



COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JUNE 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

- a Youth Councillor Honey Baker to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

A Times investigation shows there are around 6,500 British schools, with 2.6m pupils, in areas where air pollution levels exceed World Health Organisation limits. The total includes 3,900 nursery and primaries. The numbers involve fine particles, known as PM2.5, which are the most dangerous form of air pollution. Every school in London is over the limit.

What is Islington Council doing to improve air quality to minimise damage to young people's health in the borough?

- b Youth Councillor Lydia Banjo to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families:

A Government review led by former children's minister Edward Timpson is to recommend that schools must be held accountable for the results of excluded children, with head teachers responsible for pupils even after they have been expelled. The review is also expected to say there is a correlation, but not causation between exclusions and gang violence.

What can Council Leaders do encourage Heads to reduce exclusions and provide more support to young people who may have issues leading to challenging behaviour

- c Youth Councillor Arkan Aqil to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

As you know young people have a real interest in climate change and many of us took part in the recent protests. Islington currently recycles just under 30% of household waste, whilst we are pleased that this is the 5th highest of the 13 inner London Boroughs. We are also pleased with the new recycling bins on the streets.

What more can be done to increase recycling and get businesses and residents to reduce waste in the borough?

- d Youth Councillor Crystal Thoms to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families:

We successfully collaborated with the Islington Safer Neighbourhood Board, Ben Kinsella Trust and Targeted Youth Support to organise and deliver YouthFest. Over 200 young people attended the event at Lift Youth Hub. It gave us a chance to engage with our peers on a Friday night and share some of the positive opportunities available for young people in the borough.

What collaborations and partnerships is the Council actively forging to reduce knife crime and youth violence in the borough?