

QUESTIONS TO – THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Q No.	From Cllr	Question	Background
8.	Millican	<p>How meetings have you or Council Officers held with representative of Pret and Wagamama prior to their opening in Ealing?</p> <p>Under the current administration officers have invested considerable time and effort. Officers working with agents for both desirable end users, who will complement Ealing's retail and leisure offer and those acting for landlords. To on the one hand encourage the end users that Ealing is a suitable and profitable destination to locate to and two to encourage and inform landlords to offer suitable lease terms and make space available.</p> <p>Wagmama and Pret are two businesses successfully attracted in by working with agents and landlords. Operators of this kind generally only locating to non-central London areas like Ealing where they feel confident with the prospects of the place and the attitude and aptitude of the local authority.</p> <p>The attraction of these operators being the conclusion of several years of informal work and discussions at events like MIPIM, British Retail Consortium conference, Ealing In London etc.</p>	
9.	Millican	<p>At the 21 May Cabinet Meeting in relation to the Leisure and Library Services Report, you pointed out that the chosen contractors were either a charitable trust or a non-profit organisation, so you were therefore happy to say that</p>	

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		<p>we were not doing business with “rapacious capitalist” as claimed by the unions.</p> <p>Given that Enterprise and presumably a host of others companies which the Council does business with, are not charitable trust or non-profit organisation, presumably it means that they fall into the category of “rapacious capitalist.” Is the Council moving towards taking an ethical stance to types of companies it will do business with in the future?</p> <p>My comments referred exclusively to rebutting claims made by others about the new leisure and libraries contract.</p>	
10.	Millican	<p>Ealing Town Hall is of historic vale and interest. What assurances will the Leader give that it will not be demolished or lost to community use?</p> <p>Ealing Town Hall is a listed building with statutory protection. Any significant degree of alteration would require the consent of English Heritage and as the building is Council owned the Secretary of State. It is extremely unlikely that either of these would permit demolition of the building though they may permit sensitive alteration and conversion if this helped preserve and enhance the elements of the building of historic value and interest, such as the facade. It is worth noting that the current building has a number of post war additions which detract rather than add to the structures which the listing is in place to protect.</p>	

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		<p>Detailed proposals for Ealing Town Hall are in the process of being worked up in order to preserve the building for the long term and provide a sustainable financial model. All the potential options include provision of required facilities for members and community use. This administration has made significant investment into the Town Hall to ensure that it continues to be safe for members of the public to use and remains a building which the whole community can take pride in.</p>	
11.	Millican	<p>With the exception of union representatives acting in their union capacity; what is the written policy regarding members of staff expressing orally or in writing their personal political opinions whilst working in their capacity as a member of staff and what sanctions are available to deal with such incidents?</p> <p>Conduct with respect to dealing with elected Councillors is covered in the Councils "Employee Code of Conduct" (Feb 2013 v7) Dealing with Councillors page 9. A copy is available on the intranet and the relevant extract is set out below for convenience.</p> <p>What action may or may not be taken will depend on what was actually said or written, the context, the audience and any other circumstances that may be relevant to the specific incident. If after investigation, it is appropriate to consider a formal sanction, then the Council's disciplinary procedure should be used.</p>	

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		<p>Relevant Extract</p> <p>The elected Councillors collectively form the Council, which is the legal employer of all the employees who work for it. Certain principles therefore need to be observed in your dealings with Councillors, which will also help ensure you are not open to accusations of bias. The Convention on Working Relations (part of the Council's constitution) sets out the working relationship between Councillors and employees and is available on the Council's internet page.</p> <p>In summary you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be polite and professional in your dealings with Councillors and deal efficiently with all Councillors' enquiries, regardless of their political allegiances. • Provide professional advice, not influenced by political views or preference, which does not compromise the political neutrality of officers. • Report to your designated manager at once if a Councillor asks or pressures you to deal with a matter outside Council procedure or policy. • Not try to influence Councillors involved in appointing employees or representatives. • Not lobby Councillors on work issues when acting in a professional capacity or to advance a personal interest or those of others to influence decisions improperly. • Avoid close personal relationships with Councillors as this can confuse the separate roles and get in the way of proper discharge of the Council's functions, not least in 	

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		creating the perception in others that a particular Councillor or officer may secure advantageous treatment	
12.	Millican	<p>Does the Leader now support the Governments fiscal strategy given the recent complete acceptance by Ed Balls of the Governments spending plans?</p> <p>This neither my position nor the Labour party's. Accepting you cannot immediately fix all the damage this Government has done is not the same as agreeing they have taken the right course of action in the first place.</p> <p>I would be interested to know whether Cllr Millican agrees with all the savings we have made since taking control of the council or whether he intends to reverse them all in the unlikely event that he wins the next election.</p>	
13.	Reen	<p>Can the Leader please outline his plans for Councillor allowances after the current freeze period ends?</p> <p>The Members Allowances Scheme, including any changes to it, must be approved by full council each year. Any change to allowances would require a change to the scheme. No proposals have yet been brought forward or approved for changes to the scheme in future years.</p>	
14.	Reen	<p>How much has the Council paid or given in the past 2 years to any lobbying groups?</p> <p>In each of the last two financial years the Council has paid subscriptions or contributions to the following groups and organisations. Depending on the group or organisation some or</p>	

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		<p>all of the subscription or contribution may have been used on lobbying:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 432 1328 1015"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="483 432 965 579"></th> <th data-bbox="965 432 1144 579">2011/12 £</th> <th data-bbox="1144 432 1328 579">2012/13 £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 579 965 699">Local Government Association (LGA)</td> <td data-bbox="965 579 1144 699">60,811</td> <td data-bbox="1144 579 1328 699">56,295</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 699 965 775">London Councils</td> <td data-bbox="965 699 1144 775">192,758</td> <td data-bbox="1144 699 1328 775">175,745</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 775 965 895">Higher Ethnicity Authorities Special Interest Group (HEASIG)</td> <td data-bbox="965 775 1144 895">1,700</td> <td data-bbox="1144 775 1328 895">1,700</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 895 965 1015">Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (LAANC)</td> <td data-bbox="965 895 1144 1015">640</td> <td data-bbox="1144 895 1328 1015">653</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In addition to the above during 2012/13 (and early 2013/14) the Council has also spent around £97k in respect of the Save our Hospitals Campaign, broken down as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 1294 1328 1367"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 1294 1128 1367">Save Our Hospitals Campaign</td> <td data-bbox="1128 1294 1328 1367">£</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2011/12 £	2012/13 £	Local Government Association (LGA)	60,811	56,295	London Councils	192,758	175,745	Higher Ethnicity Authorities Special Interest Group (HEASIG)	1,700	1,700	Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (LAANC)	640	653	Save Our Hospitals Campaign	£	
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		Review of Ealing Hospital (Deloitte)	29,690	
		Advertising, Publicity and Events	66,612	
		Legal Fees	938	
		Total	97,240	
15.	Reen	<p>What is the current planning appeal overturn rate for the council by the Inspector? How has this changed over the last three years?</p> <p>I assume that the information requested relates to the numbers and percentages of appeals allowed as opposed to the numbers of appeals dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. The statistics are as follows:</p> <p>2009/10 – 34.48% allowed 2010/11- 31.54% allowed 2011/12- 23.71% allowed 2012/13- 41.96% allowed 2013/14 (year to date to 10th June 2013) -23.53% allowed</p> <p>Performance direction of travel since 2010 was high with the percentage of appeals allowed showing a downwards trend (lower is better) since 2008/09 (40.52% allowed) over the past three years until about July 2012. Then, along with some other London authorities, we noticed a change where more appeals were allowed. This coincided with the</p>		

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		<p>government's measures to relax planning control.</p> <p>An analysis of appeal decisions for Ealing indicates that Planning Inspectors appear to be taking additional factors into account to allow the definition of "harm" to become weaker, and putting less emphasis on planning policies. Officers are taking account of this apparent change when determining application proposals.</p> <p>The statistics for the first quarter in 2013/14 show fewer appeals allowed.</p>	
16.	Reen	<p>Please can you outline what plans are there to tackle back garden developments?</p> <p>Back garden development proposals are considered within the context of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the London Plan, the Council's approved Core Strategy and preparation of other Development Plan Documents (DPD's),</p> <p>The NPPF establishes a presumption in favour of sustainable development, stating 'Local planning authorities should consider the case for setting out policies to resist inappropriate development of residential gardens, for example where development would cause harm to the local area.'</p> <p>Following on from this, Ealing Council uses planning policies in the London Plan and its own Plans that aim to protect the character and appearance of any new development and the amenities (living conditions) of both any future occupiers and any surrounding neighbours.</p>	

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		<p>There is no one specific policy on back garden development because it is not appropriate for a blanket approach to prevent garden development in Ealing, a borough that comprises varied character.</p> <p>Assessment of each scheme is considered on its own merits but that would include consideration of the need for housing, residential density, space standards, design and impact on locality, trees, landscaping, parking, refuse management and many other issues. With such consideration back garden development as described can be stopped through the planning process.</p> <p>For back garden developments the Council has for many years had a pragmatic approach to these, carefully balancing the desire to protect local amenity with the need to address the chronic shortage of housing in London. In respect of this later point there is a clear cross party consensus in terms of the housing targets backed up by regional policies which we have to adhere to, set for Ealing by successive Mayors of London.</p> <p>Generally both major parties being in agreement at London and National level that appropriate densification within existing residential areas is important in housing supply terms and can also have other benefits.</p> <p>It is worth noting that in recent years where the Planning Committee has rejected proposals for back garden/garden developments, the Government's Planning Inspector has in every case supported the applicant and over ruled the Council.</p>	

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		Rest assured however that we will continue to ensure that all development still subject to planning control will be appropriate and of the highest standard achievable.	
17.	Costello	<p>How many Council meetings have Cllr Syed attended in the past 3 municipal years?</p> <p>Although we have no Councillor Syed on the council I assume that the question is about Councillor Said.</p> <p>In 2010/2011 he attended 19 of a possible 33 meetings – 58% attendance</p> <p>In 2011/2012 he attended 8 of a possible 14 meetings – 57% attendance</p> <p>In 2012/2013 he attended 7 of a possible 11 meetings – 57% attendance.</p>	
18.	Ball	<p>The preferred bidder for the Gunnersbury Park Small Mansion, Alpha Plus Group, recently withdrew following revelations that they are ultimately owned by a property development company based in the British Virgin Islands. Will the Leader assure me that any future lease of the Small Mansion or any other building within Gunnersbury Park will contain a condition that the building reverts to the Councils without compensation in the event that the specific use proposed by the bidder ceases?</p> <p>The council carried out a full and thorough marketing process for the Small Mansion at Gunnersbury Park and</p>	

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		<p>selected the Alpha Plus group as their preferred bidder. This process involved carrying out all appropriate company checks and balances.</p> <p>With regards to the future marketing and leasing of the small mansion, the council had not entered into a lease at this stage but a development agreement. The council were not and never would be put in a position of exposure should a process not complete on this or any other property deal. Should a lease have been awarded then the councils interests would always be protected so that compensation or any other costs are not incurred and the site would always revert to the council, should there be breach or cancelling of the lease by the lessee</p> <p>In terms of the process, it is important to state that this decision could only have been made at this stage, not earlier, as Alpha Plus were appointed as preferred developer and since this appointment have been able to carry out further investigation and discussions.</p> <p>The reason for their withdrawal from the scheme is outlined below, which is from their property director and associated press release</p> <p>Alpha Plus Group would like to re-iterate that we are sorry not to be taking the project forward. We considered the plan and carried out an analysis based upon our strict investment criteria. Following this rigorous exercise, we have unfortunately concluded that the Small Mansion will not work financially for us as a relocation project.</p> <p>Once that conclusion was reached, we felt that there was</p>	

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		<p>no benefit in continuing discussions or indeed, engaging in the process to try and get permissions to change the use of the building – if we could have made the project financially sustainable, we would certainly have looked forward to engaging in that process and addressing the issues involved. I am afraid though that the financial numbers for the project, after we had been able to study and analyse them in depth, just didn't add up, and that ultimately made the decision.</p> <p>“Following long and detailed consideration of the plans for the Small Mansion at Gunnersbury Park, we have decided not to proceed with our involvement in the process. We have concluded that the scale of the project meant that it would not be possible for us to financially deliver it in a manner which would be sustainable and we have therefore decided to withdraw at this early stage.</p> <p>“We want to thank the Councils for their courtesy and professionalism during the process and we wish them every success with the plans for Gunnersbury Park, which, we very much hope, will return it to its full glory.”</p>	

QUESTIONS TO – CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH & ADULT SERVICES

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19.	Kapoor, Anita	<p>How will the Portfolio Holder respond to concerns of residents, Oakland School about the location of the Cambridge Yard facility in a residential area?</p> <p>The CRI/RISE service has withdrawn its planning application for this site in a residential area. They continue to work with the Council to identify alternate locations. We continue to support the development of these important services. Providing accessible recovery services for people with alcohol and substance misuse problems is important in reducing the local burden on families, health services and crime as shown by the recent Alcohol Data Scrutiny report. Should an alternative site or sites be identified that requires planning permission, the Council as local planning authority would determine any planning applications on their individual merits within the context of planning policies.</p>	

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20.	Costello	<p>How much of Cllr Ed Rennie’s £9,602 allowance was clawed back from him after his 4 /5 month absence from his duties as a Councillor and given to the Perivale Ward Forum?</p> <p>Members’ allowances are paid in accordance with the members’ allowances scheme within the council’s constitution. That scheme makes no provision for allowances to be stopped or clawed back, as long as a councillor continues to hold office they are entitled to be paid the basic allowance. However, the allowance can be stopped if a councillor requests it. Councillor Rennie asked in February of this year that his allowance for the four month period February – May 2013 be paid not to him but to the Perivale Ward Forum budget. This was done</p>	
21.	Costello	<p>How was the amount to be repaid by Cllr Ed Rennie calculated and who determined how much he should repay?</p> <p>Only Councillor Rennie can determine what happens to the allowance that he would otherwise be entitled to receive. Councillor Rennie is currently entitled to receive the basic allowance of £801 per month. This is set out within the council’s adopted allowances scheme, at part 6 of the council’s constitution. The money was paid to the Perivale Ward Forum gross of the tax and national insurance</p>	

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		contributions that would have been payable had the allowance been paid to Cllr Rennie himself.	
22.	Reen	<p>Has Cllr Wendy Langan been asked to repay a portion of her Members Allowance? If no, why not and will she been asked at all?</p> <p>Members' allowances are paid in accordance with the members' allowances scheme within the council's constitution. That scheme makes no provision for allowances to be stopped or clawed back, as long as a councillor continues to hold office they are entitled to be paid the basic allowance. However, the allowance can be stopped if a councillor requests it.</p>	
23.	Reen	<p>During the week of the 28 May, the on-going IT problem was worse than normal. What was the cause of the problem and how many users were affected?</p> <p>Taking advantage of the Bank Holiday weekend, a series of circa 20 security upgrades were planned & initiated. One of these upgrades resulted in a number of staff not having access to Outlook without logging in twice, when they next came into work after the Bank Holiday. This problem was caused because a component in a firewall needed the software to be configured and reloaded. This was done on the Wednesday evening and the problem rectified. There were 74 recorded calls to the helpdesk.</p> <p>In addition since the middle of May we have been rolling out an ability for people to reset their login password online without calling the Helpdesk (saving £85k per annum). This</p>	

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		<p>was followed by an insistence on a longer, stronger login password which will facilitate the rollout of single sign on to reach the major applications without having to login separately to the applications again. Despite multiple communications these changes to the login password process have proved challenging to 12% of users who have sought additional advice to login when they got stuck. As a result these users have found themselves locked out and perceived there was a technical problem where there was none.</p>	
24.	Reen	<p>Is it true that the recent flooding at Greenford Business Centre was due to the gutters not been cleaned/ maintained regularly? Has the problem been fixed and if yes, how much did it cost?</p> <p>There have been problems on several occasions in the past with flooding at the Greenford Business Centre. As a result mesh was installed over the guttering. However the mesh is fixed and does not easily facilitate regular maintenance/cleaning. The recent problem during very heavy rainfall appears to have been caused by the gutters overflowing. Modifications to better enable maintenance/cleaning as part of the routine cycle of gutter maintenance across the Corporate estate are being evaluated.</p>	

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25.	Reen	<p data-bbox="483 280 1328 387">What is the staffing cost for the Hall Letting Department? Please can you provide a breakdown of their budget and indicate the grade for each staff member.</p> <p data-bbox="483 564 927 600">Hospitality and Events Team</p> <p data-bbox="483 628 824 663">Staff Costs 2013/2014</p> <p data-bbox="483 687 1279 754">The total staff costs are £335k. Breakdown of roles and grades as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 818 1323 1171"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="483 818 904 887">Role</th> <th data-bbox="904 818 1323 887">Grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 887 904 959">Sales Co-ordinators (x3)</td> <td data-bbox="904 887 1323 959">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 959 904 1031">Events Manager (x3)</td> <td data-bbox="904 959 1323 1031">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 1031 904 1102">Hospitality Manager</td> <td data-bbox="904 1031 1323 1102">11</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 1102 904 1171">Hd of Hospitality & Events</td> <td data-bbox="904 1102 1323 1171">CB6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Role	Grade	Sales Co-ordinators (x3)	6	Events Manager (x3)	8	Hospitality Manager	11	Hd of Hospitality & Events	CB6	
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26.	Reen	<p data-bbox="483 1195 1283 1262">What was the cost to taxpayers of writing to all residents who have a postal vote to confirm that they still need it?</p> <p data-bbox="483 1302 1328 1369">The total number of personal identifier (PI) collection notices sent out was 6582; and the cost for this project was</p>											

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		<p>approximately £7351.39. This included Reminder PI Collection notices, cancellation letters, confirmation letters and associated postage/envelopes costs.</p>	
27.	Reen	<p>Please can you confirm again how many members' staff has been issued I-pads and indicate what savings to date if any has resulted from staff using them?</p> <p>To date 188 iPads have been issued to staff. iPads are only issued on approval of the business case by Exec Directors. iPads are a more cost effective and secure replacement for Laptops.</p> <p>Laptops required support and incurred an annual support charge (£256) from Serco. iPads require minimal support, are updated by users and do not incur a support charge. In addition Laptops require a Microsoft Office licence (£195) and a Microsoft Outlook licence (£25 per annum), not required for the iPads. This is because the iPads are used to access the desktop and corporate data remotely.</p> <p>The fact that iPads are used as remote access devices also makes them inherently more secure than laptops, something which was commented on positively in the recent ICO Audit of the Council. Data is not held on iPads and emails can be wiped remotely in the event of theft or loss of the device thus providing protection against data loss resulting from loss or theft of laptops which have resulted in the past in the Council being fined by the ICO</p>	
28.		Are all Council Buildings DDA complaint?	

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		<p>The current accessibility of Council's public buildings (ie. those for which 'reasonable adjustments' for individuals are not sufficient) is 80%. Partial accessibility (ie. those buildings which for construction or historical reasons cannot be fully accessible, eg. Pitzhanger Manor) and for which access statements are required would increase this figure to 85% in accordance with Council targets. This performance (when data was last collected) would place Ealing within the upper quartile for London Boroughs.</p>	
29.	Reen	<p>Can the Portfolio Holder please update members on the current financial outlays to date for the Southall Car park and the timescale for the completion of the project?</p> <p>Can the Portfolio Holder please update members on the current financial outlays to date for the Southall Car park and the timescale for the completion of the project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original budget allocated for the purchase and development of the car park was £4.75m • Spend to date has been £1.826m including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition costs - £1.620m <input type="checkbox"/> Design costs, surveys and project management - £206k • £688k has been allocated for construction/laying out costs including contingency. • The total cost of delivering the car park is currently budgeted at £2.514m. 	

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		This has resulted in a budget underspend of £2.236m, Works will be complete and car park fully operational – on or before 23/08/2013													
30.	Reen	<p>Can the Portfolio Holder outline the total pay bill for the Council for the last three years? - exclude all functions brought in with Ealing Homes and exclude the Schools service.</p> <p>Figures below include employer's national insurance contribution and employer's pension costs.</p> <p>Figures exclude schools but include Ealing Homes but please see note below</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 807 1328 1378"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="483 807 741 879">Year</th> <th data-bbox="741 807 1055 879">Total Wage Bill</th> <th data-bbox="1055 807 1328 879">Note</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 879 741 1002">2010/2011</td> <td data-bbox="741 879 1055 1002">£122,629,470.53</td> <td data-bbox="1055 879 1328 1002">Excludes Ealing Homes</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 1002 741 1161">2011/2012</td> <td data-bbox="741 1002 1055 1161">£129,033,040.98</td> <td data-bbox="1055 1002 1328 1161">Includes Ealing Homes</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 1161 741 1378">2012/2013</td> <td data-bbox="741 1161 1055 1378">£118,361,849</td> <td data-bbox="1055 1161 1328 1378">Includes Ealing Homes but excludes former Interserve employees.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Total Wage Bill	Note	2010/2011	£122,629,470.53	Excludes Ealing Homes	2011/2012	£129,033,040.98	Includes Ealing Homes	2012/2013	£118,361,849	Includes Ealing Homes but excludes former Interserve employees.	
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				The salary cost of Ealing Homes is estimated at £10,207,485	
31.	Reen	<p>Will the P/H for Finance Publish the council's contribution to the London Councils Spending Round 2013 Document submitted by London Councils on the 8th May?</p> <p>Ealing officers and councillors were involved in the discussions that led to the creation of this document.</p> <p>The submission was debated at and reflects the work of the London Finance committee which the chief executive is a member of.</p> <p>The work of the finance commission was also discussed at London Council's Leaders committee which Cllr Bell sits on.</p> <p>Ealing's views were fed in at an early stage at several meetings and the final submission reflects ideas that we helped develop.</p>			

QUESTIONS TO – CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT

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32.	Costello	<p>With summer slowly arriving, what new measures if any will the Council be taking to enforce and encourage responsible behaviour by dog owners in Ealing parks? Please indicate how many how fixed penalty notices or prosecutions have been issued/made in the past year.</p> <p>New measures include the deployment of the Parkguard team that comprises of 2 officers in a marked patrol vehicle, with a working dog. The dog is for the purpose of engagement (addressing dog issues, youth diversion), Tracking and property search.</p> <p>There were no FPN issued or prosecutions in 2012/13.</p>	
33.	Popham	<p>How many potholes did the Council repair in 2011, 2012 and to date? Please can you indicate the cost for each of the years?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 11/12 – Total potholes repaired = 5304 Total estimated value £545,178.12 • FY 12/13 – Total potholes repaired = 7964 Total estimated value £781,709.06 • FY 13/To Date – Total potholes repaired = 1938 Total estimated value £188,691.87 	
34.	Popham	<p>Please can you provide the tree pruning schedule for the Borough?</p> <p>Detailed below is the Tree Pruning Programme for 2013-14. The table illustrates the cyclical inspection programme for the boroughs street trees. Any tree pruning that is identified through the inspection programme is collated and undertaken thereafter. In addition to the regular</p>	

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		inspection programme and work that follows, reactive and emergency tree works are carried out throughout the borough all year round.	

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		Ward	Tree Officer Area	Last Survey	Next Survey	
		Southall Green	West	2010/11	2013/14	
		Northolt West End	West	2010/11	2013/14	
		Northfield	Central	2010/11	2013/14	
		Walpole	Central	2010/11	2013/14	
		Southfield	East	2010/11	2013/14	
		East Acton	East	2010/11	2013/14	
		Greenford Green	West	2010/11	2013/14	
		Northolt Mandeville	West	2011/12	2014/15	
		Ealing Broadway	Central	2011/12	2014/15	
		Ealing Common	East	2011/12	2014/15	
		Hobayne	West	2011/12	2014/15	
		North Greenford	Central	2011/12	2014/15	
		Hanger Hill	East	2011/12	2014/15	
		Norwood Green	West	2011/12	2014/15	
		Perivale	Central	2012/13	2015/16	
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		South Acton	East	2012/13	2015/16	
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		Greenford Broadway	West	2012/13	2015/16	
		Lady Margaret	West	2012/13	2015/16	
		Dormers Wells	West	2012/13	2015/16	
		Southall Broadway	West	2012/13	2015/16	

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35.	Taylor	<p>Could the portfolio holder list the revenue and capital spending projects related to cycling and encouraging cycling in the 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years and state the source of funds for each of these?</p> <p>See attached table. Note data for 2013/14 has not been fully completed yet.</p>	
36.	Taylor	<p>According to the Council's press release of 6th November Longfield Avenue was due to reopen on 9th March. Three months later it is still not open. Can the portfolio holder explain why it is three months late and state when it will re-open?</p> <p>The delays were regrettable but largely beyond the control of the Council. The single most significant reason was the unusually bad weather over the winter months due to both unusually wet and prolonged freezing conditions. We also suspended works on the road to complete the paving works to the town hall in time for the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the Queen's diamond jubilee and for a noise embargo because of exams taking place in Ealing Town Hall.</p> <p>The opening date will be Saturday 22nd June to allow for final signage and other minor works to be completed. We will also be running some events associated with National Bike Week.</p>	
37.	Taylor	<p>When does the council propose to open the permanent new car park in Southall?</p> <p>Acquisition of the car park site - 11/06/2013</p> <p>Implementation of the car park works - 17/06/2013</p> <p>Works complete and car park fully operational – on or before 23/08/2013</p>	
38.	Taylor	<p>How many missed collections were there in April and May? (Both justified and unjustified)</p>	

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41.	Ball	<p>On how many occasions in the last 5 years have stretches of road been resurfaced that had been previously resurfaced within 10 years? Do these examples indicate a quality problem with the work being carried out?</p> <p>Having gone through our registers Highways cannot find a record of any road in the borough, which has been resurfaced twice or more in a period of 10 years. If the councillor is aware of any road please advise and the matter will be investigated.</p>																						
42.	Ball	<p>In how many of the cases in my previous question was the new work carried out at the expense of the original contractor?</p> <p>Please refer to the answer provided in question 41.</p>																						

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43.	Costello	<p>What are the Councils plans for managing the pigeon population in the Highland Estates in Hanwell? Will the Council be shooting the pigeons again this year?</p> <p>We will continue to use existing methods of pigeon control and are talking to our pest control specialist contractor about other methods that we could use.</p> <p>We have never shot pigeons and do not intend to do so in the future.</p>	

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Q No.	From Cllr	Question	Background
44.	Reece	<p>In 2011 Fielding Primary School and in 2012, St Mark's Primary, Drayton Green and Cardinal Wiseman Schools were closed on the first day of the school term due to delays by the contractors on the refurbishment programme. I am told lessons were learned from this. What assurance can the portfolio holder give that this situation will not occur this September 2013?</p> <p>There is currently an unprecedented amount of school refurbishment and expansion underway across the borough. With such a large amount of work, which is out of the council's direct control, there is always a risk of overrun. The council does all it can with our contractors to minimise this risk.</p> <p>On the schemes referred to in the question, the main reason for the delay was the Contractor exceeding the agreed programme.</p> <p>There are also areas of uncertainty which may lead to problems on site. These include numerous aspects from the weather at critical times to poor performance and insufficient/inadequate resource allocation by contractors.</p> <p>To minimise the risk of unplanned closures, EC Harris have reviewed project completion and handover processes to improve their management of Contractors during this crucial period in the project and reduce the risk of any unplanned school closure.</p>	

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45.	Reece	<p>It is reported in the press that pressure is being put on teachers to inflate pupils' grades. This results in an apparent higher standard present at a school. What safeguards are in place to protect teachers and ensure the achievement data is accurate?</p> <p>Moderation and Monitoring</p> <p>KS1 Moderation: Year 2 pupils</p> <p>The LA has a statutory responsibility to moderate a minimum of 25% of schools each year to ensure consistency with national standards in teacher assessment. Schools are selected on at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school was not included in the 25% of schools moderated last year • The school has a new HT or staff new to Year 2 • The school has been moderated previously and specific development areas were identified. <p>All moderation visits are carried out by LA consultants/advisers and school teacher moderators. Moderators work in teams depending on the size of the school. LA officers act as the lead moderator and make all arrangements for the visit. Children are selected by LA officers and schools are informed of the choice. A range of evidence is looked at to confirm teacher judgements. These include assessment information and pupil</p>	

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		<p>workbooks.</p> <p>A copy of the 'Ealing KS1 Moderation Booklet 2013' is sent to the schools selected for moderation prior to the visit.</p> <p>After the visit a report is written and sent to the school outlining findings, strengths and recommendations.</p> <p>In 2013, 23 schools were selected for KS1 moderation due to some schools being missed off the cycle.</p> <p>Key Stage 2 Moderation: Year 6 writing</p> <p>KS2 writing moderation is statutory this year. The LA is moderating 35% of its schools. Last year 15% of LA schools were moderated for Year 6 writing. The Standard and Testing Agency (STA) requests that over 2 years, (2011/12 and 2012/13) 50% of schools are moderated for writing.</p> <p>This external moderation is to ensure teacher judgements are accurate and consistent with national standards.</p> <p>School staff who have passed the DFE's Standardisation exercises are currently carrying out these visits. Moderators are working in pairs to support each other. These visits are conducted without an LA officer being present. However, the LA manager will be conducting a quality assurance visit. This year the LA is being monitored by STA as part of the Department's cycle of</p>	

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		<p>monitoring visits.</p> <p>A copy of the 'Ealing KS2 Writing Moderation Booklet 2013' is sent to the school prior to the visit taking place.</p> <p>After the visit a report is written and a copy is given to the school before moderators leave.</p> <p>In 2013, 24 schools are being moderated.</p> <p>Monitoring visits: Key Stage 1 Phonics and Key Stage 2 SATs</p> <p>The LA has a duty to make unannounced visits to schools to check that they are following the security arrangements and administering the Key Stage 2 tests and Phonics Check in accordance with all published guidance. This year we have made monitoring visits to at least ten per cent of maintained schools before, during and after the test period for the KS2 SATs and will be making similar visits next week for the phonics check.</p> <p>(12 Schools selected for the phonics check and 15 schools for KS2 SATs).</p> <p>All monitoring visits are conducted by LA officers.</p> <p>During the visit LA officers check that all test materials are kept securely and delivery notes ticked, observe the test and check being administered, look at evidence showing children using access arrangements e.g. prompters or scribes and see correspondence from STA or the LA.</p>	

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		<p>A monitoring proforma is completed during the visit and a copy is signed by the HT and left at the school.</p> <p>Monitoring proformas are sent to STA.</p>	
46.	Taylor	<p>Could the portfolio holder state the amounts and source of funds for the new high school</p> <p>The new high school was to be funded under the Council's BSF scheme which was halted by the coalition government. The funding for BSF was to be provided by Central government and would have modernised high schools in the borough.</p> <p>The total cost of the scheme including fees is £20,067,724, of which £19,332,222 was provided by the EFA and £735,502 from the Council to fund an ASD Unit attached to the school.</p>	