

COUNCIL MEETING – 27 FEBRUARY 2020

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

a **Sebastian Sandys to Councillor Champion, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:**

Would the Executive Member for Environment and Regeneration please explain why I have not had a response to my petition submitted to Council on 27 June 2019 and could they please tell me the full costs of the installation and subsequent removal of the parklet in Baldwin Street EC1V, and where the parklet is now?

b **Gill Weston to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:**

In 2018 Islington Council granted itself planning permission to build accommodation for 11 adults with learning disabilities at Windsor Street. In 2014 council officers calculated that the scheme would cost £1.98 million and by December 2017 council officers had determined that the costs had risen to £4.12 million. Please can Councillor Ward provide an update on the estimated costs of building this accommodation, providing both build costs and development/consultancy costs?

c **Ian Fearnley to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:**

Care Quality Commission (CQC) regulations specify that no more than six people with a learning disability and/or autism should live together in supported living housing; and they have called for "small domestic scale setting within a community". In 2018 and 2019 two tribunal cases ruled in favour of the CQC's decision to refuse applications to register services for accommodation that deviated from this maximum number of six.

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/releases/tribunal-upholds-cqc-decision-refuse-registration-campus-style-accommodation-people>

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Later this year Islington Council propose to start building its residence for 11 adults with learning disabilities and/or autism at Windsor Street which contravenes these regulations as it provides shared facilities and exceeds the maximum number of six people per site. The CQC state that 'new services should not be developed as a campus and/or congregate setting due to this not being in the best interests of people with a learning disability and not promoting their rights of choice, independence and inclusion'. Given this, how does the Council propose to modify the accommodation to comply with the CQC regulations?

d **Helena Farstad to Councillor Champion, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:**

Islington Council declared a Climate Emergency (CE) June 2019 with the target to become net zero carbon by 2030. This is 20 years ahead of the Government and is demonstrating the urgency this crisis demands. The CE action and communication plan is eagerly anticipated and should have been released for consultation in advance of this question being heard.

Sadly, regardless of what Islington is doing, or indeed all the other London boroughs and UK as a whole, unless the most polluting countries in the world are taking similar, bold action, there is likely to be irreversible changes to our climate that may directly impact Islington and its residents. Be that increased temperatures, increased droughts, erratic rain fall leading to flooding, increased sea levels threatening the lower lying parts of London to be uninhabitable, spread of disease, unexpected and rapid movement of people, food shortages etc. I wonder whether the Council is planning with these eventualities in mind and whether any conversations with other boroughs and indeed the Mayor of London are taking place addressing these possible and increasingly likely future risks?

e **Ernestas Jegorovas to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:**

Will the council add tackling climate change to Islington's Fair Future commission?