

## **Item 6 - Questions from Members of the Council**

### Question from Cllr Rebecca Rennison for the Mayor

The past two years have been beyond anything any of us could have imagined; given the scale of the response required to the pandemic, could the Mayor of Hackney provide Councillors with an overview of the number of residents the Council has supported and the different ways it has done this over the past 24 months?

### Question from Cllr Gilbert Smyth for Deputy Mayor for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy

Our libraries are one of Hackney's greatest assets and they make a huge contribution to community well-being across all age groups, providing space for everyone to take part in a wide range of activities. Following the conclusion of the Council's "Our Libraries" survey, can the Deputy Mayor please share some of the learnings from the survey, whilst reassuring residents that under this administration, residents can look forward to "Libraries of Tomorrow" which are future proof and meet the needs and expectations of all our users?

### Question from Cllr Sarah Young to the Cabinet Adviser for Older People:

It's been a year since we launched our Ageing Well Strategy and a really tough year of increasing isolation for many older people. Can you update on what has been achieved under the Strategy including how we are helping to reduce isolation?

### Question from Cllr Anna Joy Rickard to Deputy Mayor for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy:

Can the Mayor please update on when the first brick of the Nightingale estate housing regeneration scheme will be laid and how the Council will ensure there are no further delays to the project?

### Question from Cllr Anna Lynch to the Mayor:

Can the Mayor please provide an update on the recovery from the cyber-attack, particularly regarding the Council Tax system; does the Mayor envisage any challenges to distributing the Government's £150 council tax energy rebate?

### Question from Cllr Soraya Adejare to Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources:

Can the Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and HR update me on the Review, Rename, Reclaim work and her plans for sites named after Cecil Rhodes?

Question from Cllr Anya Sizer to the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Leisure:

Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on usage and membership figures for the new Britannia Leisure Centre; whether Britannia is meeting targets and expectations for usage; and especially its usage by local people?

Question from Cllr Peter Snell to the Mayoral Adviser on Homelessness and Housing Needs:

Can the Mayoral Adviser for Housing Needs give an update on the steps the Council has taken to support people sleeping rough during the winter months?

Question from Cllr Polly Billington to Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and the Public Realm:

There are now over 1 million fully electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles on UK roads; can the Cabinet Member please update on plans for access to EV charging points to be rolled out across our communities, including on our Council estates?

Question from Cllr Humaira Garasia to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care:

Can the Cabinet Member for Young People please provide an update on youth provision in Hackney, and particularly on future plans for Young Hackney spaces?

Question from Cllr Kam Adams for the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Leisure:

I am aware that we have put in a request to become an Enhanced Response Area (ERA) for: face coverings for pupils and staff in Hackney (maintained schools, academies and independent) secondary schools in both communal areas and classrooms; an enhanced vaccination response in all secondary schools. We would like this to start after half term and to continue for the rest of the term. Have we had a response to this request from the DfE and the Cabinet Member explain the thinking behind the request?

Question from Cllr Steve Race to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care:

The Welsh Government has recently announced a trial programme to pay young people leaving care £1600 a month basic income for two years. Can the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Young People please set out what support Hackney

Council offers care-leavers, and whether Hackney Council can encourage the UK Government to adopt a similar scheme for England, should the trial prove successful?