

COUNCIL MEETING – 14 DECEMBER 2023

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

a Cllr McHugh to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:

The Casey Report found the Met Police to be institutionally sexist, racist and homophobic. Cllr Woolf, we passed a motion calling on the Met to adopt and implement the Casey review at September Council. What have you done since September to push for policing that is fair and safe for people of all genders, races, and sexual orientations in Islington?

b Cllr Hamdache to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

Could the council spell out the total spend on drug and alcohol services from Islington Council each financial year since 2014, and the percentage of residents who successfully complete drug treatment?

c Cllr Convery to Cllr Ngongo, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:

Ensuring that children have the best possible start in life is vital in reducing inequalities and making sure that every single child can start school healthy and is not limited in reaching their potential. How is the Council using family hubs to ensure parents and children access the best wellbeing and developmental support in the crucial early years?

d Cllr Chapman to Cllr Bell-Bradford, Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, and Jobs:

Islington is filled with diverse organisations, making the borough a melting pot of opportunity for local people, however – these opportunities are not always accessed equally. What is the Council doing to ensure that employment opportunities are accessible to everyone?

e **Cllr Hayes to Cllr Khondoker, Executive Member for Equalities, Culture and Inclusion:**

We know that Islington's Libraries are vital – they not only offer access to books but also to the internet, warm spaces, and community events. With winter coming up and the cost-of-living crisis continuing, what is the Council doing to make our libraries accessible and welcoming to all residents?

f **Cllr Clarke to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health, and Social Care:**

Islington GP Federation is an outstanding example of an organisation of GPs. It works for the people of Islington providing high standards of service, caring for and protecting Islington patients. Do you think all GP practices in Islington should be encouraged to become members of the federation?

g **Cllr Croft to Cllr Khondoker, Executive Member for Equalities, Culture and Inclusion:**

Last year, Islington Council launched the Young Black Men and Mental Health Programme. Can you provide an update on how the programme is promoting wellbeing and tackling structural and institutional racism?

h **Cllr Ozdemir to Cllr Khondoker, Executive Member for Equalities, Culture and Inclusion:**

The Halabja genocide was a tragic chemical massacre where thousands of innocent civilians died, and others were severely wounded. This moment in history is seared in the hearts and minds of the Kurdish community, of which there is a substantial population here in Islington. How will the Council commemorate this dreadful moment in history so we can learn lessons of the past and build a better future now?

i **Cllr Williamson to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:**

Tollington is now the second highest ward in the borough for reporting of drug issues and has had a 95% increase in the last 5 years of drug reports. However there has been little increase in on the ground resource. How will the council work with the police to ensure better resourcing so we can improve safety within the community?

j **Cllr Shaikh to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:**

In February 2020, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) published a database of business enterprises involved in certain specified activities related to the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The Database identifies 112 business enterprises involved in one or more activities that raised particular human rights concerns in a UN-led investigation. These companies are involved in serious human rights abuses.

Can you provide the full list of Islington Council's LGPF holdings, and can you confirm that Islington's LGPF, or any other investment activities, have no investments with the 112 OHCHR's listed business enterprises?

k Cllr Ogunro to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

In 2017, we passed the motion to make Islington dementia friendly, and since then, we have been recognised by the Alzheimer's Society for our work in becoming a dementia-friendly borough. However, many of our residents are still unaware of the range of support available. Can you please give an update on what services the Council offers and what plans you have to increase awareness?

l Cllr Jegorovas-Armstrong to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:

Can you provide an update on the campaign for residence based voting rights?