

## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

### **5.1 QUESTION FROM STEVE GARELICK OF STOWE CRESCENT, RUISLIP TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESIDENTS' SERVICES - COUNCILLOR LAVERY:**

In a question to the previous administration, I asked why pay-by-phone parking had not been implemented, despite the ease at which a Hillingdon resident's card could be linked to an on-line account or 'phone number.

I was advised that new parking machines were being installed and, as these would take credit card there was no reason to add this system (which has been adopted by the majority of councils over the years).

Given the fact the parking system suggested by myself in my earlier communication would have saved residents' time (the palaver alone of trying to solicit a ticket from a machine is reason enough) I would like to ask:

- a) why did the Council not implement this years ago when the opportunity existed?
- b) why have the Council been so luddite in their approach?
- c) what is the banking cost for the loose change collected from the Council's machines? and
- d) does Hillingdon receive a preferential rate for cash deposits and how much has this cost residents?

### **5.2 QUESTION FROM OREST BAKHOVSKI OF MYDDLETON ROAD, UXBRIDGE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE - COUNCILLOR GODDARD:**

What options were considered in trying to reduce the deficit for the early years? The report shared publicly seems very light on this.

### **5.3 QUESTION FROM ALEXANDER SIM OF VICTORIA ROAD, RUISLIP MANOR TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:**

In July 2022 you stated in a report hosted by London Councils that "having families involved in shaping services to better meet their needs is crucial". How do you reconcile that statement with an autocratic announcement only a month later on 4th August 2022 to close all Council run nurseries in this borough without any prior consultation period with the families affected? There was ample opportunity to do so, as in your report it states these nurseries have been under review since autumn 2020 and Consultation periods are recommended best practice by the very London Councils forum of your quote in July.

### **5.4 QUESTION FROM CHARLOTTE DOLAN-BAKHOVSKI OF MYDDLETON ROAD, UXBRIDGE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN**

Please can you confirm what the average standard private nursery day rate is in the Borough? For both under 2s and over 2-year-olds.

**5.5 QUESTION FROM AMIR CHAUMOO OF QUEENS WALK, SOUTH RUISLIP TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN:**

Our extensive survey of parents affected by the closures of early years nurseries shows that only 30% have been able to relocate their children to alternative nurseries. Can you expand on the details of the assessment that was done which concluded that there was ample availability in neighbouring nurseries to cover the affected children?

**5.6 QUESTION FROM MICHAEL SHARKEY OF NORTH WAY, UXBRIDGE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN:**

Where in Hillingdon do children with Education Healthcare Plans go if they have complex physical health needs or learning disabilities if not to the uniquely resourced Early Years settings?