

## COUNCIL MEETING – 13 JULY 2023

### QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**a Cllr Convery to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

Islington has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with "dockless" electric bike operators including Lime (Uber) and Human Forest. What elements of the Memoranda provide the Council with control against irresponsible parking; is the Council prepared to enforce against irresponsible parking using such control; and is the Council prepared to enforce the provisions contained in the September 2018 TfL guide, "Dockless bike share code of practice For Operators in London"?

**b Cllr Williamson to Cllr Champion, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport:**

Islington currently has no step free overground stations. This makes it extremely difficult for people with disabilities, parents and others to get around. Whilst I understand this is the responsibility of the Department for Transport, what is the Council doing to support the bid for Access for All funding to make Crouch Hill Station accessible?

**c Cllr Hamdache to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:**

It's positive news that the council is exploring third party operators for Sobell ice rink. Can you give us an update on how these conversations are going?

**d Cllr Russell to Cllr O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities:**

How much compensation has the council paid out to council tenants and leaseholders each year since 2018 due to disrepair?

e **Cllr Jegorovas-Armstrong to Cllr O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities:**

Under Estate Management the council states "Your Estate Services team will inspect each estate thoroughly at various frequencies over a 12 month period for: cleaning standards, safety and repairs standards in communal areas"

How many estates have had an estate inspection in 2022, how many have not had an inspection and what percentage is this of the whole number of estates applicable?

f **Cllr Staff to Cllr Woolf, Executive Member for Community Safety:**

What steps is the Council is taking to ensure LGBT+ residents and visitors to the borough continue to feel safe and welcome, including addressing incidents of LGBT+ hate crime?

g **Cllr Bossman-Quarshie to Cllr Bell-Bradford, Executive Member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs:**

Many people who rely on cash have a low income, or other vulnerability, including visible and invisible disabilities such as low motor skills. Since the pandemic, shops and services increasingly only accept cards as a method of payment and research by Which? showed 1 in 5 consumers have been stopped from making cash payments for items such as groceries, small purchases in shops and refreshments. How will the Council support an inclusive economy and encourage our local SMEs to accept cash from customers?

h **Cllr Cinko-Oner to Cllr O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities:**

Over the last few months, we've seen how the cost-of-living crisis has made it difficult for people to heat their homes, causing issues with damp and mould. What is the Council doing to support people to reduce condensation and moisture in their homes, as well as reduce some of the financial strain they are currently facing?

i **Cllr Clarke to Cllr Turan, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:**

Thames Water's disastrous flooding of the Sobell has resulted in the ice rink being destroyed, instead it is proposed that it will continue in a different form but still as the Islington people's sport centre. Is the planned extension of the activity area more sustainable economically and environmentally than continuing with an ice rink?

**j Cllr Ozdemir to Cllr Ward, Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance:**

The Holloway Prison site development is underway, and residents have highlighted issues concerning noise and dust. What is the Council doing to hold the developer, Peabody to account and mitigate noise and pollution on the site so it doesn't affect nearby residents?

**k Cllr Jeapes to Cllr Khondoker, Executive Member for Equalities, Culture and Inclusion:**

The European flag is the flag which defends human rights and promotes European culture. Other European institutions - such as local governments - were encouraged to adopt the European flag, and thereby stand in solidarity with the ideals of European unity and defenders of human rights - freedom, democracy, equality, and the rule of law, promoting peace and stability. Therefore, please could we show the true colours of Islington and its people by flying the flag as we are Europeans and defenders of human rights and culture?

**l Cllr Bossman-Quarshie to Cllr Ngongo, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:**

In light of Child Q, what is the Council doing to ensure we are safeguarding young Black girls?