

COUNCIL MEETING – 2 MARCH 2023

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

a Cllr Pandor to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:

How is the Council seeking to challenge inequality in the delivery of our VAWG services while addressing the impacts of intersectionality for survivors of VAWG?

b Cllr Burgess to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care:

I read with concern that private care brokers are making millions from arranging social care beds for people who are medically fit for discharge from hospital. This is a terrible use of public funds. The situation would not have arisen had Conservative governments properly funded social care over the past twelve years. Please could I have your assurance that this is not happening in Islington.

c Cllr Hamdache to Cllr O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities:

How many estates have cyclical repairs delayed by more than 3 years and how many residents are impacted?

d Cllr Jegorovas-Armstrong to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:

How many residents are behind on their council tax and how many council tenants are behind on their rent because of the introduction of Universal Credit?

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

How much parking revenue is lost due to the Council's Roamer parking scheme and how many short car trips are generated by this policy?

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

I would like to say how pleased I was to see the North London Waste Authority full-page adverts in the Islington Tribune encouraging residents to recycle their used electrical items. There was also a QR code in the advert to scan to find out more about recycling. I know the council is doing all it can to increase recycling rates in the borough working the local community and the NLWA. Can we please have an update on our recycling challenge in the borough and what more we are planning to do to increase our recycling rate.

g **Cllr Poyser to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

I am extremely proud to represent Whitehall Park, one of the earliest Conservation areas. Some its architecture is distinctive – majestic, even. I have frequently written to Council officers where this has not been respected – in bay windows, designs for porches etc. asking them to inform transgressors, and to new residents of the area. Our planet is facing unprecedented man-made natural disaster and Islington has taken a proud lead ensuring we are carbon-neutral by 2030. What steps is the Council taking to ensure that discreet solar panels, with the absolute minimum effect on the original Victorian and historic street designs, are encouraged across the Borough? Are we a leading Council in this area? Is the perception that Solar Panels are impossible in Conservation areas in any way fair?

h **Cllr McHugh to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:**

Councillor Woolf, I'm delighted and thankful to see the excellent work that you are doing to eliminate violence against women and girls in Islington. Too often, in focusing on women and girls, there is an eradication of attention on the important role of men and boys. The violence is against women and girls, but nearly always it is initiated by men and boys. Not only are there male perpetrators to consider, but also men and boys have important roles to play in challenging social norms, speaking out and confronting prejudice.

Can you please therefore comment on how the Council's VAWG work and strategy addresses perpetrators as well as addresses men and boys in Islington more generally?

i Cllr Bossman-Quarshie to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:

Islington has launched many initiatives in its effort to reduce knife crime locally such as the introduction of knife bins and no knife shops, which help to reduce the availability of knives. In my local ward, my colleagues and I are doing a lot to raise awareness on hate and knife crime, and we know some residents have felt empowered to report instances of crime. However, while we have seen rates of knife crime in the borough fall in recent years, there is still work to be done and 13 years of Tory austerity means the resources available to us to eradicate knife crime are limited. With the No More Red campaign, in partnership with Arsenal, as a starting point, how can we build on our partnership work with other key organisations in the borough to increase the work being done in the community to tackle the root causes of knife crime?

j Cllr Hyde to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:

As an Islington Labour councillor, I was extremely proud that, in the 2020 Council budget we heavily invested in our work to tackle domestic violence. Could you tell me what impact that investment has had since then on our work in this area and, in particular, increased the impact of MARAC meetings on the rates of domestic violence in Islington?

k Cllr Jeapes to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health & Social Care:

The LGA has recently called on the government to publish the Public Health grant funding allocations which helps local councils to fund vital health services related to drug and alcohol treatment, tackling obesity and health visits. After 13 years of Tory austerity, we know all too well the impact lack of sufficient funding can have on the services we deliver. Can you clarify whether we have received notice about our Public Health Grant funding allocation, and if not, can we commit to lobbying central government on this matter?

l Cllr Cinko-Oner to Cllr Bell-Bradford, Executive Member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs

The cost of living crisis is impacting local businesses due to rising costs in food and fuel. Supporting our local businesses is key to growing our economy, and providing jobs for local residents. What measures are being put in place to ensure businesses gain support to mitigate against these rising costs, and are considered in our procurement processes?

m **Cllr Clarke to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

Islington Council takes the global degradation of ecosystems, the climate crisis and pollution with the utmost seriousness. Given the fact that livestock farming accounts for between 16.5% and 28% of all greenhouse gas pollution and creates more carbon emissions than all global transport combined. The heating effect of methane is rising and livestock farming is the greatest source of methane released by human activities. Livestock farming is the greatest cause of habitat destruction and wildlife loss. Substitutes for animal products can greatly reduce this damage. What is the council doing to address the damaging effects of livestock farming and publicise alternatives to it?