

COUNCIL MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- a Councillor Heather to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety

There is a growing awareness and concern about the rise of drug related criminal activity in Finsbury Park Ward and also across Islington more generally. As a local councillor, I share local residents' and businesses concerns about this and call on the police to act urgently to address it. Can Cllr Hull provide details of what police action with regards to this serious issue the Council has been made aware of, including any more police officers, and how the Council is playing its part in tackling drug related crime?

- b Councillor Graham to Councillor Caluori, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:

I thank Cllr Caluori for his written answer to my question at the last Full Council. Since the question was asked I've been approached by several families who have been in situations where their children have been excluded despite having special educational needs. I've also been contacted by organisations who are aware of similar situations.

Can I ask Cllr Caluori what more is being done on the issue of premature exclusions for kids with special educational needs?

- c Councillor Ismail to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Community Development:

As lead member for community development, I am sure that you agree that the voluntary sector are the eyes and ears of our communities and it is important that the council continues to support the sector, particularly the smaller organisations. Many of these organisations receive funding from the council. Can you tell me what the organisations allocated funding in the last round on 1- 5 scale have done to reduce anti-social behaviour and social isolation amongst our senior citizens and how we measure the success of their work?

d Councillor Ismail to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council:

As the Leader of a Council that advocates social reform, that changes lives by providing affordable energy and heating, by building more housing and through the Fairness Commission and the Fair Futures Commission, can you please update us on the outcomes of the Fairness Commissions over the last 6 years; what has been achieved and what haven't we manage to change yet and if there are lessons from that commission which we are applying to the implementation of the Fair Futures Commission?

e Councillor Russell to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Please could you provide an update on the progress the council has made in upgrading front doors in council housing to ensure compliance with fire regulations?

f Councillor Russell to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Do you have an update for the users of Sotheby Mews Day Centre?