

Council Questions and Responses - 19 September 2017

Question 1 from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Would Councillor Orhan update this Council on her commitment to the library services, the current status of the extensive refurbishment of Edmonton Library, the 20,000 books and the multi-million pound facelift in the heart of Edmonton Green?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

Edmonton Green Library has been comprehensively refurbished to create a stunning new library covering 2 floors of the Edmonton Centre. This replaces the smaller single storey library that previously occupied the site.

The stock has been updated and 20,000 new books have been purchased to ensure that there is an excellent and wide choice of reading and reference material available, across a range of subjects. The selection of authors available will support both reading for learning and reading for pleasure.

I have ensured that there is high quality community space for groups to hire, and office space for local entrepreneurs who will have professional space to conduct business and hold meetings.

At the heart of this library is access to 100 computers for library members, which will enable and support learning and business in a modern environment.

This investment represents our confidence in Edmonton as a place to live, work and study. Feedback from local traders has indicated the importance of this type of facility in increasing footfall to the shopping centre, thereby increasing opportunities for trade.

I will be issuing a personal invitation to the Edmonton Library membership and local traders to preview this fantastic facility from the 19th of September onwards, with full opening to follow on shortly afterwards.

Question 2 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Would the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health set out in detail in response to this question Enfield Council's official view regarding the Mayor of London's plans to close both Enfield Town and Southgate police stations leaving one police station in Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga:

Enfield Council's official view is that funding to the Metropolitan Police should not be reduced. They should have the resources they need to keep our community safe.

Councillor Laban may recall that in June 2017, she led an opposition vote against a motion passed by Enfield Council calling for a joint letter to be sent to the Home Secretary requesting increased funding to the police and more resources for Enfield.

In contrast, this administration continues to campaign tirelessly for more police officers for Enfield and, despite government cuts to council finances, continues to pay for additional officers to support the police to keep our community safe.

Question 3 from Councillor Doyle to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Could Councillor Fonyonga please explain what the “Boyfriend Material?” campaign is?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga:

‘Boyfriend Material?’ is the second phase of our campaign against domestic violence seeking to raise awareness with teenage girls and young women of the signs of an abusive, coercive or controlling relationship and signpost the audience to information, help and support.

It continues our partnership with our innovative communications team on the first phase of our campaign, the ‘He doesn’t love you if...’ campaign which targeted young women aged between 14 - 30 on the social media platforms that we considered most likely to be accessed by them. These included online shopping sites such as ASOS and Boohoo and social media sites which included You Tube, Instagram and Snapchat.

This campaign was extremely popular and very successful and for example, approximately 88% of the target audience saw the campaign. Also, over 4,000 people have clicked and engaged with the campaign thus achieving exceptional reach and interaction rates. Furthermore, the 2017 Valentine’s Day digital campaign and supporting communications activity resulted in a 1,966% increase in unique website visits to the domestic abuse information page and by the end of the campaign, visitors to the webpage spent on average 3 minutes longer than at the start of it, thus providing untold guidance, information and support to those at the highest risk of domestic violence in our borough.

Question 4 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Would the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health confirm or deny whether she supports the Mayor of London’s plans to leave only one police front counter in our borough?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga:

I confirm that to avoid this situation, the government should fund the Metropolitan Police force properly.

I deny that it is possible to protect the public on the cheap, as some may think is magically possible.

Question 5 from Councillor McGowan to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration update us on the progress to start demolishing the Alma Estate?

Reply from Councillor Oyken:

The demolition of Kestrel House has started and is due to be completed before Christmas. The new building will commence during the first quarter of 2018.

A series of workshops are being held on Thursday 14 September 2017 to explain to residents the current progress and Phase 2 – the new community centre, youth centre, energy centre, medical centre and replacement housing for Cormorant and Merlin Towers.

Question 6 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Doug Taylor, Leader of the Council

Would the Leader of the Council commit to writing a joint letter to the Mayor of London opposing his plans to dispose of both Enfield Town and Southgate police stations?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

A more effective joint approach would be a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State which we have already proposed.

Question 7 from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture

I understand that you are keen to encourage park railings to be used, much as they are in Hyde Park, to showcase paintings and art. Do we have examples of this?

Reply from Councillor Brett:

The Palmers Green Festival and Café Starfish have worked in partnership over the past two years to use the railings at Broomfield Park on Aldermans Hill to display works by local artists, along the line of the displays on the railings of Green Park along Piccadilly and the Left Bank in Paris. This carries on the work that was started by Dan Maier and the Cultural Exchange when they produced their Open House and Art Trail across Southgate and Palmers Green. It animates our streets in a positive way and provides opportunities for local artists to show their work to a wider audience. It promotes enterprise, promotes culture, brings art and culture into the public space and uses our existing resources in a positive way. I applaud the Palmers Green Festival and café Starfish for taking the initiative and I hope that it can be seen as a possible way for other artists to promote their work and animate

their environment in other parts of the borough.

Question 8 from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

At the July 2017 Council Meeting you informed the Council in a written response to my question 15 that, " the pressure on secondary school places becomes critical in 2018 when there is a requirement for an additional six forms of entry with a further six forms of entry in 2012".

Can Councillor Orhan give a guarantee that every pupil applying for a secondary school place in Year 7 in an Enfield School in September 2018 will be allocated a place?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

The Department of Education (DfE) and Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) had previously approved two new academy schools in Enfield, the Wren Academy by 2018 and Ark North Enfield by 2020. Enfield has now had official confirmation that the ESFA will not be able to deliver the new Wren Academy planned on the Chase Farm Hospital site by 2018. The School Expansion Programme (SEP), update report, November 2016, identified a growing demand for secondary school places from the academic year 2018/19 and there would be a rising need for additional secondary places in the academic years following. The pressure on the secondary sector follows the significant increase in the primary estate to cope with growth in demand for primary school places.

The SEP update report also identified that if the ESFA failed to deliver the new academy school then contingency plans would need to be implemented to ensure enough secondary school places. The Council has not made plans to permanently increase the secondary school estate as this would cause an oversupply of places when the new academies are eventually established. The approach for contingency plans to increase the number of available secondary places will be temporary in nature within the existing secondary school estate and implemented voluntarily by school's willingness to accept additional pupils. Some schools have already indicated a willingness to admit additional pupils. Officers met in August to discuss this situation and concluded that given current trends the local authority would have sufficient capacity to meet need for September 2018. However, officers are meeting with secondary headteachers on 20 September 2017 to establish which schools are in a position to expand in September 2018 if required. Some school adaptations may be necessary but this will be reported through the normal Council procedures.

The Council will continue to plan to meet its statutory obligations in providing sufficient school places. Based on the available data I am confident that all pupils applying for an Enfield secondary school place in year 7 in September 2018 will be allocated one. However, school place planning is a dynamic process and officers will provide regular updates as the academic year unfolds.

Question 9 from Councillor Barry to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture

We have heard you will be involved in an Enfield Poem-a-thon to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and to raise much needed funds for them in Enfield. Can you tell us more?

Reply from Councillor Brett:

I am delighted that the partnerships we have been developing across community and culture are producing such excellent initiatives as the poem-a-thon which will take place at The Dugdale Centre on 1 October 2017. It is possible because of the partnership and good relationship that has developed between the Council and Enfield Poets since their move to the Dugdale Centre. I would particularly like to pay tribute to Anthony Fisher whose passion for poetry has been the driving force of the partnership and to the poet Maggie Butt who is the driving force behind this particular initiative.

I am very proud that Enfield Refugee Welcome Group is the first Community Sponsorship Group in the UK to have resettled a refugee family under the government's Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme. The Poem-a-thon celebrates this and is also raising fund for the group to settle another refugee family. I am very pleased to say that we are already two thirds of the way towards raising the total from pledges to the poem-a-thon.

The event will conclude with poet George Szirtes, who came to the UK as a Hungarian refugee at the age of eight. Other well-known poets include Mario Petrucci, Myra Schneider, Maggie Butt, Cheryl Moskowitz, Martyn Crucefix, Alwyn Marriage, Hylda Sims, Timothy Ades, Danielle Hope, Peter Phillips, and ex-Enfield mayor Jayne Buckland, plus poets from Enfield Stanza group, Palmers Green Stanza group, Palmers Green Poets and Enfield Poets. The children from Highfield Primary School have been working for three years with poet-in-residence Cheryl Moskowitz to make poetry central in the curriculum.

Question 10 from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

At the 19 July 2017 Council Meeting, in question 15, I asked Councillor Orhan to inform the Council what action she had taken as Cabinet member to ensure that there were sufficient secondary school places in Enfield in the Council years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, this was not recorded in the written response to the question. Now she has had more time to reflect on this question, can she now provide this information to the Council?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

Throughout these 3 years I worked diligently with officers from both Asset Management and the School's Admissions Service to ensure that there was sufficient capacity in Enfield Secondary schools to meet demands. Between 2013 and 2016 Enfield always had sufficient capacity to meet the needs of all pupils who

wanted a place in an Enfield secondary school. It is well documented that the EFSA (Education, Schools Funding Agency) approved the building of a new academy school to be opened in 2018. This has now been postponed and officers are working with Secondary Heads to look at contingency plans if additional places are required.

Question 11 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment explain how the current consultation on introducing Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), which are aimed at clamping down on a wide range of anti-social behaviours, can assist the Council?

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

The current consultation builds on the previous 12-week consultation that took place last year. It seeks views from the public and other stakeholders about the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) to help tackle anti-social behaviour. The proposals are to prohibit and restrict the following anti-social behaviour so that the majority of the public can enjoy public spaces:

- Control of alcohol consumption
- Car cruising (to include speeding, driving in convoy, racing, performing stunts, sounding horns and revving engines as to cause a nuisance, and wheel spins)
- Throwing of fireworks
- Dog controls
- Persons loitering in housing estates owned by the Council and Registered Social Landlords
- Intimidatory begging
- Possession of psychoactive substances (formerly known as 'legal highs')
- Persons windscreen washing/selling goods
- Prostitution
- Smoking in enclosed playgrounds
- Flying of drones
- Motor vehicles (i.e., those deposited on Council land or land adjoining the highway for an unreasonable period of time)
- Illegal parking around schools
- Illegal use of mopeds

Persons found to be breaching a PSPO will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100, or prosecuted. PSPOs provide an additional enforcement tool to the Police and council officers to deal with anti-social behaviour that causes harm and distress to the community.

The consultation runs until Sunday 1st October 2017 and can be found on the Council's website under consultations.

Question 12 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

The site of the demolished clinic and library that was situated on the corner of Foxmead Close and Slades Hill has lain derelict for around 10 years. Given the urgent need for housing in the borough and lack of sites would the Cabinet Member inform council what plans, if any, this administration has to bring this site back into use including an explanation for the delay in making such plans?

Reply from Councillor Oyken:

These sites are not within Council ownership and were sold in 2007. Planning permission was granted in 2009 to the owner for the development of housing and a health facility, but that has not been taken forward by the owner.

More generally, the Council is fully committed to delivering housing supply here in the borough, and is continually looking for sites for housing development. Those plans are brought forward as those opportunities arise.

Question 13 from Councillor N Cazimoglu to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment explain why the Council is removing the Copper Beech tree at Chase Green Garden and how this message has been communicated?

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

During a routine tree survey of Chase Green Gardens Enfield, a Council tree officer, identified concerns regarding a large mature copper beech tree that warranted further investigation. Fruiting bodies of the fungus *Meripilus giganteus* (Giant Polypore) were identified around the whole circumference of the base of the tree.

The tree is situated within the fall zone of formal gardens, footpaths, lawn areas, static seating, and to the trees south west a busy road junction controlled by traffic lights all within the trees potential fall zone. Therefore, the fall zone of this tree is considered to be a very high usage zone, to add to our concerns the tree has high volumes of sound heavy timber above the area of infection.

Due to the trees significance and its location within a high-risk area, officers commissioned a root decay investigation to clarify the condition of the trees root structure, its overall condition, and its structural stability. This investigation assists in backing up some of the more difficult decisions that have to be made as a result of structural issues identified during a full condition survey by tree officers.

Unfortunately, as suspected, the investigation revealed the presence of advanced root decay and that the extent of root decay is sufficient to lead to whole tree failure. This may not necessarily occur during high wind events, although this would exacerbate the risk of failure.

Pruning has been considered, however the level of decay within the tree's root structure is such that we do not believe that we can improve the situation with any level of crown reduction. Furthermore, mature beech trees do not respond well to extensive crown reduction, especially when they are already in a stressed condition and even if a heavy crown reduction was a realistic option, this type of tree management would render the tree unsightly and would certainly be considered as a short-term solution.

Sadly, we feel there is no other option but to remove the tree and are now making the necessary arrangements for a date with our contractor, which will need to be at the first available opportunity.

An email notification was sent to councillors and senior officers followed by other emails to ward councillors and stakeholders. The report has been made available on request and is now on the Council's web page.

We will also be placing noticeboards around the tree prior to removal and will be sending a second round of emails to all previously notified confirming the date for removal which we have determined to be the 25th September 2017.

Question 14 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The minutes of the Cabinet dated 10 February 2016 said that the implementation of the A105 Cycle Enfield works would "take approximately 6 months to complete" according to my records work started on the 12 September last and as at the 4 July 2017 officers were indicating it would not now be completed until October 2017 and even that did not include the extension works to the Hedge Lane/Green Lanes junction. In the circumstances can the Cabinet Member explain to Council and to the public at large the reasons for this inordinate delay to works indicating whether it was simply bad estimating on the part of the council, bad programming, poor contract management, poor design or anything else and if the latter would he please substantiate any blame attached to others?

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

At the time of the Cabinet Report detailed design had not been undertaken (the purpose of the report was to approve that process) so the 6-month construction period was an estimation, based on the available information held at that time.

However, since that time, and prior to commencement, a detailed construction programme was developed, which has been reviewed on a weekly basis ensuring it is responsive to the challenges of working on a live network.

Nonetheless, delays can occur as a result of a major project of this magnitude requiring the involvement of external contractors not completing works on time, such as UK Power Networks (UKPN) - which neither ourselves nor our contractors, Ringway Jacobs, have any control over.

Furthermore, in order to reduce the number of concurrent road closures and reduce levels of severe disruption to the network, the Council decided to extend the programme of construction to a more workable timeframe.

Question 15 from Councillor Maguire to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development update us on the feedback received from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) regarding the proposal to submit a bid in relation to Palmers Green High Street?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin:

Unfortunately, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) have discouraged the Council from making an application under their current Townscape Heritage Initiative grant scheme bidding round. In essence, the HLF advice was that successful schemes under this programme have been in designated conservation areas, where the heritage is more at risk and the area more disadvantaged.

Question 16 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Given the delays by Ringway Jacobs in completing the A105 works can he explain why it is now said that the council now propose to award the Hertford Road Cycle Project to Ringway Jacobs and confirm that this will follow some form of competitive tendering to ensure value for money?

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

Ringway Jacobs have already been through a competitive tendering process as part of the London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC), resulting in Ringway Jacobs becoming the preferred contractor for Transport for London. Any duplicate tendering process that Enfield Council was to introduce would actually increase costs in the resources required to manage the process. Furthermore, once you have established ways of working with one contractor on a major project such as the A105, there is the potential for future efficiencies in the delivery of a second project that is implementing the same infrastructure. Nonetheless, we will keep this approach under review when considering future projects.

Question 17 from Councillor Simon to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development tell us when Enfield will be setting up a design review panel?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin:

The aim of the panel is to provide an independent expert appraisal of proposals at an early stage of the planning process to raise standards of design for new buildings. Such measures have proved both successful and popular in boroughs where they

operate (e.g. Camden, Newham, Croydon) giving more certainty to developers and greater public confidence. Proposals set out that the panel will be self-financing from developer fees. It is expected that the panel will be up and running by the end of the year, once it has been through the necessary approvals process.

Question 18 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

At the Council meeting on Wednesday 14 June 2017, in reply to my question, number 32, you indicated that the data for accidents was only completed over a period of 3 years. How do you explain that answer when a Freedom of Information request revealed exactly the number of accidents on the stretch of the A105 which is the subject of the Cycle Enfield works.

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

Councillor Neville has misunderstood my response to his question about collision records. What I said was:

“Being a former Cabinet Member for Environment Councillor Neville should be aware that accident data is collected over a 3-year period to show if a statistically significant pattern can be demonstrated. Current records of data collected are up to 31st August 2016”.

In short, I’m saying that we need at least three years’ worth of ‘before and after’ data before you can judge the impact of a scheme on road safety. I did not say that “data for accidents was only completed over a period of 3 years.”

Question 19 from Councillor Kepez to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Would the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care tell us about the activities and events planned to mark World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2017.

Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu:

The theme for World Mental Health Day is Mental Health in the workplace; partners including EMU (Enfield Mental Health User Group), MIND, Wellbeing Connect and Samaritans are already planning a range of activities. Adult Social Care will be focusing on raising the public awareness, promoting the events that are already going on and enhancing the current offers made by organisations such as Thrive London. We will be promoting the 5 top tips for Mental Wellbeing:

1. **Connect**– connect with the people around you
2. **Be active**– find an activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life
3. **Keep learning**– learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence

4. **Give to others**– whether a smile or kind word or something bigger like volunteering
5. **Be mindful**– be more aware of the present moment, including your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you

There are also a range of activities planned which focus on Children's and Younger People with funding support from Enfield Clinical Commissioning Group in partnership with the Council.

- A morning for school pupils (years 5, 6 and a small number of year 7 – covering transition), their teachers and parent/carers on 10.10.17 at Millfields Theatre under the theme of 'Mind Kind'
- Pupils to attend timed workshops e.g. Arts & Crafts, Drama & Movement & Physical Activities (Spurs & Fusion Leisure) supporting good mental health and good physical health (links between the two). Young people/mentors from Oasis Academy to act as guides for the morning, steering groups between activities providing commentary where necessary
- Demonstrations of programmes/tools to support Children and Young People Mental Health such as 'Hand Brain', 'Scribeasy', 'CYPHER' (formally known as Silent Secret) and introduction to counselling
- IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) to provide information, quizzes etc. for adults
- Local voluntary and statutory organisations to provide stalls e.g. MIND, Dazu, EMU (Enfield Mental Health User Group) - (we are encouraging as many orgs to provide stalls as wish)
- Picnic lunch opportunity in the gardens if weather prevails
- Goody bags to be provided for each pupil (including stress balls, water bottles, a copy of 'I Feel Good' booklet)
- A copy of 'The Wise Mouse' per class (a book aimed at children of parents with mental health issues)
- A 'Mind Apple' each when evaluating the day

Posters for display will be circulated to all schools, GP surgeries, key voluntary and statutory organisations promoting the day. The poster will contain a box with space for the name/number to be written of the appropriate person in each organisation to contact in the event of needing someone to talk to about mental health concerns.

Question 20 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Would Councillor Lemonides tell the Council how much money has been invested in commercial property, both within and outside of the borough, in the financial years 2016/17 and 17/18 to date?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides:

16/17: There was an investment of £0.2m. This was not invested in new assets; it was invested in existing assets, of which palace gardens was the main one. The largest item of spend was £130,000 capital expenditure on Palace Gardens multi

storey car park, on minor structural works.

17/18: To date we have spent £250,000 on the Montagu Industrial Estate development on advisory fees for the procurement of the joint venture partner and imminently we will be spending £1.7m plus costs on Jeffries Road Industrial Estate. This is to acquire the site to enable us to decant the existing users of the Montagu Estate when the redevelopment starts.

Question 21 from Councillor Keazor to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Would the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care explain how you ensure that people are kept at the heart of the safeguarding process?

Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu:

Enfield undertake regular and frequent audits of safeguarding practice, these include regular three monthly internal audits carried out by the central safeguarding team and an external audit, both of which have highlighted that people are fully involved and consulted at every stage. Service users are asked at the beginning and end of the process what outcomes they want to achieve and how they can be helped to achieve them, including how they can feel safer and protect themselves.

In 2016/17 there were 1,144 safeguarding concerns raised, of which 771 met the Section 42 criteria for investigation. The Cabinet Meeting in October 2017 will be receiving the Annual Safeguarding Report which will provide more detail but I am pleased to be able to report on the following activities:

- Enfield has achieved the Gold Standard in Making Safeguarding Personal, which has been externally verified by Bournemouth University,
- Raised awareness of abuse through information boards across the Borough, holding a keep safe week and providing posters in public and council buildings
- Developed a film based on the types of abuse and what happens when you report abuse with service users and cares
- Worked with 17 providers with partners such as the Quality Care Commission and the Clinical Commission Group to improve the quality of service provided to service users, Enfield has 160 social care providers one of the highest in London
- The quality Checker Programme, which recruits trains and supports a team of service users and care volunteers, has undertaken a number of mystery shopping calls to Enfield Services which has helped to improve the quality of our customer care.
- Visited 20 residential care homes to gain feedback from residents and staff, with developed Hydration Tool Kit
- Undertaken targeted work to increase reports of hate crime

- Created a factsheet on how technology can be used to help people keep safe
- Has developed a trusted and person centred Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

Question 22 from Councillor Jukes to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Would the Cabinet Member provide Council with the number and amounts (more than £10,000) of debts for outstanding social care bills that the Council have decided not to pursue and therefore 'written off' the debt since the last local elections?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides:

Since May 2014, two debts greater than £10,000 relating to Social Care billing were written off.

Debt 1- £14,434.95 written off in October 2016

Debt 2 - £17,647.89 written off in June 2017

Question 23 from Councillor Lappage to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Reports of domestic violence on young women continue to rise nationally. What work is Enfield Council doing to raise awareness of the signs of an abusive, coercive, or controlling relationship and signpost victims to more information, help and support?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga:

The Community Safety Unit continues to run awareness-raising campaigns across the borough to help people identify the signs of an abusive, coercive or controlling relationship. These awareness-raising campaigns are publicised in numerous ways to ensure maximum reach and include:

- Enfield Council and partner organisations websites and social media feeds
- Youth Enfield website
- Enfield connected e-newsletter (reach 80,000)
- Partners publications and communications
- Love Your Doorstep – local community social media platform
- School visit and supporting media activity – engagement with girl's sixth form in Enfield. Interviews and video.
- Targets on key events – including White Ribbon Day - 25 November and Valentine's Day
- Council magazines – including Our Enfield resident's magazine delivered to 125,000 households
- J C Decaux outdoor boards – outdoor 6 sheet posters placed around LBE
- Posters in libraries. public buildings and GP surgeries

- Digital push ads - targeted to reach female Enfield residents between 14 and 30 years old

One of the measures of success is that more people are identifying abusive behaviour and reporting this to police. Other strands of work include the delivery of domestic abuse training by the Domestic Violence Coordinator to professionals, including those in education, so they can support and signpost people to help when they need it.

Question 24 from Councillor Robert Hayward to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Does the Cabinet Member for Environment believe that a more constructive relationship could have been built between the businesses located on the A105 and Enfield Council regarding Cycle Enfield if from the outset regular engagement meetings like the one held on 31st August 2017 had been held?

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

I do not accept the premise of the question. There has been ongoing engagement with businesses throughout the entire process stretching back over 2 years, including a business-specific exhibition during the consultation and ongoing visits to business throughout the construction by both council officers and representatives from the contractor. The additional engagement on the 31st August 2017 was a positive event allowing council officers a further opportunity to discuss specific issues direct with business owners. The focus of business engagement must be on addressing specific issues that individual businesses are facing. We are now well into the implementation phase for the A105 project and resources are focussed on delivering the scheme, and addressing issues that will be raised by an infrastructure project of this scale.

Question 25 from Councillor E Erbil to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Enfield is doing very well at reducing smoking rates but there is still more to do. Please can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health inform the Council about the plans for Stoptober this year?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga:

Councillor Erbil is right to recognise that Enfield is doing well in its efforts to reduce smoking prevalence in the borough. Latest data indicates that prevalence fell from 16.8% to 13.1% equivalent to some 8,000 fewer smokers.

However, it remains true that smoking is the greatest preventable cause of death, disability and morbidity in the borough. We will therefore to continue to work throughout the year to reduce smoking including building on national initiatives such as Stoptober. This includes a launch event on the 22nd September 2017 including the use of Serena (the health kiosk in reception), smoking advice and resources. Other work will include working with IKEA, supporting smoking cessation as part of

Health at Work and our ongoing work across the population and in particular with the Turkish community. Enfield is also supporting the new London Eservice which will provide electronic media and telephone support for people who want to quit smoking across the capital.

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

Does the Cabinet Member concede that the estimates contained in the report prepared by Regeneris Consulting Ltd has grossly underestimated the damage to profits caused to the business turnover in our areas caused by the Cycle Enfield construction works and that they were grossly inaccurate?

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

There are inevitably going to be a short-term impact when implementing major infrastructure projects, such as Cycle Enfield. The Council have put in place a range of mitigation measures to minimise the impact on local businesses. Of course any loss in profits for individual businesses is always disappointing, however, there are a range of reasons why a business can see a fall in profits, such as a downturn in the economic cycle, and economic uncertainty whilst the UK prepares to leave the European Union.

It is nonetheless very encouraging to see a number of new businesses opening along the route, including the sports shop at Bush Hill Parade, the micro pub at Masons Corner, the new tapas restaurant opening soon in Winchmore Hill and the barbers shop in Palmers Green and, of course, the relocation of Waitrose from Palmers Green to Winchmore Hill.

Those that continue to suggest Green Lanes is closed for business are therefore doing a dis-service to the very businesses they claim to represent. Cycle Enfield is bringing public realm improvements that are now clear to see. Can I suggest Councillor Celebi visits the new space at Compton Road where she'll see this for herself.

Question 27 from Councillor Hasan to Councillor Daniel Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

How is Enfield Council encouraging residents to increase levels of recycling at the same time as reducing contaminated waste to develop a more sustainable borough?

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

Enfield Council has been taking a proactive approach in tackling contamination and increasing recycling rates. In the last 12 months, the Council has reduced its contamination levels from over 15% to as low as 7.41% in July 2017 with the last 6 months being consistently under 10%. The reduction has been achieved through actively engaging with residents by educating them with clear communication approaches about what should and shouldn't be recycled prior to collection.

Question 28 from Councillor Delman to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture

I welcome the opportunity for Enfield Council to submit a bid for the ' London Borough of Culture Funding.' Would Councillor Brett inform Council how she is going to coordinate the preparation of this bid so that a cross political party and borough wide ownership of this bid is achieved?

Reply from Councillor Brett:

I would like to thank Councillor Delman for his encouragement for Enfield to submit a bid for the London Borough of Culture Initiative and agree with him that borough-wide ownership of the bid, including support from across the political spectrum, is important to the delivery of a successful bid. We envisage that our bid will build on the success we have had with the development of festivals and events across the borough which ranges from community built and led festivals, such as Talkies Community Cinema's "Here" Film Festival, to the large scale commercial festivals, such as "51st State", that have developed in our Parks. We also envisage that it will take in the exemplary and innovative work produced by Chickenshed in the north west of the borough through to the community access and development work at Millfield Theatre in the south east of the borough and everything in between.

The Leisure and Culture Partnership is currently the strategic tool for us to co-ordinate the views of both parties and the cultural sector in the bid, but I would encourage anyone who would like to be involved in the bid to directly contact our lead officer, Paul Everitt, who will make sure that your thoughts and ideas are included.

Question 29 from Councillor Savva to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Would the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health please inform us how much work has been done in the South East area of Enfield in an effort to combat unsociable behaviour?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga:

There has been an extensive amount of work done to address anti-social behaviour. For example, the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team has been working with police and immigration services on Operation Shadow to tackle street prostitution in Upper Edmonton. Following a number of street patrols and with the help of CCTV it was identified that the sex workers have been predominantly Eastern European women (although not exclusively) working for money. The observations have resulted in robust enforcement action against persistent sex workers including cautions, the use of Community Protection Notices and the removal of women from the UK who were stopped for breaching European Treaty rights.

The Community Safety ASB team in partnership with others has also arranged for estate improvements to be carried out to include regular cleansing of areas where the sex work has been carried out to reduce the effects on the community. Also

Council Housing has arranged the removal of disused bin sheds where sex work was being carried out. Police and ASB Officers are also working with the Terence Higgins Trust who has been commissioned by North Middlesex Hospital to provide outreach support to female sex workers.

The Police via the Community Safety Partnership has secured £20,000 through the London Crime Prevention Fund to deliver a conditional cautioning kerb crawling programme. This scheme is designed to target those convicted of kerb crawling offences and provide a programme of change in behaviour by also reducing the demand as well as working with the women around the supply.

Further work by our police ASB officers includes successfully obtaining five Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) against individuals causing ASB in and around Fore Street/Moree Way/Smarts Place. In addition ASB Officers have obtained three gang-related CBO's against known gang members all with GPS tagging. One of these was the first in the Metropolitan Police area and the prohibitions have included curfews and exclusion zones.

Question 30 from Councillor Robert Hayward to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Since the Council has actively committed to promoting cycling in Enfield what are their plans for improving the existing cycle lane which was installed several years ago along Bramley Road/Enfield Road? Currently this is overgrown and poorly maintained, therefore hazardous to all road users.

Reply from Councillor Anderson:

The Council is committed to introducing additional cycling facilities across the borough with the implementation of the Cycle Enfield programme. The Council's existing cycling facilities run through various roads throughout the borough with Enfield Road/Bramley Road being one of them. The established cycle network you refer to is in an acceptable condition with regular monthly safety inspections taking place. However, the cycle lane and footways along this road adjoin the hedge line/verge areas, which due to the recent weather conditions, have experienced extensive vegetation growth, especially with the hedgerows. The Council's regime for maintaining these hedges is on a twice-yearly cutting cycle with the next maintenance visits due to commence in October 2017.

Question 31 from Councillor Savva to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Can the Cabinet Member update councillors on the work on Fair Funding?

Reply: from Councillor Lemonides:

Our work on Fair Funding continues, on a number of fronts. First, we have now received the work we commissioned (on behalf of all Outer London boroughs) to analyse the impact on Outer London boroughs of the current inequity of the London-wide funding system, and are considering how best that should be taken forward. In

principle, Enfield would gain considerably using virtually any cost driver as a basis for future funding distribution, as long as a damping (or smoothing) mechanism isn't then subsequently applied. Second, the government continues to discuss Fair Funding, and we await their further pronouncements on that, sometime later this autumn. Needless to say, we will respond to the consultation as the opportunity arises. Third, the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 7 September 2017 asked for Councillor Taylor and Councillor Laban to send a joint letter to the Secretary of State, again setting out our concerns about the current distribution mechanism. With Councillor Laban's agreement, I am content to do that. Finally, the work on business rates retention continues, with details being worked up for a London-wide trial in 2018/19. At present, broad principles are being discussed, and I am clear that any retention scheme will need to be built on a much fairer and more equitable distribution of the underlying needs-based funding.

Question 32 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Cabinet approval was given on 18 January 2017 for the sale of part of Holly Hill Farm for £750,000. The property was sold to Halo Dogs. Can I please be told why this property was not advertised on the open market before being sold to Halo Dogs and how Knight Frank confirmed that £750,000 represented best value when the property had not been advertised on the open market?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides;

Halo Dogs were seen as a "special purchaser" as they are currently a sub tenant of the Council. They will also remain in occupation and it was seen as an opportunity to retain an existing business within the borough.

Knight Frank's specialist valuation department provided the Council with advice which confirmed the market valuation.

Question 33 from Councillor Ekechi to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration update us on the consultation with residents of Snells and Joyce Estates?

Reply from Councillor Oyken:

In summary since July we have undertaken questionnaires and one to one consultation with 140 of the 825 homes on the estates. This is currently 17% and we are working to increase this over the coming weeks, as we accept it needs to be increased. We have been sending out mailshots and letters to all residents inviting them to the four recent consultation events.

We have also set up a dedicated website for the project, from which we have received five resident enquiries.

www.joyceandsnells.co.uk

We are also receiving a few resident enquiries from our own housing renewal email address (currently 4)

We have two further resident workshops (events 5 and 6) planned for the 21st and 22nd September 2017 on the estates and we have also offered home visits over the coming month to try and engage with a higher number of residents.

To date residents have primarily raised issues related to anti-social behaviour and housing management related issues, with some support expressed in favour of looking at redevelopment options.

Question 34 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Please inform Council whether Cabinet Members were told that Holly Hill Farm had been sold without the property going on the open market. If not (and the marketing of the property is not in the Cabinet papers) why was this not deemed necessary?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides;

Yes – the report to Cabinet sets out the circumstances surrounding the proposed sale and whilst it doesn't specifically state that it is off market it is clear from the report that this is what is intended.

Question 35 from Councillor Jemal to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

It would seem that Theresa May has 'eaten her words' and has once again done a 'U' turn from a badly planned manifesto pledge of scraping the universal free school meals for children. Would Councillor Orhan update this Council on what this will now mean for Enfield children?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

Universal infant free school meals was launched in September 2014 and our School Catering Service saw an increase of over 4,000 meals per day. The uptake of infant free school meals in Enfield is around 88%, which is higher than the national average (around 85%). Our school meals are freshly cooked on site, using quality ingredients that are checked by a nutritionist to ensure compliance with the School Food Standards. Our service is accredited with the Silver "Food for Life Served Here" award in recognition of this so we can be assured that these young children are being provided the best nutrition possible. Good nutrition positively impacts on children's wellbeing and contributes to a culture of healthy eating, even more important given that one in five children are obese by the time they finish primary school. Furthermore there is now a wealth of evidence to support that eating a healthy lunch also leads to more favourable educational outcomes.

Question 36 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Please inform Council if any valuation other than that provided by Knight Frank had been presented before accepting that £750,000 was best value. If other valuations were provided, who were they provided by and what was the value?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides:

No and there is no requirement under the Council's property procedure rules to provide additional valuations.

Question 37 from Councillor Levy to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development tell us what is Enfield Council's position on the Mayor of London's review of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) charges?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin:

Enfield is supportive of the Mayor's commitment to improvement of London's transport infrastructure and recognition of Crossrail 2 as one of his priorities. This is as set out in his proposals to review charges for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Enfield Council also recognises that land values have risen since the original Mayoral CIL was in place in 2012 and that it is right for the mayor to now review those charges to ensure sufficient money is raised to close the funding gap for strategic infrastructure. Whilst supportive, we would in any event wish the Mayor to ensure the impact of banding changes and charges do not negatively impact on viability in Enfield.

Question 38 from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Can the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection inform the chamber how much money the Council would have saved if it had kept Enfield Highway Library open for the past 18 months rather than hiring a mobile facility?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

The current 17/18 cost of the temporary library provision is £67,000, through to October when the re-provided library facility will reopen.

Over this same period the cost to the Council of maintaining the original library site would have been £82,000. Additionally there would have been a repairs and maintenance minimum liability of £75,000.

No additional security costs have been incurred, as the staffing of the temporary provision has ensured a physical presence throughout this period.

Question 39 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Can the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency now confirm the position for the end of year outturn?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides:

The 2016/17 outturn position was reported to Cabinet in July 2017 and was confirmed as a balanced position. Service variances are detailed in the report.

Question 40 from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Can the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection inform the chamber what has happened to all the books, computer equipment and resources which once used to be housed in the Enfield Highway Library?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

The contents of this library were placed in storage, in readiness to be moved back into the remodelled site. The books contained within the library were sorted through and old or damaged stock was removed. This is common practice to ensure the stock remains relevant and in good condition. The old computers are no longer fit for purpose and are being upgraded to a higher standard.