

# **CABINET**

**THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017**

**PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR  
QUESTIONS ACCEPTED**

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**PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)**

Under Rule 16 of the Executive Procedure Rules, members of the public may question the Executive and Portfolio Holders at meetings. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

**Questioner:** Graham Darvall

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “We should like to ask you, and indeed all Councillors, to please consider our request to very slightly re-define the boundary edge of the Pinner Road Conservation Area, so as to exclude our property and more accurately reflect the fact that our house actually clearly visually detracts from the concept of the Conservation Scheme - as after all, we have been for 39 years, simply the first house on the right hand side going up the Hill? Our property most definitely does not enhance the scheme, or fit in with it at all.

We are not asking for entire roads to be removed from the Conservation Area, like you did up at Harrow Weald when you removed Bellfield Avenue, West Drive and West Drive Gardens, no, all we are asking for is for one property to be removed, as it certainly does not have any Architectural interest and any possible historic interest ceased 38 years ago when the property was old off and fenced off and then since significantly modernised and altered as confirmed by your then Head of Planning, Mr. Keith Hubbard, in 1994.

We do not think a fair and informed decision was made to include our property within the Conservation Area when the following facts were incorrect or omitted: Officers had looked at 6 year old outdated Google earth maps and seen a green roof, also Officers had only looked at an out-dated Ordnance Survey map which did not show our 30 year old white UPVC Conservatory on the north facing side of the House. By 1994, the well-respected Head of Planning, Mr Keith Hubbard, had acknowledged that our House was not listed nor locally listed, nor part of the nearby Flats, and we quote Mr. Hubbard: “had been significantly altered and modernised”. E.G. The old green Crittall windows had been replaced by white UPVC Double glazing. White double glazed Patio doors had been installed, and a few years later the roof was changed to orange Terra Cotta tiles - all these modernisations having been planned to differentiate us from the nearby Flats and to match all the other 24 private houses, going up the Hill. May we please respectfully

ask that Councillors note our concerns and earnestly ask for the Boundary line to be very slightly adjusted, and thereby correct the mistakes which have been made, because Councillors were not fully briefed on the relevant paperwork. E.G. Did Officers tell you and show you the letter approving our Terra Cotta Roof?

Did Officers tell you about and show you Keith Hubbard's letter of 1994 emphasising our House was neither listed or locally listed, and it had been built to a different style, and in any case had been significantly altered?

Did Officers tell you and show you the Boundary line would cut our Conservatory in half?

Did you know that The Conservation Officer did not even know we had a Conservatory?

Had you even been told we had a Conservatory? Which by the way had been approved by the Council's Estates and Valuation Officer Mr. David Ball, in writing to us in 1989,

We think the answers to all these questions is NO. Councillors had not been told about Or shown the relevant letters and facts, or this situation would never have arisen.

We feel that Andrew Pearce's letter sums it up exactly, when he states "It seems the Conservation Officer is trying to Conserve something that has long-since gone and no longer exists."

Finally, may we please stress that our property does not enhance the Conservation Area scheme at all, in fact it spoils the scheme as it is like having stuck a modern house in an area of largely unaltered layout since 1933 including The front Boulevarde Gardens, The unaltered Pinner new Cemetery and the unaltered 4 large blocks of Flats.

Our Property spoils the Scheme and sticks out like a sore thumb. Our house is quite simply, just the first house on the right hand side of the road, going up the hill

Here is an opportunity to resolve this situation, and we very much hope you will help us.

Thank you so much."

2.

**Questioner:** Sarah Mortimer

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** Re: Pinner Wood School

“Accepting that the ground stabilisation work will be funded by Central Government, where in the meantime are the funds for the September one-site solution coming from?”

3.

**Questioner:** Ophélie Barbet

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** Re: Pinner Wood School

"If the Pinner Wood school site cannot be fixed by the ground stabilisation works, what is the plan for the school?"

4.

**Questioner:** Mark Hypolite

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** Re: Pinner Wood School

“What sites are you concurrently researching for a PINNER ONE-SITE solution in September?”

5.

**Questioner:** Meherin Aklas

**Asked of:** Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Older People

**Question:** What is a the average amount of money allocated to a personal budget for a mental health service user in this financial year 2017-2018 and how does the amount compare to the previous 2 financial years?

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**AGENDA PART I**

**COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)**

*Fifteen minutes will be allowed for Members of the Council to ask a Portfolio Holder a question on any matter in relation to which the Executive has powers or duties.*

1.

**Questioner:** Councillor James Bond

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety

**Question:** “How is the indiscriminate removal of healthy mature trees in the Headstone North ward compatible with the Council’s Tree Strategy 2015 – 2018 which says it is to “protect, improve, increase and sustain the tree population in Harrow for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations?”

2.

**Questioner:** Councillor James Bond

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Nearly two years have passed since the Council closed down the North Harrow Library and as you are aware efforts are being made to reopen the Pinner Road site as a community library. Do you agree with me that Cabinet approval, on which you are set to reach your decision at next month’s meeting, is pointless without the landlord’s consent?”

3.

**Questioner:** Councillor Norman Stevenson

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** “If Pinner Wood School is unable to return to its site soon are you able to give an assurance that there will be a one-site solution in or around Pinner for September?”

4.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** “Are you satisfied with the implementation so far of the “Early Intervention Service Redesign”?”

5.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “What is the administration doing to ensure that the Council levies all fees and charges associated with the Council’s facilities and assets?”

6.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “How do you distinguish between a business case and a post-project review?”

7.

**Questioner:** Councillor Norman Stevenson

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** “Can you please provide details of what building works have taken place at Pinner Wood School in the last 10 years where foundations have had to be excavated?”

8.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** “What is your view of the results of the 2017 Ofsted inspection of services for children and review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board in our borough?”

9.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Why have you failed to answer 88 of our questions from the Cabinet meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February when most of the answers should be simple for the executive to answer?”

10.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “What have you done to control the pay structure within the Council, particularly in regards to the highest pay bands?”

11.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Do you think you could have been more proactive in reacting to the situation at Pinner Wood School?”

12.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment

**Question:** “Since May 2014, what is Harrow’s net gain of Council properties?”

13.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment

**Question:** “What was the total number of Council properties within the Grange farm estate prior to the Grange Farm Regeneration project and what is the expected total number of Council properties within the estate after the project has finished?”

14.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment

**Question:** “Given the projected raid on the HRA reserves in 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020; please can you outline what savings are expected and when they are due to come in?”

15.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “In answer to question 2 at Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February regarding the time it takes to provide a business case, you said *“If there is a specific concern about any outstanding information requests, I would be happy to look into it.”* I have asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety at January and February Cabinet meetings and the February Performance & Finance meeting for a copy of the business case for the January Garden waste sale yet I still have not received a copy. Please could you “look into it” and ask your cabinet member to provide me with a copy of the business case?”

16.

**Questioner:** Councillor Norman Stevenson

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** “Who are carrying out the excavations at Pinner Wood School? Do they have an open-ended contract? Are they being paid an agreed fixed fee for the works or is their fee based on the time spent on site?”

17.

**Questioner:** Councillor Norman Stevenson

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Question:** “I would like to congratulate the Council’s staff on putting together a travel plan so quickly for Pinner Wood pupils and parents. How will you be funding this?”

18.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Do you think the LGA action plan will be successful in addressing all of the concerns raised in the LGA peer review?”

19.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Who authorised the decision for the Council to pay for Cultura’s legal fees and wages of Cultura Employees?”

20.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Which officers and members have been responsible for this decision?”

21.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Who knew that the Council is paying Cultura’s legal fees as well the wages of some Cultura employees?”

22.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “How much has the Council paid for Cultura’s legal fees and, if anything, what future costs are the Council expected to pay? Please give a breakdown of costs.”

23.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “How much has the Council paid for the wages of Cultura employees? Please give a breakdown of which Cultura employees the Council is paying the wages of and the cost of this.”

24.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Has the Council’s payment of Cultura’s legal fees and wages been included in any contract with Cultura? If so, please can I have a copy?”

25.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “When did the Council start paying Cultura’s legal fees and wages and when will this agreement end?”

26.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Are there any other costs the Council have been paying for Cultura other than wages and legal fees? If so, please list details.”

27.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “Which departmental budget or budgets do all of the aforementioned costs come from?”

28.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “It has been reported that the regeneration project will create around 5500 new homes and create 3000 new jobs. Please can I have a breakdown of how this has been projected?”

29.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “With a projected 5500 new homes and 3000 new jobs being created through your regeneration plans, what are you doing to ensure there is sufficient infrastructure to satisfy the demand?”

30.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “At recent consultations regarding the new Civic Centre project, it was reported that 70% of Council work is team work and 50% of work is client facing. How will this workload be adequately maintained with such a significant reduction in size to the proposed new building?”

31.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “At recent consultations regarding the new Civic Centre project it was reported that car-sharing and pool cars could be used to resolve the issue of having less parking. Please can you provide details of this proposal as a business case?”

32.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “At recent consultations regarding the new Civic Centre project, it is obvious that due to the reduced size of the proposed building, many Council employees would need to work from home. What IT will the Council be investing in and what does this mean for the Council’s current IT contract?”

33.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “At recent consultations regarding the new Civic Centre project, it was mentioned that there are plans for the new Civic centre to have a flexible Council chamber that can be used for a variety of events. Will this be available for non-Council events and will the Council be charging for use of the facility?”

34.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “What are the current costs of hiring out any part of the Civic Centre site for a non-Council event?”

35.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “At recent consultations regarding the new Civic Centre project, it was mentioned that the new Civic Centre would have roof terraces or gardens. These proposals were initiated before the Palmerston Road / Masons Avenue development was agreed by the Mayor of London. What impact will the nearby construction of two 17-storey tower blocks have on the proposed new civic centre’s roof terrace/garden?”

36.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “At a recent staff consultation regarding the new Civic Centre project, it was mentioned that business cases are being drawn up. Please could I have a list of all business cases that have been created, are currently being created and are planned to be created for the Civic Centre project and once created, could I have a copy of each business case?”

37.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** Regarding Councillor Whitehead's business trip to Australia and New Zealand you attended for IBM and Project Infinity: "Why did IBM fly Councillor Whitehead out so long before the conference?"

38.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "At who's request did IBM fly Councillor Whitehead out so early?"

39.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "Was the Hotel cost related to the day Councillor Whitehead spent at the hotel for the conference?"

40.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "Was the Hotel linked to the Conference or did Councillor Whitehead stay elsewhere?"

41.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “If the hotel bills were relating to more than the conference date, can I have full details please?”

42.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Did IBM pay the whole of Councillor Whitehead’s travel costs between home and the conference and while in Australia and New Zealand? If not, for which items did it pay and, in each case, was that the whole or a lower percentage of that item? If a lower percentage, please state what that percentage was?”

43.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Did IBM pay the whole of Councillor Whitehead’s hotel and subsistence costs between home and the conference and while in Australia and New Zealand? If not, for which items did it pay and, in each case, was that the whole or a lower percentage of that item. If a lower percentage, please state what that percentage was.”

44.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Were the bills just associated to Councillor Whitehead or was she accompanied by anyone (including family/partner?)

If accompanied, did IBM pick up any of those bills as well?"

45.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "What date were the flights booked?"

46.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "Did IBM pay Councillor Whitehead any other sum or sums of money? If so, please specify what it was or they were?"

47.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "Did IBM offer Councillor Whitehead any other trips? If yes, when was/were any such offer(s) made? Please list any destination(s) and date(s)."

48.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "What date was the trip first discussed with the Council? On which other dates was the trip discussed with the Council?"

49.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “On what basis was Councillor Whitehead selected for the trip instead of Council officers or the serving Cabinet Member?”

50.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Can we have a copy of Councillor Whitehead’s remarks made at the meeting?”

51.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Can we have a list of who was in the audience of the meeting which Councillor Whitehead addressed?”

52.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Can we have a copy of all correspondence arranging the logistics of Councillor Whitehead’s trip?”

53.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Can we have a copy of all correspondence (including emails) developing Councillor Whitehead’s speech (including any drafts of her comments)?”

54.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Can we have a copy of all correspondence following-up on issues raised by Councillor Whitehead’s comments, including responding to any inquiries from audience members and/or connected companies and other agencies?”

55.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Can you confirm, in writing, when the addition to Councillor Whitehead’s declaration of Gifts and Hospitality was made?”

56.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** “Can you confirm in writing, that the addition to Councillor Whitehead’s declaration of Gifts and Hospitality was made prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017?”

57.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "Please provide a full breakdown of the cost of the trip."

58.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "Was the potential of this trip or any other mentioned in the contractual negotiations with IBM?"

59.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "Is this trip mentioned or referred to in anyway in the contract with IBM?"

60.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "What is the total value of all Gifts and Hospitality offered (whether accepted or declined) by IBM or related companies to Councillors and Council officers? Please provide a full breakdown, including when such offers were made and to/for whom."

61.

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

**Question:** "If the hotel bills were relating to more than the conference date can I have full details, including hotel names, please?"

62.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment

**Question:** "Please can you outline what actions are being taken to save money in the HRA?"

63.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment

**Question:** "What decision has been made over the container homes initiative?"

64.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Commercialisation

**Question:** "At the last Performance and Finance Scrutiny Sub-Committee, the Divisional Director for Strategic Commissioning said he had alerted the administration 18 months ago that there were inadequate staffing resources to sufficiently monitor funding for grant expenditure in the 2015-2016 budget. Notwithstanding the good work of the Voluntary Sector, are you comfortable with the admission that there were inadequate resources to sufficiently monitor public funds?"

65.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Commercialisation

**Question:** “Does the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Commercialisation think it is helpful that budget monitoring documents are sent to committees with figures not aligning correctly? How are you going to improve this for your cabinet colleagues and the departments under their respective Portfolios?”

66.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Sue Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement

**Question:** “In answer to my question (number 19) at Annual Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Leader said: *“If a member or senior officers have not asked for a business case, then how could the officer writing it know that they need to write it? It has to be asked for by someone before it’s written.”* Is this normal practice for business cases that come under your Portfolio for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement?”

67.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Older People

**Question:** “In answer to my question (number 19) at Annual Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Leader said: *“If a member or senior officers have not asked for a business case, then how could the officer writing it know that they need to write it? It has to be asked for by someone before it’s written.”* Is this normal practice for business cases that come under your Portfolio for Adults and Older People?”

68.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “In answer to my question (number 19) at Annual Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Leader said: *“If a member or senior officers have not asked for a business case, then how could the officer writing it know that they need to write it? It has to be asked for by someone before it’s written.”* Is this normal practice for business cases that come under your Portfolio for Planning and Regeneration?”

69.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety

**Question:** “In answer to my question (number 19) at Annual Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Leader said: *“If a member or senior officers have not asked for a business case, then how could the officer writing it know that they need to write it? It has to be asked for by someone before it’s written.”* Is this normal practice for business cases that come under your Portfolio for Environment, Crime and Community Safety?”

70.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment

**Question:** “In answer to my question (number 19) at Annual Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Leader said: *“If a member or senior officers have not asked for a business case, then how could the officer writing it know that they need to write it? It has to be asked for by someone before it’s written.”* Is this normal practice for business cases that come under your Portfolio for Housing and Employment?”

71.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Health, Equality and Wellbeing

**Question:** “In answer to my question (number 19) at Annual Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Leader said: *“If a member or senior officers have not asked for a business case, then how could the officer writing it know that they need to write it? It has to be asked for by someone before it’s written.”* Is this normal practice for business cases that come under your Portfolio for Equality and Wellbeing?”

72.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Kiran Ramchandani, Portfolio Holder for Performance, Corporate Resources and Customer Services

**Question:** “In answer to my question (number 19) at Annual Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Leader said: *“If a member or senior officers have not asked for a business case, then how could the officer writing it know that they need to write it? It has to be asked for by someone before it’s written.”* Is this normal practice for business cases that come under your Portfolio for Performance, Corporate Resources and Customer Services?”

73.

**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

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