

## COUNCIL MEETING – 30 JUNE 2016

### QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

- a Greg Foxsmith to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:

How did the Council promote National Walking Month in May this year, and Walk to School Week in the same month?

- b Paul Milican to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport

It is estimated that 100 Islington residents die each year from health effects that are exacerbated by poor air quality. Is it not your responsibility to ban barbecues so that the 8 out of 10 residents who do not have a back garden can enjoy fresh air on warm days rather than have serious health issues exacerbated by the pollutants that barbecues emit? You have stated that there is no public health risk from BBQs but given there is no level at which PM2.5 is deemed safe, what proof do you have?

- c Leyla Daybelge to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport

A monitoring report on barbecues commissioned by the council in 2015 indicated that PM2.5 pollution levels in Highbury Fields caused by widespread barbecue use were three times the level of one of London's busiest roads. These fine particles are known to cause heart and lung disease. Given that there is no level at which PM2.5 particles are deemed safe, should the council not take a precautionary approach and ban barbecues on its green spaces?