

Questions by Members

To consider the following questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.3

(i) By Councillor J M Whitehouse to Councillor A Green, Portfolio Holder for Civil Engineering and Maintenance

“What steps is the Portfolio Holder taking to make sure that the views of local residents and ward members are taken into account when a decision is taken on the Traffic Regulation Orders which implement a new parking regime in Epping; when will he decide his own response; and will he publish his decisions and reasons?”

(ii) By Councillor R Goold to Councillor A Green, Portfolio Holder for Civil Engineering and Maintenance

“What steps is the Portfolio Holder taking to make sure that the views of local residents and ward members are taken into account when a decision is taken on the Traffic Regulation Orders which implement a new parking regime in Buckhurst Hill; when will he decide his own response; and will he publish his decisions and reasons?”

(iii) By Councillor Mrs J H Whitehouse to Councillor Mrs A Grigg, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development

“Who is involved in deciding what a Section 106 planning agreement will deliver and, if it is a sum of money, how is it decided exactly what the money will be spent on? I feel that ward councillors could make a useful contribution and should be consulted. Will the Portfolio Holder amend the process so that ward councillors are involved in Section 106 agreements?”

(iv) By Councillor D Jacobs to Councillor S Metcalfe, Portfolio Holder for Customer Services, Media, Communications and ICT

“Due to the lack of a weighbridge together with other considerations at the Langston Road Depot, it has been difficult in recent months to obtain recycling and residual waste tonnages and percentages in relation to the waste collection service; can the Portfolio Holder advise what plans the Contractor/Council have to remedy the situation so that councillors can be fully informed (perhaps quarterly through the Bulletin) of our anticipated progress towards the top quartile of councils; and can he further advise that, should the Depot be moved from Langston Road, any new site will include a weighbridge.”

**(v) By Councillor Mrs J H Whitehouse to Councillor Ms S-A Stavrou,
Portfolio Holder for Community Wellbeing**

“In September 2004 the Cabinet gave approval to a Furniture Exchange scheme which would enable unwanted furniture to be made available to disadvantaged people. It was also going to provide job opportunities to people with learning disabilities. This scheme was to be operated by the Kings Church in Brentwood. The Cabinet in December 2004 agreed that a base for the project would be made available at Town Mead, Waltham Abbey and a five-year lease was to be negotiated.

How many collections has the Kings Church made in Epping Forest and how much furniture has been provided to disadvantaged people? What advertising has been done so that residents know of this service?

If the Kings Church have been unable to operate the Furniture Exchange scheme will the Portfolio Holder look for alternative providers for this service?