

## **Question for Full Council Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

### **Question 1**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Culbard**

Due to some public concerns, please can the Administration carry out a Travellers Needs Assessment and if necessary a new permanent site for them to be included in the Local Plan?

#### ***Response***

The Borough Council, in conjunction with Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Councils, commissioned a review of the West Northampton Travellers Accommodation Needs Study in 2016. The findings of the study were published in January 2017 and are available on the Borough Council's website: <http://www.northampton.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9459/west-northamptonshire-travellers-accommodation-needs-study-2017.pdf>

As such the study provides the Council with up to date evidence on the needs of Travellers to inform the preparation of the Part 2 Local Plan. It should be noted that the study did not identify any households in Northampton which meet the planning definition of a Traveller and concluded that there is no need for additional pitches.

Councillor Hadland  
**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

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### **Question 2**

#### **Question to Cllr Hallam from Cllr Smith**

Commercial waste bins on pavements and roads are a problem. What can the council do about it?

#### ***Response***

The County Council are the authority who have legal powers to take enforcement action in relation to waste bins blocking pavements and roads. The Neighbourhood Wardens work closely with colleagues at the County Council to deal with specific problem locations.

Councillor Hallam  
**Cabinet member for Environment**

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### **Question 3**

#### **Question to Cllr King from Cllr Birch**

How is the Public Space Protection Order working?

#### ***Response***

It is still early days in the introduction of the PSPO, but so far it has been well received. Education and awareness raising has been the main thrust, led by Neighbourhood Wardens and PCSO's. As of September Fixed Penalty Notices, and if relevant Community Protection warnings will be issued to those that breach the Order.

The first public spaces protection order to gate Marble Arch was passed by cabinet last Wednesday the 13th September.

Councillor King

**Cabinet member for Community Safety & Community Engagement**

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### **Question 4**

#### **Question to Cllr Hibbert from Cllr Stone**

How many NPH housing officers have been cut since May 2015?

#### ***Response***

No major injuries as far as I know.

However, staffing questions are a management issue for NPH and as you have representatives on the Board of Directors, I suggest you ask them to take this up directly.

Councillor Hibbert

**Cabinet member for Housing & Wellbeing**

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### **Question 5**

#### **Question to Cllr Eldred from Cllr Chunga**

Will this LA follow the lead set by 20 other LAs including Liverpool and Tower Hamlets and abolish Council Tax for care leavers under 21 years?

#### ***Response***

This Administration notes it is the responsibility of the County Council to prepare care leavers under 21 for the financial pressures of living in their own homes.

However, the Administration is keen to support the most vulnerable in society and will consider the financial position for care leavers under 21 in developing its Budget and Council Tax Support scheme for next financial year.

Councillor Eldred  
**Cabinet member for Finance**

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### **Question 6**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr McCutcheon**

How many Shisha bars are there in town?

#### ***Response***

There are five Shisha Bars in the town. Shisha Bars do not require specific licensing, although some will have premises licences either because they serve alcohol or because they are open after 23.00.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

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### **Question 7**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr McCutcheon**

Please can we have an update in relation to the Greyfriars site?

#### ***Response***

The Borough Council continue to work with the preferred developer in relation to the Greyfriars site.

Cabinet expect to consider a Cabinet report in the near future.

Councillor Hadland  
**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

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### **Question 8**

#### **Question to Cllr Nunn from Cllr Stone**

Will Northampton join the Mutual being set by the LGA to ensure we can take advantage of value for money insurances?

#### ***Response***

The Council welcomes the LGA's proposal for the creation of a mutual insurance organisation which may offer Local Authorities more competition, an alternative basis of cover and possibly additional control over their insurance requirements. However we must at the outset recognise that it may also expose local authorities to greater financial risk and may not offer the same contractual certainty, protection, risk management solutions or innovation as the commercial market.

The Council will consider any such mutual insurance organisation, along with the commercial insurance market, for its future insurance purposes.

We are currently going through the procurement for insurance via our LGSS arrangements, and anticipate that this will achieve savings. This will be confirmed as part of our budget proposals.

Councillor Nunn  
**Leader of the Council**



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### Question 9

#### Question to Cllr Nunn from Cllr Stone

Please can we have a breakdown of staff by pay grade showing gender, race, age?

#### *Response*

#### Demographic Information

| Pay Grade    | Gender      | Ethnicity   | Age   |
|--------------|-------------|---|---|
| Living Wage  | Female x 2  | White British   | 56 and over x 1   |
| Apprentice   | Female x 4  | White British x 2<br>Undisclosed x 2  | 25 and under x 4  |
| NCC M grades | Female x 2  | White British   | 46-55 x 1<br>56 and over x 1  |
| Grade 01     | Female x 4  | White British x 2<br>Black African x 1<br>Undisclosed x 1   | 36-45 x 1<br>46-55 x 1<br>56 and over x 2                                   |
| Grade 02     | Female x 4  | White British x 4   | 46-55 x 2<br>56 and over x 2  |
| Grade 03     | Female x 22 | Bangladeshi x 1<br>Black Caribbean x 1<br>Eastern European x 1<br>White British x 13<br>White Irish x 1<br>White & Asian x 1<br>Undisclosed x 1 | 25 and under x 4<br>26-35 x 2<br>36-45 x 4<br>46-55 x 8<br>56 and over x 4  |
|              | Male x 21   | Bangladeshi x 1<br>Black Caribbean x 1<br>Undisclosed x 6<br>Irish Traveller x 1<br>White British x 11<br>White & Black Caribbean x 1           | 25 and under x 2<br>25-35 x 4<br>36-45 x 5<br>46 -55 x 5<br>56 and over x 5 |
| Grade 04     | Female x 49 | Undisclosed x 12<br>Black Caribbean x 2<br>Indian x 1<br>White & Black Caribbean x 1<br>White British x 33                                      | 25 and over x 9<br>26-35 x 4<br>36-45 x 11<br>46-55 x 13<br>56 and over x 7 |

|          |             |   |  |
|----------|-------------|---|--|
|          | Male x 12   | Undisclosed x 3<br>White British x 9  | 25 and under x 2<br>26-35 x 4<br>36-45 x 1<br>46-55 x 2<br>56 and over x 3   |
| Grade 05 | Female x 42 | Undisclosed x 5<br>Black Caribbean x 1<br>Indian x 1<br>White British x 34<br>White Irish x 1                 | 25 and under x 3<br>26-35 x 8<br>36-45 x 14<br>46-55 x 7<br>56 and over x 11 |
|          | Male x 10   | Undisclosed x 1<br>White British x 9  | 25 and under x 2<br>26-35 x 4<br>36-45 x 1<br>46-55 x 2<br>56 and over x 1   |
| Grade 06 | Female x 31 | Undisclosed x 10<br>Black Caribbean x 1<br>Indian x 1<br>Other x 2<br>White British x 17                      | 26-35 x 7<br>36-45 x 8<br>46-55 x 14<br>56 and over x 2                      |
|          | Male x 18   | Undisclosed x 6<br>White Irish x 1<br>White British x 11  | 26-35 x 1<br>36-45 x 4<br>46-55 x 7<br>56 and over x 2                       |
| Grade 07 | Female x 19 | Undisclosed x 3<br>Black African x 1<br>Black Caribbean x 2<br>Chinese x 1<br>Asian x 1<br>White British x 11 | 26-35 x 3<br>36-45 x 6<br>46-55 x 6<br>56 and over x 4                       |
|          | Male x 12   | Undisclosed x 1<br>Indian x 1<br>White British x 10   | 26-35 x 1<br>36-45 x 2<br>46-55 x 5<br>56 and over x 4                       |
| Grade 08 | Female x 16 | Undisclosed x 3<br>White British x 13   | 26-35 x 3<br>36-45 x 5<br>46-55 x 6<br>56 and over x 2                       |
|          | Male x 9    | Undisclosed x 1<br>White British x 8  | 26-35 x 3<br>36-45 x 2<br>46-55 x 4  |
| Grade 09 | Female x 2  | White British x 2   | 46-55 x 2  |
|          | Male x 6    | White British x 6   | 36-45 x 1<br>46-55 x 4   |

|          |            |                                  |                              |
|----------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|          |            |                                  | 56 and over x 1              |
| Grade 10 | Female x 5 | White British x 5                | 26-35 x 1<br>46-55 x 4       |
|          | Male x 4   | White British x 4                | 46-55 x 3<br>56 and over x 1 |
| Grade 11 | Female x 2 | White British x 1<br>Chinese x 1 | **                           |
|          | Male x 1   | White British                    | **                           |
| SMG 3    | Female x 1 | White British                    | **                           |
|          | Male x 2   | White British                    | **                           |
| SMG 4    | Male x 2   | White British                    | **                           |
| CDG      | Female x 1 | White British                    | **                           |

\*\* Age ranges have not been disclosed in these categories where there are few employees to protect their privacy.

Councillor Nunn  
**Leader of the Council**

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### **Question 10**

#### **Question to Cllr Hibbert from Cllr Ashraf**

How many children do we have living in temporary and emergency accommodation?

#### ***Response***

As at 8 September 2017, a total of 307 children (in 149 homeless households) were living in temporary / emergency accommodation provided by the Council.

Of these, 223 children (73%) were living in self-contained accommodation and 84 children (27%) were living in Bed & Breakfast accommodation.

Minimising the use of Bed & Breakfast and out of borough temporary accommodation is a priority for the Council and, to this end, Officers are working hard to accelerate the rehousing of homeless households and increase the supply of self-contained temporary accommodation (for homeless families) within the borough.

Councillor Hibbert

**Cabinet member for Housing & Wellbeing**

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### **Question 11**

#### **Question to Cllr Eldred from Cllr Meredith**

When, despite objections from the Residents Association and local people, the barn next to Southfields Community Centre was sold off in 2014 the Community Centre were told that part of the proceeds from the sale would be used to improve facilities at the centre.

Can the Cabinet Member for Finance please tell me what has happened to the money received from the sale of this council asset and when people in Southfields can expect to see any of it spent on the community centre or car park?

#### ***Response***

Southfields Barn was sold in September 2013 for £120,000. After making provision for HCA clawback the net receipt was £67,200.

There have not been any capital improvements to Southfields Community Centre to date.

Councillor Brandon Eldred  
**Cabinet Member for Finance**

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**Question 12**

**Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Beardsworth**

Has the Councillor visited Rushden Lakes since it opened?

***Response***

Yes.

Councillor Tim Hadland

**Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Enterprise**

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### **Question 13**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr B Markham**

Given that there appears to be no information as to when, what or if new coach facilities will be built as part of the Greyfriars regeneration project, what work will be carried out before the end of this calendar year to improve it?

#### ***Response***

Cabinet expects to consider a report in relation to the Greyfriars site in the near future.

Further improvements to the shelters at Victoria Street are being planned for this calendar year.

Councillor Tim Hadland

**Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Enterprise**

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### **Question 14**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Choudary**

Sol Central and VUE cinema are part of any success for the future of our town centre. It is understood VUE wants to commit to Northampton for the longer term but there is much uncertainty surrounding the Greyfriars site. What is happening about progressing the proposed development of Greyfriars?

#### ***Response***

The Borough Council continue to work with the preferred developer in relation to the Greyfriars site.

Other town centre cinema operators have had the confidence to invest significantly in growing their operations recently.

Councillor Tim Hadland

**Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Enterprise**



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### **Question 15**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Choudary**

Please confirm that it is not this the Council's intention that the Greyfriars development proposals should blight investment in Northampton's existing town centre cinemas? Is Northampton Borough Council aware of the effect the proposed cinema development at Greyfriars is having on investment decisions of the existing cinemas in Northampton and preventing other leisure operators coming into Northampton?

#### ***Response***

The Greyfriars site represents a huge opportunity to enhance the town centre economy and compliment the wider town centre's offer.

The Borough Council have previously commissioned a report into the town's cinema market. It reports that there is already room in the market for an additional operator and, as has happened in other similar towns, another cinema in the market will grow the amount of cinema visits by residents.

Other town centre cinema operators have had the confidence to expand their operation following the most recent plans for the Greyfriars site.

Councillor Tim Hadland

**Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Enterprise**

