

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

7.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GARDNER TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

How many staff have had to take a drop in salary in order to continue to do their existing job, albeit with a different job title?

7.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING – COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

Would the Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health & Housing update Members on the position of the Council as regards to the current and future provision of affordable housing in Hillingdon?

7.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR HARMSWORTH TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES – COUNCILLOR BIANCO

Tax avoidance by organisations and individuals results in reduced amounts of taxation being paid by those who indulge in such practices. This either means that other people have to pay more taxes or the funds available to provide services to residents and communities is restricted. Does the Cabinet Member agree that tax avoidance should be discouraged whether this refers to Council tax, Corporation Tax or National Insurance Contributions?

7.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RILEY TO THE CABINET MEMBER SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING – COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

Would the Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Housing please update Members on progress on the re-provision of Adult Services as part of the Disability Commissioning Plan?

7.5 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR J.COOPER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING – COUNCILLOR BURROWS

Can the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling please inform Council about the support Hillingdon residents have received during the recent bad weather across the whole of Hillingdon and how the ongoing problems resulting from the consequences of flooding and high winds, such as the removal of fallen trees, are being resolved?

7.6 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RETTER TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

Does the Leader of the Council agree that Hillingdon Council Tax Payer should not fund Political Parties?

7.7 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BLISS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

How many people employed by the Council are from agencies, doing work that could have been done 'in house' by staff that have been made redundant?

7.8 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CURLING TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that the “Local Audit & Accountability Bill” is yet another example of Eric Pickles trying to micro-manage local authorities by preventing Councils like Hillingdon putting their residents first by keeping them informed about the Council’s position with regard to issues such as the opposition to HS2 and a 3rd Runway?

7.9 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING – COUNCILLOR BURROWS

In view of the fact that some areas of the Borough, including Townfield, had to wait two weeks for their household rubbish to be removed, could the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling please inform this Council whether this was due to staff shortages or bad planning?

7.10 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR NELSON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN’S SERVICES – COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS

Can you please let me know which Hillingdon schools you have visited (and when) in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013?

7.11 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR EAST TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

David Cameron told voters, ‘no ifs, no buts, no third runway’. Will the Leader of the Council now write to the Prime Minister to seek assurance for our residents and all those who were opposed to the expansion at Heathrow that this is still Conservative policy?

7.12 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

Is the Leader of the Council able to inform Members how Hillingdon has achieved such a strong level of financial stability ?