QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

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

Considering this Council has paid on average £20,000 per month to Hazelmere Consultancy over the last year or so, can you please let us know when this contract was put out to tender?

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

Now that the benefit cap has been implemented across the country, could the Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health & Housing advise Council how many Hillingdon residents have been affected against the original DWP estimates?

7.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR FYFE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY, COMMERCE AND REGENERATION – COUNCILLOR D.MILLS

What is the significance to the proposed development plans for the Old Vinyl Factory in Hayes, as a result of the announcement that the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson wishes to support the creation of a new Central Research Laboratory with a £7.7M loan?

7.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DHILLON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES – COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS

In June 2013 applications were made by Hillside Infants School and West Drayton School for the Council to pay redundancy costs as both schools had suffered a real reduction in funding. The reports from officers described applications as reasonable in both cases. Can you explain why you decided to refuse these applications which is likely to result in further redundancies and adversely affect childrens' education?

7.5 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR O'CONNOR TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING – COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

Would the Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Housing please inform me of the progress that has been made in reducing the number of void properties and what action is being taken to ensure we sustain this and minimise the number of void properties as we move forward?