

Council Questions 9 November 2016

Question 1 from Councillor Jemal to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health

There has been much discussion in Enfield locally about knife crime and Government action. Can the Cabinet Member tell the Council if the Government action has materialised?

Question 2 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Members of the Council will have read last week of the arrest of Mr Alistair Baird, Managing Director, Barratt London, by officers of the Complex Fraud Team of the Metropolitan Police, "on suspicion of bribery over possible misconduct in awarding contracts". Members will know that Barratt has been chosen as the Council's development partner in respect of Meridian Water, the largest housing scheme of its kind in the UK. The Council will obviously want to be satisfied that Mr Baird's arrest is not in any way connected with the negotiation, tendering processes and award of the contract for Meridian Water. In order that the Council can be so satisfied, will the Leader formally set up an independent inquiry, if necessary using the services of the Council's external auditors?

Question 3 from Councillor Maguire to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency

Can the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency advise what the cost both financially and in staff time of dealing with objections to this year's statement of accounts have been?

Question 4 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Councillor Erbil was recently convicted of an offence of provoking violence under section 4, Public Order Act 1986 for which he was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay £1080 in fines and costs. Councillor Erbil wrote to all members telling them that he was punished for "a verbal altercation". In fact the court record shows that he was given a custodial sentence because he had produced a hammer from his car and threatened the other party in the altercation.

Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that on these facts, and having regard to the two previous convictions for fraud last year, Nesimi Erbil is totally unsuitable to be an elected councillor and that he should resign forthwith to allow the people of Lower Edmonton the chance to elect a new councillor?

Question 5 from Councillor Levy to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

The Government has a policy of creating more secondary modern schools. Can the Cabinet Member tell us how many secondary modern schools will the Government want to see in Enfield?

Question 6 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

In the event that Councillor Erbil does not resign following his convictions, will Councillor Taylor join with me in formally reporting Councillor Erbil to the Councillor Conduct Committee?

Question 7 from Councillor Doyle to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration tell us what the likely impact of a forced sale of high value Council housing would be explaining to us how it would work in Enfield?

Question 8 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Kent County Council has just launched a six week consultation on its budget, much earlier than usual because of the financial challenges facing the County Council.

Does the Leader propose to give Enfield residents and businesses a similar opportunity rather than waiting until the New Year, particularly having regard to the projected £7.9million revenue overspend?

Question 9 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Can the Cabinet Member update the Council on the Government resettlement plan for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC) in Enfield?

Question 10 from Councillor Vince to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Can Councillor Taylor tell the Council what the Administration's and London Council's position is on accepting Syrian children from Calais, bearing in mind his previous comment "that he will act on this when called upon"?

Question 11 from Councillor Stafford to Councillor Brett Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture

Damien Green, the new Government Minister for the Department for Work and Pensions, signalled that austerity was over in a recent statement. But the reality is that spending reviews carried out in 2015 have done most of the damage already, particularly to the income of those in poverty and who are disabled. Can the Cabinet Member for Communities, Arts and Culture advise us how this has impacted upon Enfield?

Question 12 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Would the Cabinet Member please update the Council on how many conversations she has had in the last month with the Wren Academy about their proposed school in Enfield?

Question 13 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Business Development

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Business Development assure the Council that if the Council participates in the 2017 MIPIM event (the World's Leading Property Market) that it will be at no cost to the Council taxpayer?

Question 14 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Business Development tell me how many different landowners there are in the Meridian Water masterplan area including how much money has been paid out to each landowner since 2010?

Question 15 from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Given the problems in the local Enfield health economy does the record of the Government in relation to the NHS and Social Care give the Cabinet Member comfort?

Question 16 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

I and many concerned residents of Enfield would like to know how the issue of speeding on the A10 is being tackled by the authorities involved. Can Councillor Fonyonga please tell me how many meetings, providing dates and minutes, have been held by either her or her council officers since she was appointed, with the following organisations, where this was a specific item on the agenda:

- The Enfield Borough Police
- London Transport Police (units responsible for policing TfL Roads)
- Barnet Council
- Haringey Council
- Broxbourne Council
- Hertfordshire County Council

Question 17 from Councillor Hurman to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

A recent BBC survey suggested that rejected recyclable material has increased by 84% since 2011. Could the Cabinet Member please update councillors on the position in Enfield?

Question 18 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Can you inform me as to what actions officers are now taking, following the work that Councillor Brett and myself had undertaken together to try and get a resolution to the problem of speeding on the A10, and provide copies of the briefing note that was

prepared for you by officers on your appointment as Cabinet Member concerning this matter?

Question 19 from Councillor N Cazimoglu to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health

I note that on the front page of the Enfield Gazette and Advertiser (19 October 2016) the Deputy Leader of the opposition poses in front of an empty tennis court to oppose the changes to the tennis courts on Great Cambridge Road. Given the proposals of the Council have the support of the Lawn Tennis Association how much significance should be given to Councillor Laban's comments?

Question 20 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Oykenner, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Can I please be told how many properties Housing Gateway has purchased since January 2016 on a ward by ward basis?

Question 21 from Councillor Ekechi to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health

Can the Cabinet Member tell us what the recently recruited Council funded police officers in Enfield are currently working on?

Question 22 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

I understand that shortly before or during the summer recess you met with Valerie Shawcross at City Hall to discuss Cycle Enfield, in particular as it applies to Enfield Town, where of course there was an overwhelming objection to your Administration's proposals for the Enfield Town Centre. Can you tell the Council the purpose and more particularly the outcome of that meeting?

Question 23 from Councillor Simon to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Across London there has been a recent rapid rise in care cases. Can the Cabinet Member advise us of the position in Enfield setting out the impact it is having on her department?

Question 24 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oykenner, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration inform the Council what the plans are for the Mottingham Hall community facility in Edmonton, including details of the usage rate this year?

Question 25 from Councillor McGowan to Councillor Brett Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture

Can the Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture inform the Council how many Enfield residents have been affected by benefit sanctions?

Question 26 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Does the Cabinet Member for Environment agree with Labour Councillors in Barnet who are calling for residents to be given a choice between tarmac and paving slabs for pavement resurfacing?

Question 27 from Councillor Savva to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

At the Conservative Party Conference, the Conservative Welsh Leader, when addressing the conference from the platform said, 'we will make breakfast – Brexit – a success'. For Enfield residents does Brexit appear to have certainty of outcome or is the Government's approach a "Dog's Breakfast"?

Question 28 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

What steps are the Leader of the Council taking to ensure the £7.9 million overspend is substantially reduced before the end of this financial year?

Question 29 from Councillor During to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration tell us what the likely impact on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) on "Pay to Stay" in Enfield will be, including how many tenants are likely to be affected?

Question 30 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

There have been mixed messages from officers regarding the provision of Christmas Trees this year, therefore, would the Cabinet Member for Environment commit to providing a real Christmas tree in Enfield Town this festive season?

Question 31 from Councillor Jagge to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the work of the Council's Trading Standards Service?

Question 32 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Will the Cabinet Member commit to not closing off any more roads during this Council term?

Question 33 from Councillor Kepez to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care tell us what partnership work the local authority is doing with the Enfield Clinical Commissioning Group (ECCG) to work with providers of residential and nursing care to ensure they are Mental Capacity Act / Deprivation of Liberty Compliant?

Question 34 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Do you agree that it was unacceptable that applications for a permit to allow large vehicles into Barrowell Green could, up until recently, following a complaint by a colleague, only be made online?

Question 35 from Councillor Keazor to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Can the Leader provide an update on the NHS led Sustainability and Transformation Plan for North Central London?

Question 36 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Achilleas Georgiou, Deputy Leader of the Council

Could the Deputy Leader of the Council state how many generic email addresses, for example development.control@enfield.gov.uk, have more than 50 emails unread?

Question 37 from Councillor Hasan to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Would the Cabinet Member update the Council of the extensive work of KRATOS, the Children in Care Council, and in doing so, join me in congratulating them on their commitment and hard work.

Question 38 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Would the Leader of the Council provide details of the number of Enfield Council owned companies, currently operating, including providing the following information for each individual company:

- The company name
- The names of their directors
- Their annual expenditure for 2015/16
- Their outstanding debt as of September 2016
- Their outstanding loans as of September 2016

Question 39 from Councillor Dogan to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Business Development

Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development update the Council on the outcome of Energetik's heat supply agreement discussions with the North London Waste Authority?

Question 40 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oykener, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Please could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration inform the chamber of the costs so far, for the legal case against FECA in terms of their lease on the shop unit in Mottingham Road?