

## COUNCIL MEETING – 30 JUNE 2022

### QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

a **Cllr Gilgunn to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:**

The current Tory cost of living crisis is having a severe impact on working people in Islington, with prices and bills rising but wages stagnating. Could you tell me what the Council is doing to help people during this difficult time?

b **Cllr Hamdache to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:**

Does the Council agree with me that it is an outrage that the Planning Inspectorate have allowed a new housing development at Highbury Quadrant that only provides 28% affordable housing?

c **Cllr Russell to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

With the benefit of hindsight, does the energy contract signed with SSE represent value for money?

d **Cllr Jegorovas-Armstrong to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

Both Camden and Hackney councils have switched to fortnightly non-recyclable waste collections. Does the council see any benefit to following suit?

e **Cllr Russell to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

Is £28 a year too cheap for parking a Tesla?

f **Cllr Hamdache to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

At the current rate of building cycle hangars, in what year does the council project they will meet demand?

g **Cllr Jegorovas-Armstrong to Cllr Ngongo, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families:**

Why were Islington Boat Club premises temporarily shut?

h **Cllr Hayes to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:**

I was delighted to see Fiona Monkman of Islington Architects shortlisted for the MJ Long Prize for Excellence in Practice 2022 award recently, for the wonderful new social housing on Centurion Close in Islington. We are so proud of our social housing in Islington, can you tell me what the Council is doing to make sure we not only have as much social housing as possible but that it is on the highest possible standard?

i **Cllr Craig to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

The particularly hot weather over the last couple of weeks has affected us all, with less well-off residents often feeling the greatest effects, living in less well-insulated homes, and more likely to be in work that involves greater physical strain, and more time outside. The Mayor of London recently issued a map of cooler places that Londoners could take shelter, and we know that these long spells of intense heat result in poor health and excess deaths.

As the frequency and severity of hot weather increases, what steps is the Council taking not only to tackle the climate emergency, but also to mitigate its impacts on those set to suffer the most?

**j Cllr Poyser to Cllr Khondoker, Executive Member for Equalities, Culture and Inclusion:**

With six years having now passed since the Brexit referendum, the Leave campaign's promises of prosperity, cheaper food, cheaper fuel and a fair migration system seem a very long way away. The latter is particularly striking, with the Government talking airily of 'Global Britain' in the aftermath of the result.

But what we've got is a migration system that's progressively crueller, more hostile and more deliberately difficult to navigate than ever before – whether for people in our own community here in Islington, or those fleeing persecution and conflict in Ukraine, Afghanistan and beyond. What steps is the Council taking to welcome those seeking a place of sanctuary in our borough, and to campaign for a migration system underpinned by fairness, compassion and humanity?