

## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

**7.1 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR COX TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR IMPROVEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – COUNCILLOR MILLS**

Can the Cabinet Member for partnerships detail what efforts Hillingdon Council made to ensure that proposals under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 were submitted to the LGA in advance of the deadline of the 31 July 2009?

**7.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RHODES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT - COUNCILLOR JENKINS**

Can the Cabinet Member responsible for the environment agree that if the Council have decided that an alleyway cannot be gated as it is a highway then will the Council take responsibility for clearing any dumped rubbish?

**7.3 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BISHOP TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT**

How many members of staff cycle to work in the Civic Centre?

**7.4 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR JUDITH COOPER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE**

Following the recent tragedy at Lakhana House, Camberwell, the Cabinet Member for SS,H&H commissioned an independent review of the fire safety procedures in our housing blocks. Please could the Cabinet Member provide an update on that review?

**7.5 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR O'CONNOR TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Can the Cabinet Member provide Members with an update on the Third Runway proposal?

**7.6 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BAKER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Can the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation inform this Council of the agreed policies and procedures to be followed when developers submit planning applications to the Local Planning Authority in respect of property, or of land, they do not own or have legal title to?

**7.7 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR MELVIN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR IMPROVEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – COUNCILLOR MILLS**

Has any analysis of usage been carried out since the introduction of the Hillingdon First Card?

**7.8 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR HENSLEY TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CHILDRENS' SERVICES – COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS**

Can the Cabinet Member for E&CS update me on recent Ofsted inspections on schools in the Borough?

**7.9 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR GARDNER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR IMPROVEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – COUNCILLOR MILLS**

Can the Cabinet Member tell the Council what he and the Safer Communities Partnership are doing in response to the latest figures in the local alcohol profiles for England, which show that in Hillingdon:

- Alcohol-related crimes are significantly worse than the England average
- Alcohol-related violent crimes are significantly worse than the average
- Alcohol-related hospital admissions for both men and women are also above the average?

**7.10 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR KHURSHEED TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR IMPROVEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – COUNCILLOR MILLS**

Can the Cabinet Member explain what action he proposes to take in response to the fact that, after all the investment in community safety the Home Secretary has identified Hillingdon as one of only 62 Councils in the country needing challenge and support because at least 25% of the local population remain concerned about unsolved anti-social behaviour?

**7.11 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR EGINTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES – COUNCILLOR BIANCO**

Will the Cabinet Member please let me know the number of businesses operating in Hillingdon?

**7.12 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BLISS TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE**

The BBC has received a report from a retired architect, who had worked on the building of Lakanal House, who believes that the use UPVC windows may have contributed to the rapid fire spreading in the tower block's recent fire. How many of the high rise blocks in the London Borough of Hillingdon have UPVC windows fitted and has their safety in a fire been the subject of a fire risk assessment?

**7.13 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR MAJOR TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE**

Can the Cabinet Member inform the Council of the latest position on the action being taken to bring the management of Hillingdon Homes back under Council control?

**7.14 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR JARJUSSEY TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT - COUNCILLOR JENKINS**

Given that the Civic Amenity Site in Rigby Lane, Hayes has now been closed for some months and re-development is to take place, which will take even longer, what arrangements are being made to provide civic amenity site facilities for people in the south of the Borough?

**7.15 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT - COUNCILLOR JENKINS**

Can the Cabinet Member please inform the Council how many fixed penalty notices have been issued for dropping litter since the start of the current campaign and in which areas of the Borough?

**7.16 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ALLEN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Members will recall that some months ago I raised a question regarding the speed limits that had been put in place on the Townfield Estate: 20 mph in Central Avenue and 30 mph in the surrounding roads. I had requested that all roads on the Estate be 20 mph and Cllr Burrows informed us all that he would be looking into this.

Since then many more residents have raised concerns about this issue and some have told me that they have witnessed near misses due to cars picking up speed in the side roads. In most cases it has only been through the quick reflexes of those concerned that an accident has been avoided.

As the dark nights and mornings are now upon us, the unbalanced unsafe speed limits on the Estate need to be urgently addressed. I would respectfully suggest that the time for looking into this matter should come to an end and could action be taken immediately?

**7.17 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR HARMSWORTH TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CHILDRENS' SERVICES – COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS**

Can the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services assure the Council that the £1.2m allocated to Hillingdon for the Playbuilder programme will be spent according to the deprivation criteria specified?