

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2015

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- a Cllr Andrews to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance and Performance

I understand that the council has recently won the case against the current owner of Myddleton Square Gardens, the MCG, I would like to know why the council still do not have a new lease for Myddleton Square Gardens, what action is being taken and why it is taking so long?

- b Councillor Andrews to Councillor Shaikh, Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

In Clerkenwell we have had 5 small businesses closed including a pub, a shop and newsagents. In view of the very uneven playing field that there is for small family business especially when it comes to tax can you tell me, so that I can tell my constituents, what help the council is providing to for small family business?

- c Councillor Poole to Councillor Convery, Executive Member for Community Safety

Would the Executive Member for Community Safety consider following Lambeth in banning the use and supply of new psychoactive substances (including nitrous oxide) in public places?

- d Councillor Poole to Councillor Murray, Executive Member for Housing and Development

Would the Executive Member for Housing & Development detail the extent of listed building status pertaining HMP Pentonville?

- e Councillor Russell to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport

I was interested to learn in the local paper that Labour councillors have "slammed the brakes" on their parking consultation. What did the Council learn from the £87,000 consultation on parking and was it good value for money?"

- f Councillor Russell to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council

What can the council do, to resettle Syrian refugees given that government is not currently providing a 5 year funding package?"

- g Councillor Ismail to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council

Young people and men from the BAME community, with good educational qualifications, are over-represented in the numbers of unemployed people in the borough. What do you think is the biggest single barrier to their gaining employment and what is the council doing to address it?

- h Councillor Kaseki to Cllr Watts, Leader of the Council

The humanitarian crisis in Europe, with refugees and migrants fleeing conflict and persecution, has led many residents to express their concerns to me and to other councillors about the treatment of these people. Can I ask the Leader of the Council what the Council is doing to prepare for the arrival of any Syrian refugees and what his views are of the response of European Union member states to this human crisis?

- i Councillor Ismail to Councillor Shaikh, Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

Islington has a vibrant & diversity community, but not all communities seem to benefit equally from funding from the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee. What are you doing, as the Executive Member, to ensure that all communities have equal access to opportunities to apply for funding and to ensure that funding is fairly distributed across the borough's different communities?