



COUNCIL MEETING – 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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

Finsbury Park Ward is afflicted by a drug related crime crisis. The ward also has high levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB) related to business activities, with motor traffic offences being committed regularly by Uber and Deliveroo delivery drivers, servicing food and alcohol retailers, whose activities are proving to be incompatible with ethical trading and the well-being of residents living nearby.

In view of this situation, would you agree that in order to tackle these problems more effectively, the council and the police need to work together much more closely with people in the local community, and that to assist this cooperation the processes for reporting crime and ASB to the authorities, and the procedures for using CCTV to prevent and detect crime and ASB, need to be improved and communicated much more effectively to the public?

b **Councillor Clarke to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:**

All councillors in Islington received a letter from Unite London Region about a month ago informing us about the Unite members dispute with GLL in Bromley – they have been on strike since 6th June this year. They are striking about staff cuts and to protect the service and staffing. They say that 70% of GLL staff are on zero hours contracts are not paid the London Living Wage (LLW.) They also state that GLL refuse to recognise trade unions.

As a user of GLL run leisure facilities in Islington I am concerned in case the problems Unite members are having in Bromley are happening in centres run by GLL in Islington. Some of my concerns are whether GLL Islington pay the LLW, whether they use zero hours contracts, whether they recognise trade unions and provide facility time for union reps, practicing collective bargaining. I am also concerned about the accountability of the top level of managers in GLL and who they are answerable to.

Can you confirm that we as a council support the workers in GLL and will work with GLL and the unions involved to ensure that workers' rights to organise in a union are being protected, jobs are being protected and that GLL is adhering to our contract with them?

c **Councillor Russell to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:**

What lessons did you learn from car free day?

d **Councillor Russell to Councillor O'Halloran, Executive Member for Community Development:**

Can you provide an update on the Council's preparations for a No Deal Brexit?