

COUNCIL MEETING – 9 DECEMBER 2021

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1 Cllr Poyser to Cllr Gill, Executive Member for Finance & Performance:

The Boxing Club in Elthorne Park was temporary many years ago and is now dilapidated. As I have said many times before in full Council, organised boxing has been shown to be a proactive solution to all sorts of youth issues where the Council has been active. The Club is particularly supportive of women boxers.

The Boxing Club are doing excellent work trying to renew their premises – following the ‘Queensberry Rules’. It would be knock-out if Council help kick-start Round One of this project

Could you outline the support the Council has given the rebuilding?

2 Cllr Poole to Cllr Ngongo, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families:

As Her Majesty The Queen prepares to pass an historic milestone and celebrate her Platinum Jubilee next year, will the Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families tell the Council what plans are being formulated for Islington Schools to celebrate this great event?

3 Cllr Ismail to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health & Social Care:

Before coronavirus disease, black women over 50 suffered loneliness, isolation, depression, and language barriers. Now, with the current Omicron looming, what support is in place to combat further loneliness and isolation for Black women?

4 Cllr Ismail to Cllr Lukes, Executive Member for Community Safety:

Since the stabbing of Sir David Amess MP, the Somali community has suffered badly from islamophobia, as reported on BBC London, Sunday Politics and the Guardian Newspaper. Have you engaged with the Somali community with any support and reassurances; and how and when?

5 Cllr Russell to Cllr Gill, Executive Member for Finance & Performance:

How many residents are eligible for the council tax reduction scheme this year and how many of these are in arrears with their council tax this year?

6 Cllr Russell to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:

How many repairs have been requested in Islington to fix mould in residents' homes each year across the last five years? Please supply aggregated annual Islington figures at the meeting for the last five years and supply a table in writing separately broken down by ward and housing type (estate or street property and building construction type if you hold that data).

7 Cllr Williamson to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health & Social Care:

There was already a crisis in young people's mental health and support services before Covid-19, but the pandemic has made the situation worse.

Before the pandemic waiting times were long for CAMHS. But with an even bigger growth in demand for mental health and support services, and the escalating NHS recruitment crisis caused by a Tory government asleep at the wheel, we are witnessing a perfect storm – with disastrous effects for our young people. One of my own young constituents has already spent over a year of his childhood waiting to be assessed by CAMHS, and is expected to still wait another year before getting assessed. Waiting times are now at roughly 30 months. While we know the Tory government rhetoric of parity of esteem for mental health services needs to be matched with reality – with real funding and serious work to bring down waiting times, what is the CCG doing locally to reduce waiting times for CAMHS?