

COUNCIL MEETING – 8 DECEMBER 2022

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

a Luke Howard to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:

How will the council ensure their green credentials and commitment to expanding and protecting the current lack of open space in the densest area and borough in the U.K, the Islington St. Luke's area, and in keeping with their sustainability commitment, how will you re-utilise the surplus of unused office space and flats in the St. Luke's area to address Islington's housing need?

b Rebekah Kelly to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:

At the councils executive meeting in October 2021, the People Friendly Pavements scheme was launched. Can you provide an update to what has happened since to improve pavement conditions in Islington since then?

c Pete Gilman to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:

How much has central government funding to Islington Council been cut by the Tories since 2010, and what is the cumulative total; how has this impacted on Islington Council's ability to provide essential services and its house building programme; how do these cuts compare with those made to wealthier boroughs like Richmond; can Islington Council give assurance it will press for a restoration of central government funding?

d Steven Nyandu to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:

Research by Be Gamble Aware has revealed one in ten (12%) women have turned to gambling in an attempt to supplement their household income. How can the council strengthen its collaboration work with VCS groups to help prevent vulnerable people becoming victims of gambling-related harm, particularly as the cost of living crisis has seen an increase in gambling as a means to resolve financial hardship?

e **Sarah Jane Elvin to Cllr Ngongo, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:**

Can the Council confirm and give reassurance to the local community that the Islington Boat Club site will remain a dedicated charitable community led boat club (*on the site of 16-34 Graham Street as indicated in the Bunhill Ward plan 2019*) for the provision of water sports for young people and community groups and will not be taken over by another high rise building and/or commercial interests?