

London Borough of Enfield

Council – 2 March 2021

The Monitoring Officer has agreed to accept the following urgent question for consideration at this evening's Council meeting.

Urgent Question 1 to Councillor Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Council

Now that the Rt Hon Boris Johnson, Prime Minister has set out the government's road map to end lock down restrictions, could the Deputy Leader of the Council confirm that all the Borough's Libraries will be open in the week beginning 12th April especially to support catch up learning by young people in Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Barnes

"The four flagship libraries have remained open during this last lockdown, operating 6 days a week. We have not received guidance from DCMS around the 12th April legislation. We will respond with a phased reopening plan for our libraries once we have this legislation, the DCMS guidance and advice from the professional body for libraries. The opening of libraries will be done in a way that is safe to do so for the staff and the public."

Reason for Urgency:

The Prime Minister announced his road map out of restrictions after the submission deadline for questions.