessed against these policies taking into consideration site circumstances and the

comments of local residents to ensure development is of the highest quality within the existing framework of national, regional and local planning policy.

Section 2: Questions for Association Cabinet Members

Question 45 from Councillor Dines to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield North

Can the Associate Cabinet Member please explain what work he has carried out in relation to Chase Ward in his role as Associate Cabinet Member since January 1st 2015? Does he think this represents good value for money?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield North

Specific responsibility for issues related to Chase ward are of course the prerogative of the ward councillors. I am surprised that you are not aware of that.

Question 46 from Councillor Chamberlain to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield South East

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield South East

I have been very busy since the last council meeting, attending many meetings with residents, community groups, officers and meeting with my family. Indeed the first meeting I attended after the last council meeting was with my wife - that was right after the council meeting - and the first meeting the following day was with my son and my grandchildren, who I took to the park. Perhaps Councillor Chamberlain would like to walk with me to the park; it's a great way of meeting with and talking to local people.

If Councillor Chamberlain would like to be specific as to which meetings he is interested in that I attended, e.g. meetings with residents, community groups, offices or my family, I will gladly supply them to him. To list all these meetings here would be too many to include. For starters, Councillor Chamberlain should read Report No.224 that went to Cabinet on 29 April 2015.

Question 47 from Councillor Laban to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield North

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield North

Please refer to the last Cabinet agenda.

Question 48 from Councillor Neville to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield West

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield West

Please refer to the last Cabinet agenda.

Section 3: Questions to Statutory Committee Chairs

Question 49 from Councillor Neville to the Chair of Planning Committee

Will the Chair make a statement about the decision of the High Court in February to quash the grant of planning permission for 36 Walsingham Road approved by his committee in June 2014 and to further order the council to pay the applicant the entirety of her costs after a separate hearing on the issue in which the judge rejected outright the council's arguments to pay only a fraction of costs.

Can he give the council an indication of what this case has/or is likely to cost council tax payers, and will he tell the council whether he and Labour members of the Planning Committee have learned any lessons on the way that the committee under his chairmanship attempted to ride roughshod over ordinary residents whose only offence has been to have the wit and the wherewithal to bring a strong legally represented challenge to the arrogance of the planning authority in refusing requests for a deferral and proper consideration to be given to the residents reasonable and well-argued representations.

Would he further confirm that this case following close on the heels of the judgement against the council in the Landlords Licensing Case demonstrates that "people power" backed by the courts is thankfully alive and well and is on the march in Enfield against a council that has perhaps got a little above itself in its decision making.

Reply from the Chair of Planning Committee

The decision to grant planning permission for development at 36 Walsingham Road was the subject of Judicial Review. The Council accepted a technical error in its approach to the assessment of the application (Ground 1) and the decision was quashed on this ground (Ground 1) alone. There was no consideration of the merits of Grounds 2 – 7 advanced by the claimant's argument and the judicial review process does not convey any inference on the acceptability of the Council's decision.

The Council has not yet received notification on the decision on the award of costs. No record is maintained of the time spent on each application making it difficult to estimate costs but the purpose of the Council in acceding to Ground 1 at an early stage was to minimise costs to all parties.

The planning application was subject to public consultation whose comments were

taken into consideration by officers and the Planning Committee. The presence of local objections, however, does not always justify a refusal of planning permission as the application must be determined on its planning merits. As a result of the Judicial Review, the application falls to be re-determined by the Council as local planning authority and that process has recently commenced with public consultation.