

Public Questions for Full Council – 19 January 2022

Question 1 – Controlling Drug Dealing

From: Rebecca Emerick, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

“What is being done to control levels of drug dealing in the borough? Although this is not something that can likely be stamped out, residents are complaining that it has become excessively visible, that the dealers have no fear of the police and that school children frequently witness it on their way home from school.”

Question 2 – Expanding the number of bike hangers in Fulham

From: Jon Burden, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

"Given the general encouragement to cycling declared in the Council's recently published Climate and Ecology Strategy, can the Council explain their plans to expand the number of bike hangers in Fulham in order to encourage more cycling and help to reduce bike crime?"

Question 3 – Water Billing Safeguards

From: Aliya Khan, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing

“LBHF has now changed from charging council tenants for their water and handed over the responsibility to Thames Water for direct billing. What safeguards have been put in place to prevent tenants being overcharged and threatened with bailiffs?”

Question 4 – Council Tax

From: Constance Campbell, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

“When you, the current Labour administration were in opposition, you consistently claimed you would reduce council tax faster and more than the Conservative Administration's 20% reduction from 2006-14. Why have you failed?”

Question 5 – Covid Vaccination and Booster Rates

From: Adrian Pascu-Tulbure, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

“What exactly is the council doing to address LBHF's dreadfully low anti-Covid vaccination and booster rates?”

Question 6 – Air Pollution¹

From: Ted Townsend, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

"The public consultation on the Council's Climate and Ecology Strategy document identified 'Air pollution' and 'Traffic on our streets' as two of the issues of most concern to residents. However, the big emphasis on transitioning to electric vehicles in order to reduce greenhouse gas as well as NO₂, benzene and sulphur dioxide emissions seems not to have considered the increase in particulate matter that comes from brakes and tyres on heavy electric vehicles, some of which can be up to 30% heavier than their petrol or diesel equivalent. Given that 96% of H&F's super output areas are in the worst 10% in the country for particulate matter pollution, and 100% in the worst 20%, could the Council give an indication of the trade-off analysis that has been done to support the promotion of electric vehicle usage potentially at the expense of worse air pollution?"

Question 7 – New Enforcement Team

From: Andrew Dinsmore

To: The Deputy Leader

“I note that the H&F magazine delivered to all residents before Christmas highlighted the council deploying '72 new enforcement officers'. Prior to this, the Council disbanded the highly regarded Parks Police.

What was the cost of setting up the new Enforcement team (including without limitation a breakdown of the costs of making Parks Police redundant, re-employing them in the new Enforcement team, transferring staff from other departments and the recruitment of individuals that had not previously worked for the Council)?”

¹ Question edited for length