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Qn	Councillor	Question	Response by	Response
1.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Is the Chairman aware that the head of OFSTED has made statements recently severely criticising and undermining faith schools as a matter of principal? Bearing in mind the large number of excellent faith schools we have within this Borough would you share my concerns about this?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee	Yes, and I do. Faith schools provide the education many parents choose and that should not be undermined. However there is an issue of balance between these rights and ensuring the wellbeing of children. The Government needs to provide this balance in a common sense way.
2.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Can the Leader update us on the current position with regard to 100% business rate retention?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The government announced plans to move to business rates retention in 2020-21 across all local government. Within London, the Business Rates Pool Pilot has been approved by Government. This pilot enables London to retain receipts in return for receiving no Revenue Support Grant from Government. However, according to the GLA Budget, the Labour Mayor has agreed to transfer £762.5 million out of London.
3.	Cllr Brian Gordon	In Bath and East Somerset, where the local Council spent nearly £1m installing a number of 20 mph speed limits, an official report there has revealed a marked increase in the number of pedestrians hit by vehicles within such locations. The report claims the findings reflect a national trend where 20 mph zones have been	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Absolutely. Barnet's policy is to only introduce 20 mph speed limits where they are absolutely necessary, backed up by traffic calming measures. The Department for Transport's own figures show that 81% of drivers ignore blanket 20 mph zones, but according to the AA, 20 mph limits outside schools are effective. It's worth remembering Manchester City Council spent

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		introduced. Would you agree this should be a poignant lesson for our Borough when such zones are considered here?		£1.7 million rolling out a blanket 20 mph zone across the city — before abandoning it because it made virtually no difference.
4.	Cllr Jess Brayne	How many missed home support visits were there in Barnet for the weekend of extreme weather (9/10th December), and how many were late or cut short? Please provide this in a format comparing with the average amount of missed or late visits.	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	For that period, Care Providers were contacted to confirm that they could undertake scheduled visits. All services were maintained safely. The council was not informed of any visits that were missed, late or cut short.
5.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Would the Leader / Chairman join me in condemning Transport for London's raising of London's Congestion Charge late-payment penalty from £65 to £80 or £130 to £160, which will affect numerous motorists in Barnet? Is this excessive increase not another example of the persecution of motorists?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	It's a big rise. Motorists are very persecuted in London.
6.	Cllr Paul Edwards	The zero carbon requirement for housing developments came into operation in October 2016. Are planning officers applying this requirement?	Cllr Dan Thomas Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	Yes, since the amended Policy 5.2 came into effect, only two schemes have been referable to the Mayor.
7.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Does the Chairman agree that when children need to be fostered, the maximum effort should be made to	Cllr Reuben Thompstone	Yes. Common sense should always prevail.

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		ensure they are placed with families of similar faith, religious and cultural outlook to those from which they come? This is consistent with our official policy, but are we doing enough to ensure it happens in practice?	Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee	
8.	Cllr Agnes Slocombe	How much is being spent on CCTV cameras around the borough (please provide a breakdown by ward) per year? Does the Leader agree that a review of the number and location of CCTV cameras is needed given all the development taking place in the Borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	<p>The total budget allocated for the community safety public space CCTV camera in Barnet is £817,350 per year.</p> <p>This figure cannot be broken down per ward. For example there are charges for the network, and facilities etc which are not specific to each ward. The location of CCTV was initially reviewed during the upgrade and considered 3 years of crime data. This was followed by a second phase of camera deployments to areas subjected to environmental crime.</p> <p>The CCTV service is currently undergoing a strategic and operational review – The Community leadership Committee have been provided with updates on the CCTV service and will be provided by further updates in 2018/2019.</p>
9.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Can the Chairman reiterate and re-endorse our policy that the installation of new road humps to control traffic speeds should only be allowed in our Borough in absolutely extenuating circumstances?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I don't like humps — never have and never will.
10.	Cllr Jack Cohen	When will the proposed zebra crossing be installed in Somerton road?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the	Following a Safety Audit of the detailed proposal as the design is currently being finalised. The proposed 20mph scheme including a zebra crossing is scheduled to be

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			Environment Committee	introduced very soon.
11.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the Leader be supporting the campaign to save the well used North Finchley post office, which the government is planning to downgrade and relocate to a small shop offering an inferior service to residents and local businesses?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Good postal services are essential but I am scarred by campaigns to keep them open during the last Labour government's closure of thousands of them.
12.	Cllr Graham Old	Andrew Dismore AM was quoted in the local Press after the snow fell in December claiming that the arrangements for dealing with snow in Barnet were inadequate and should be reviewed. Has the Leader had any correspondence from Andrew Dismore on the subject of dealing with snow falls and did that correspondence contain any positive suggestions as to how the process might be improved?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	No correspondence was received. Our team worked hard and did well.
13.	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	I would like to thank the Mayor of London for intervening to try and ensure social housing on the Grahame Park estate regeneration is replaced on a like-for-like basis. Will the Leader commit to work to achieve this?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	It is important to me that this estate is rebuilt. The Labour Mayor's intervention is surprising and I hope it will not lead to delay in providing the new homes our residents want.

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14.	Cllr Graham Old	After the last serious problems with snow several years ago, the Council implemented a proposal to site additional salt bins in a number of roads and to equip volunteer residents with shovels and other equipment to use when it snows to help keep the roads and pavements clear. Can the Leader tell members how effective the scheme was when it snowed in December 2017?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	There are over 400 grit bins positioned at strategic locations throughout the borough and these are available for use by the public. These bins were utilised during the period of snowfall last December and we have also placed some additional bins in key locations following requests from our Elected Members. I think the operation was a great success.
15.	Cllr Phil Cohen	Will the Leader join with East Barnet councillors in backing a petition by the Barnet Christian Fellowship who are trying to save the New Bevan Baptist Church from closure and sale to a property developer. The owners are due to make decision soon on the future of the site and local people hope they will guarantee to keep the centre for the benefit of the community.	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I am not able to answer this question. The decision is for the church. In my experience, congregations are reluctant to close any place of worship.
16.	Cllr Graham Old	Welcome as the roll out of fibre optic broadband in the Borough is, can the Leader (or Chairman of the Environment committee) tell the Council if he is happy with the quality	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Not always. Officers need to be robust.

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		of the re-instatement work that the contractors do to pavements in the Borough after the new cabling has been laid?		
17.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What is the date for the next phase of the consultation on the Colindale CPZ?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	The results of the preliminary consultation will be reported to the Hendon Area Committee on 28th February 2018, statutory consultation is expected to take place in March/April 2018.
18.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Has the Leader considered what impact Mayor Khan's abandonment of yet another campaign pledge — to maintain police numbers at 32,000 after he raised Council Tax bills — will have on Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Yes, and I'm concerned it might be even fewer officers for our one remaining police station. Barnet taxpayers already pay more than any other borough for the fewest officers, so I would be interested to know what that tax hike was actually used for.
19.	Cllr Alon Orbach	Does the Leader consider providing an incorrect return address on a council form as an official error?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Yes.
20.	Cllr Jack Cohen	When will the Westcroft CPZ be implemented?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	A decision on the outcome of the informal consultation is due late January / early February. Depending on the outcome of the informal consultation, then statutory consultation will be scheduled for the Spring. If statutory consultation determines the introduction of a CPZ then implementation is expected by Summer 2018.

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21.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Could the Leader confirm he will fight tooth and nail for the extra £12 Mayor Khan is threatening to add to Barnet residents' Council Tax bills to be spent on more officers for the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I can. The hike would raise £1.67 million per year from Barnet taxpayers, equivalent to 50 police constables. I expect to see at least some of these on the borough's streets, and will be pressuring Mayor Khan to make this happen.
22.	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What action is the council taking on gang- related activity, and which officers within the council specifically deal with this?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	<p>The response to gang related activity is overseen by the Safer Community Partnership with each agency having a specific input. To list all the council officers who specifically deal with this issue is not something that can be provided as any number of officers can be involved depending on the individual cases for example, the Youth Offending Service, social Worker, community safety officer, housing officer, schools officer, youth outreach officer, and officer in the MASH Team, Adult Social Worker etc. Strategically Family Services lead on the management of young people, the police lead on disruption, enforcement and the adult offenders, together with Probation and the Community Rehabilitation Company, again this depends on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Overall strategic Lead for Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour for Barnet Council is the Strategic Lead for Safer Communities. It is important to note the importance that the response is a partnership approach. The action taken ranges from preventative interventions, rehabilitation, safeguarding young people, profiling and understanding the problem (this is restricted due to the nature of the data used to analyse), securing funding for specific projects and interventions. The Council work closely with the police and run a monthly panel to discuss gang related activity and individuals. Other issues linked to gangs that are also responded to are Child Sexual Exploitation and</p>

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				Exploitation of vulnerable adults. The council is currently leading a partnership review where the outcomes will be reported to the Community Leadership Committee.
23.	Cllr Brian Gordon	What is the cost of burglary in Barnet and how at risk are residents?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The business directory Approved Index estimated the cost of burglary in Barnet totalled £7.6 million in 2016/17, the highest in London. They also calculated the risk per resident as 1.65% — again the highest in London.
24.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How well does the Leader consider the gritting operation coped with the spate of bad weather and what lessons has the council learnt from the experience?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I think we responded very well. More than 150 staff and 450 tonnes of salt were used to keep all our priority one roads in operation. We even responded to a request from the police to treat the A1, which is not a part of our network. Lessons can always be learnt and a review meeting has taken place with all stakeholders to ascertain how the operation can be made even more effective in the future.
25.	Cllr Brian Gordon	What are the fastest growing forms of crime in Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Metropolitan Police statistics for 2016/17 put the following crimes as having the greatest increases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drug offences (other than trafficking and possession): 125% ● Murder: 67% ● Drug trafficking: 49%

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Violence against the person (other than assault with injury, common assault, harassment, murder, offensive weapon, and wounding GBH): 45% ● Offensive weapon: 42% ● Theft from shops: 41%
26.	Cllr Jess Brayne	Residents have informed me that their Christmas was ruined by numerous power cuts, and that they are a regular experience for them. How many power cuts were there in the High Barnet and Underhill area last year? How do these figures compare to the London average? How does the Council work with the private utility companies to ensure Barnet residents get a good deal?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Mercifully, power cuts are rare in London. Please contact the power companies for information.
27.	Cllr Brian Gordon	What is the distance between Colindale and Edmonton police stations?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	There are approximately ten miles between Colindale and Edmonton police stations.
28.	Cllr Paul Edwards	Have officers provided guidance to councillors, including those on planning committees, on the new zero carbon offset payments for housing developments?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	<p>The Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) was subject to consultation between July 2016 and August 2016.</p> <p>The Consultation Statement describes how this was conducted and the council's responses to the comments received.</p> <p>The SPD was adopted in October 2016 and it sets out that carbon off setting will be considered in line with the Greater</p>

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				<p>London Authority guidance and a figure of £60/tonne will be used over a 30 year period.</p> <p>More information is available: https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/planning-conservation-and-building-control/planning-policies-and-further-information/supplementary-planning-documents/residential-design-guidance.html</p>
29.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Will the Leader be requesting the Metropolitan Police step up 'stop and search' in the borough to tackle gang activity now Mayor Khan has come out in favour?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Yes, it is the most effective way of removing weapons from our streets. It's a shame it took a 31.3% increase in knife crime and a 20.7% increase in 'knife crime with injury' in 2016/17 for him to reverse his position.
30.	Cllr Jack Cohen	How many residential units have been granted planning consent in Childs Hill Ward for the period 1 st June 2014 to 31 st December 2017? How many of these are affordable?	Cllr Melvin Cohen Chairman of the Planning Committee	460 units have been approved on small sites of 10 units or less. No affordable housing is associated with these applications. 250 units have been approved on larger sites, of which 67 are affordable.
31.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Is it good enough that only 31% of residents are satisfied with the borough's parking services?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	Satisfaction has increased from 24% in autumn 2016 to 31% in spring 2017, so we are moving in the right direction, and have conducted focus groups to try to understand how residents want parking to improve.
32.	Cllr Val Duschinsky	Will the Leader be considering Chris Williamson MP's suggestion that councils double Council Tax on Band H properties and raise rates for all	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	No. I do not think that is fair in a part of the country — and a part of London specifically — where residents may be asset-rich due to the value of their homes but cash-poor. In Barnet, we have avoided raising Council Tax by becoming more efficient and investing in new technology.

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		properties in bands D to G?		
33.	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	Does the Leader agree with me that CCTV cameras are a good way of stopping crime in hotspots? Will he support the installation of CCTV cameras in Colindale Park and the alley way behind Varley Parade for the safety of residents?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	<p>CCTV can deter criminals from committing crime but they do not 'stop' crime from taking place. They provide reassurance to the local community and can capture incidents.</p> <p>I understand that the first of these locations, Colindale Park, has already been identified as a location for a new camera deployment. The other location mentioned, Varley Parade, has been referred to the Community Safety Team to assess the crime and ASB in the locality and identify appropriate interventions - that would include an assessment if CCTV will assist. Ward Cllr's will be updated directly by the Community Safety Team.</p>
34.	Cllr Val Duschinsky	Did the Leader or Council officers receive any communication from Mayor Khan or TfL on his cuts to Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding before the decision was taken?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	<p>No. We have yet to receive any communication from TfL or Mayor Khan on this. The reaction from some of his Labour colleagues speaks volumes about how this has been received...</p> <p>Cllr Clyde Loakes from Waltham Forest said "you have hung us out to dry — you have slapped us in the face", "you've cut us off at the legs".</p> <p>Cllr Daniel Anderson from Enfield said "It's a kick in the teeth", "it's appalling", "we now have to question can we trust you on anything?"</p> <p>Cllr Nick Draper in Merton said "this sort of thing is just ridiculous, truly awful — it brings shame on the Mayor's office."</p>

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35.	Cllr Phil Cohen	Can the Leader explain why Jeremy Hunt is still Health Secretary after seven years in the job when he has presided over a catastrophic failure of NHS management (including our local Royal Free Trust which serves Barnet residents) to meet performance targets due to chronic underfunding?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I am not sure this question is appropriate to the Council and would suggest Cllr Cohen contact his MP.
36.	Cllr Val Duschinsky	Could the chairman provide an update of the number of registrations for self-service libraries, and what percentage of active borrowers this constitutes?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee	There are now 21,156 library customers registered to use the self-service opening hours. This is approximately 60% of active borrowers (those who have borrowed at least once in the last 12 months).
37.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the bridge over to Montrose Park from Pulse be built?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Fairview Homes have advised that they have had to re-tender for the bridge works as the prices previously quoted was found to be extremely costly. They acknowledge that they are required to commence works on site by December this year when the planning application expires and will update us on their proposed programme in due course.
38.	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	What percentage of the homes built in Barnet in 2016/17 were affordable?	Cllr Dan Thomas Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	GLA figures for 2016/17 have not yet been released, but the current estimate is 28%.

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39.	Cllr Alon Orbach	How many incidents of complaints arising due to incorrect return addresses on council forms is the Leader aware of?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	None, other than one matter which is now subject to a Housing Benefit Tribunal and cannot therefore be discussed.
40.	Cllr Jack Cohen	Why is the Council not consulting with residents before implementing double yellow lines at the junction of Pattison Road and Hermitage Lane?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>The double yellow lines form part of an experimental scheme for Briardale Gardens and as such residents would not be consulted at the time of implementation but have an opportunity to comment during the first 6 months of the experiment. The Council would then have to consider all comments and objections received during those 6 months before deciding to make the scheme permanent.</p> <p>However, in view that we have an objection from LB Camden, as a statutory consultee, on the whole scheme, the double yellow lines cannot be implemented until the objection is resolved.</p>
41.	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	Twelve days ago, a group of Barnet mums gathered outside Hope Corner Community Centre to protest the Council “closing the breastfeeding support service in order to save money”. It was not my understanding that was happening. Could the Leader set the record straight?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	New mothers need help. The Council will provide this but it is right that we think about the way this is done. Breastfeeding support will continue after the contract with the Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust comes to an end in April.
42.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Which libraries in the borough still have rental space available?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone	All libraries except Burnt Oak and East Barnet have spaces within the library footprint that can be rented on an hourly basis by members of the local community.

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			Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee	
43.	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	How many people has the Council helped back into work since the administration was formed in 2014?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The council monitor the number of people helped into work in our active employment programmes. This includes many programmes which were initiated since 2014 including the BOOST Jobs Teams, public health funded mental health and work projects, and developer funded projects on our regeneration estates. Along with the Welfare Reform Task Force which started slightly earlier in summer 2013 these projects have supported just over 1700 people into work (up to October 2017).
44.	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	Can the Leader give an update on allocation of parking spaces for Council staff when they move to the new Colindale offices, including where they will be located?	Cllr Dan Thomas Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	The new office is located a 5 minute walk from the Colindale Underground Station, which will reduce the need for on-site parking. Use of public transport is being incentivised by negotiating discount schemes with TfL and train operators, and bus routes are being improved by extending the 125 route to Colindale and potentially also altering other bus routes. Furthermore, a pool of electric cars will be provided in order to allow staff to travel around the borough without the need to utilise their own vehicles. With regard to parking for those who will still drive to work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be 100 dedicated parking spaces at the RAF Museum which will be allocated to staff depending on business needs. • There will be 5 disabled spaces at the Colindale office site for staff.

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45.	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	<p>Many parents and teachers have been worried about changes to school funding in London as a result of the Government's efforts to make school funding fairer across the country.</p> <p>The 2017 Conservative Manifesto pledged that no schools would lose money as a result of the National Funding Formula. Could the chairman confirm this will be the case in Barnet, and explain how it will be achieved?</p>	<p>Cllr Reuben Thompstone</p> <p>Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee</p>	<p>The original model for the National Funding Formula was based on October 2016 census data and anticipated that most schools could lose up to 0.5% of their funding per pupil as a result of the changes between 2018/19 and 2019/20.</p> <p>However, when the Department for Education announced Dedicated Schools Grant allocations to local authorities in December 2017, the revised allocation for the Schools Block was based on October 2017 school census data. This, together with a review of the school growth funding required for 2018-19, means no school will receive less funding per pupil in 2018-19 than they did in 2017-18.</p>
46.	Cllr Paul Edwards	<p>If zero carbon offset payments are being collected on housing developments in the borough how is the money being used? How much money has been secured and how are Barnet utilising the funds? What oversight procedure does LB Barnet have in place to manage the funds?</p>	<p>Cllr Dan Thomas</p> <p>Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee</p>	<p>Since the amended Policy 5.2 came into effect, only two schemes have been referable to the Mayor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Institute of Medical Research - This Scheme met zero-carbon targets • Grahame Park - the scheme is not supported by the GLA (for other reasons not associated with Policy 5.2). <p>Therefore, to date, no S106 money has been collected.</p> <p>The new draft London Plan (December 2017) currently being publicised amends the energy policy and will be reflected in the new Local Plan being prepared for Barnet (draft expected Autumn 2018)</p>
47.	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	<p>I was very proud to be a member of a Council which took in and housed 50</p>	<p>Cllr Richard Cornelius</p>	<p>In May 2017, Barnet fulfilled its pledge to resettle 50 Syrian refugees – made up of 15 families. The voluntary and community sector have been highly engaged and</p>

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		<p>Syrian refugees fleeing a horrifying war. Could the Leader provide anything by way of an update of how successful the borough's welcome has been?</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>supportive in both helping secure suitable housing in the private rented sector and also welcoming families to the borough. Citizens UK in particular have been very supportive, helping the council to find 4 properties to house families. In addition, jointly through Finchley Progressive Synagogue, they have helped to arrange welcome events for the families with representatives from across the community as well as providing additional ESOL with childcare so that mothers are able to improve their English. We have held a contract with TimeBank in Barnet to provide a 'buddying' service over the past year which has provided support ranging from additional English skills to accompanying families to appointments and is now focussing more on mentoring people into work or community work. To date, there are 3 individuals in paid work, and 4 undertaking regular volunteering – as well as a group of 4 women who successfully launched a crowdfunding campaign to set up a Syrian kitchen in North Finchley. In September 2018, 4 individuals will be starting undergraduate courses at Middlesex University.</p>
48.	<p>Cllr Alan Schneiderman</p>	<p>Is it good enough that after 16 years of a Tory council, only 36% of residents are satisfied with the state of the borough's pavements?</p>	<p>Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee</p>	<p>Satisfaction with pavement maintenance has risen year on year, and is now at 39%. We are moving in the right direction.</p>
49.	<p>Cllr Rohit Grover</p>	<p>What is the cumulative saving to the Council, and the taxpayers who fund it, from the Capita contract so far?</p>	<p>Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council</p>	<p>The CSG and Re contracts are anticipated to save in excess of £160m over the ten year period. As we approach half way through this term we are on track to achieve this value.</p>

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50.	Cllr Jack Cohen	The council are aware of fly tipping in and around the Railway Terraces NW2. Residents have provided evidence as to the source. Will the council be prosecuting the offenders?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>There continues to be routine and consistent engagement and support from the Council’s Community Safety Team, Green Spaces and Street Scene Services officers with the Railway Terrace residents in relation to local issues that are reported.</p> <p>Many of the issues such as nuisance youth disorder, unauthorised encampments have been resolved and those incidents that are ad hoc are managed swiftly by the core group of council and local police officers who remain in direct contact with local elected members and the Railway Terrace residents to afford maximum reassurance and support of our commitment to managing the area.</p> <p>Recently, in January 2018, a complaint has been raised by in regards to the communal bin shed which is now being reviewed by Street Scene and enforcement for any offenders fly tipping or littering in the locality has been tasked to the waste enforcement contractor, NSL, under the direction of the Community Safety Team Manager. Any offenders identified will be subject to legal action.</p> <p>Where there is sufficient evidence to support a prosecution, enforcement action will be taken, the local residents and ward councillors will be updated with progress directly by the Community Safety Team.</p>
51.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the loading bay changes outside Sainsburys in Grahame Park Way be implemented?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	It is expected that the loading bay changes will take place very soon.

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52.	Cllr Rohit Grover	Assuming no other savings were made to the Council's budget, how much would Council Tax have had to have been increased to meet the cost of not signing the Capita contract?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	From the start of the CSG and Re contracts to today, Council Tax would have had to have been raised by 14% (£156 p/a for a Band D equivalent) to replace the savings achieved through the contracts. By the end of the contracts this requirement would have increased to 18% (£200 p/a for a Band D equivalent).
53.	Cllr Phil Cohen	Will the Leader agree to write to Jeremy Hunt urging him to ensure that his secret plans to introduce American-style Accountable Care Systems or ACSs into the NHS which will inevitably impact on Barnet once implemented are properly debated in Parliament? Just as the Leader condemned the lack of openness about STPs which affects Barnet will he now condemn the stealth by which the Government is changing technical regulations to enable ACSs to operate in England from February this year without any public scrutiny.	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I am keen to have my input into health service changes.
54.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	How many homes have been built in the borough since 2014?	Cllr Dan Thomas Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	There were 5,188 homes completed in the borough in 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17. Of these, 43 have been built by the Council and 88 on site, with approximately 400 more planned.

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55.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What have been the rental receipts from each Barnet Library, and what were the expected revenues at this point?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee	In terms of rental spaces retained within the footprint of the library the current rental income for 2017/18 totals circa £10,000.
56.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Could the Leader update the Council on the success of the shisha awareness campaign in the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	<p>The shisha campaign took place between Oct 2016 and March 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results showed that residents found the campaign engaging and informative. 35 per cent of residents who took part in the questionnaire and who smoked shisha, reported that they had stopped as a result of seeing the campaign. • The campaign engaged with 4264 young people through 47 workshops, involving them in the making of a film raising awareness of the risks if Shisha. • The shisha campaign website was viewed 1,799 times for an average of 3 minutes and 28 seconds. • Six video blogs were issued across our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube) which were seen across the world, including in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. • One press release was issued as part of the campaign, which was picked up by both local newspapers (online and print) which reached 206,440 residents. • Campaign information on Middlesex University's Intranet page was seen by 100,000 students. • 300 school teachers saw the shisha campaign article in the School Circular. • 80 per cent of young people aged 13 – 25 were

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				<p>exposed to digital advertising on websites such as YouTube and 600 people clicked on and interacted with the digital advertisement link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the campaign we have raised awareness of Barnet as a council which cares about the health and wellbeing of its residents; in March 2017 we were contacted by BBC London who had heard about the campaign and wanted to do a piece on how the council was raising awareness of the health effects of shisha.
57.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Considering the performance data for Council services does the Leader consider the Council has achieved Cllr Finn's stated aspiration to be an 'average' council or is there still some way to go?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The autumn 2017 Residents Perception Survey showed 65% were satisfied with the Council, against a 63% London average, so I'm pleased to say we have surpassed even Cllr Finn's wildest dreams.
58.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	How many roads have been resurfaced as part of the Planned Maintenance Programme so far?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	We are on target to complete 360 roads resurfaced as part of network recovery investment programme.
59.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Could I have a report on the water leaks in the new builds in Colindale including Beaufort Park?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	<p><u>Heybourne Park blocks</u> Lark Court – a previous leak within the riser cupboard was resolved towards the end of September 2017. Genesis maintenance team have been carrying out works to boost the pressure within the block this month, all works are now completed. Bluebell Court – Genesis have also completed works on a serious mains riser leak in November 2017 Dragonfly Court – a leak was found from a residents property in December which caused electrical issues for</p>

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				<p>two properties. The two residents had to be decanted for one night. All works are now also complete.</p> <p><u>Beaufort Park</u> Genesis have an outstanding case of water penetration in Avro House. This case is being investigated by their insurance team and St.George who are responsible for the structure.</p>
60.	Cllr Jack Cohen	I refer to the illegal structures to the rear of the Cricklewood tavern NW2. Has the Council proceeded to prosecute the offender?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The Council served an enforcement notice requiring the removal of the wood and plastic outbuildings and canopy extension in June 2017. An appeal to the Planning Inspectorate was submitted in November 2017. No further action can be instigated by the Council until the Planning Inspectorate determines the appeal.
61.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	What did the Leader learn from taking questions from residents in his six Engage Barnet events last year?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I learned of a lot of issues that had not been dealt with by Labour ward councillors, as well as how well regarded the Conservative-led council is by the community.
62.	Cllr Paul Edwards	Where zero carbon offset payments have been made on housing developments what projects are being funded? How is the Council ensuring maximum capture of the funds, and are we exploring working with community groups to develop projects in the borough?	Cllr Dan Thomas Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	The new draft London Plan (December 2017) currently being publicised amends the energy policy and will be reflected in the new Local Plan being prepared for Barnet (draft expected Autumn 2018).

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63.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	How many rogue landlords have been prosecuted by the Council since selective licensing of HMOs was introduced, and what has been the cost to them?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The scheme has led to ten successful prosecutions between its introduction in 2016 and autumn of last year. The prosecutions — either for failure to licence a property, contravention of regulations, or failure to comply with a prohibition order — led to more than £215,000 being paid by rogue landlord in fines, victim surcharges, and court costs, as well as £5,000 in repayment of rents to tenants.
64.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why are only 38% of Barnet residents satisfied with the state of road repairs?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	The autumn 2017 Residents Perception Survey shows satisfaction with road repairs at 42%, above the national average of 39%.
65.	Cllr Tom Davey	Has the Leader been updated on the Labour Group's investigation into one of its members' alleged breaking of the Code of Conduct?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I have not been. It is regrettable that the accused councillor has neither been cleared or disciplined. I hope this will not interfere with the reselection process ahead of the election.
66.	Cllr Phil Cohen	The latest example of a property company seeking to build luxury houses in Edward Road New Barnet suggests developers see rich pickings in the borough without either proper safeguards for local people or a housing policy which puts affordable accommodation ahead of profit. Does he agree?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	No.
67.	Cllr Graham Old	How many potholes have been filled by the Council since 2014?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the	We have repaired a total of 3,829 Potholes from October 2014 until January 2018.

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68.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Please provide a list of all the organisations and businesses renting space in each Barnet library.	Cllr Reuben Thompstone Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee	The following organisations and businesses are amongst those that rent space on an hourly basis in the retained library spaces: Illum Education University of the Third Age Hendon Chess Group Kumon Barnet & Southgate College Age UK Diadem Women's Support Group Community Education Support Hackney College Barnet Borough Arts Council Solace NHCM (NeuroHealth Case Management Services)
69.	Cllr Graham Old	Can the Leader please tell the Council the following information relating to Friary House: a) When did the leak occur into the common hallway at Friary House and when and by whom was it reported to The Council? b) What was the cause of the leak? c) When does the Council anticipate that the damage will be made good?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	When did the leak occur into the common hallway at Friary House and when and by whom was it reported to The Council? The leak occurred approximately 3 weeks ago and was discovered by The Facilities Management Team during a routine visit/inspection. What was the cause of the leak? The leak was coming from a loose water fitting. When does the Council anticipate that the damage will be made good? The damage from the leak left a stain on the ceiling which meant that Facilities management needed to ensure that

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		d) Are the cost of repairs covered by insurance?		<p>the ceiling was dried before a contractor could carry out any works.</p> <p>The work will require out of hours supervision by the FM team and discussions are currently being undertaken with the building contractor to determine timing and we will keep you updated and advise when work will commence.</p> <p>Are the cost of repairs covered by insurance? FM are also presently checking if this damage will be covered by the building insurance under accidental damage to determine if the costs can be recovered.</p>
70.	Cllr Jack Cohen	Why isn't the council participating in the rogue landlord data base?	<p>Cllr Richard Cornelius</p> <p>Leader of the Council</p>	The Council is in the process of signing up to the rogue landlord database.
71.	Cllr Paul Edwards	Is the Council mindful that if zero carbon offset payments are not spent in five years they need to return the money to the developers?	<p>Cllr Dan Thomas</p> <p>Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee</p>	Yes.
72.	Cllr Rohit Grover	National Grid estimates that 43% of British households do not have access to off-street parking, which means almost 9m electric vehicles will one day have to be charged away from home as the UK works towards a ban in 2040 on sales of new petrol	<p>Cllr Dean Cohen</p> <p>Chairman of the Environment Committee</p>	It isn't possible to give an exact figure in terms of a percentage of Barnet houses that do not have access to off street parking due to the diverse nature of the borough. However, the percentage is likely to be higher than the national average due to Barnet's many Edwardian streets and flats which were designed at a time when mass car ownership was not envisaged.

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		and diesel cars. Do we know what % of households in Barnet do not have access to off-street parking?		The Council has very much recognised this issue and is in the process of commissioning £400,000 worth of electric vehicle charging infrastructure on street, to enable those who do not have access to private driveways to charge their vehicles. As the uptake in electric vehicle ownership is expected to increase rapidly we are also currently examining opportunities to roll out electric vehicle charging infrastructure on an even larger scale in multiple locations in order to provide easy access to charge points for all of our residents.
73.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much did the consultant's report on parking services for the recent Environment Committee cost? Does the Leader agree with a line from that report which says "... it is generally accepted that a directly employed workforce is less productive than a private sector one..."??	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	This cannot be disclosed. I have no hang-ups about having directly employed staff or contractors in place.
74.	Cllr Rohit Grover	What emerging technologies are we looking at for on street electric vehicle charging?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	We are currently investigating street lighting column chargers as a means of utilising an existing universal public realm asset for a rapidly emerging need expressed by our residents to charge their electric vehicles. In addition, we are looking into the possibility of installing rapid chargers on the authority's network. These units are capable of fully charging a vehicle within 45 minutes. Finally, we have spoken to other authorities about their use of induction (wireless) charging and are considering if this might be suitable for Barnet in the future.

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75.	Cllr Arjun Mitra	Residents complain to me about the difficulty of obtaining a library card without attending a library within staffed hours. Will the council consider posting cards to applicants?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries, and Safeguarding Committee	No. Staffed opening times are available on the Council website.
76.	Cllr Rohit Grover	What does the Leader consider he will be judged by at the end of his term?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I hope my term will continue and that the electorate will be pleased with the excellent service the Council provides at reasonable cost.
77.	Cllr Paul Edwards	How will the Council ensure that zero carbon offset payments from housing development only go to energy projects - as set out in GLA guidance - as this money is ringfenced?	Cllr Dan Thomas Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	The new draft London Plan (December 2017) currently being publicised amends the energy policy and will be reflected in the new Local Plan being prepared for Barnet (draft expected autumn 2018).
78.	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What is the implication for Barnet of the recent decision of the Chinese Government to ban the import of recycled plastics? How is the Council likely to be affected by this decision?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	At present, there are likely to be minimal implications for Barnet as it is the North London Waste Authority which has the contracts in place with the Material Reprocessing Facilities, which in turn have contracts in place with UK outlets for plastics.
79.	Cllr Arjun Mitra	Are all CCTV cameras in East Finchley working as of now? How many have not been functional for	Cllr Richard Cornelius	In total, we have eight community safety CCTV cameras in East Finchley. One of the eight cameras is currently out of action due to a technical fault which occurred on 4 th

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		any length of time?	Leader of the Council	January 2018. This camera will be restored to operation as soon as possible.
80.	Cllr Jack Cohen	Do you agree with me that it is shocking state of affairs when a company providing services in respect of family services is forced to stop providing its services because the Council persists in late payments of invoices ?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	It is not acceptable. The critical issue is confirming that goods/services have been received. The current improvement plan seeks to make financial systems easier to use.
81.	Cllr Jack Cohen	I refer to the questions I posed at the past two Council meetings relating to the Nant Road width restriction, why hasn't the repair been done?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	The repair was completed on the 4 December 2017
82.	Cllr Jack Cohen	I refer to the questions I posed at the past two Council meetings relating to missing CPZ signage, what is the latest position ?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	All signage has arrived and is pending installation w/c 22/01/2018.
83.	Cllr Jack Cohen	If an applicant makes a false declaration on a planning application form what action is open to the local planning authority?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Very little.
84.	Cllr Jack Cohen	Is the Council satisfied that the lighting on the steps leading from Cricklewood Lane to B and Q are adequate?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment	There appears to be a single street lighting asset at the top of the steps in the area being referred to. This is newly designed solution and so should be adequate for the purpose of lighting the steps.

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			Committee	The Street Lighting service has used the remote system to check that the asset is operating correctly and no faults are reported.
85.	Cllr Jack Cohen	Is there any rhyme or reason to how traffic wardens are deployed?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	The Council's Parking Client Team work closely with our parking enforcement contractor NSL and both parties have agreed an enforcement plan which sets out the number of the resources to be deployed, the locations where they will be deployed and the times they will patrol those areas. This plan is based on experience and historical data which helps to identify the areas where parking compliance is an issue and requires attention. This plan is reviewed on a monthly basis and amendments are agreed as deemed appropriate having reviewed the available data. Other considerations include special events occurring such as Saracens games which requires an increased level of resource being deployed in the Event day CPZ on match days.
86.	Cllr Jack Cohen	Do we still employ uniform street enforcement officers?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	The Civil Enforcement Officers who carry our Parking Enforcement are uniformed.
87.	Cllr Jack Cohen	National Express Coaches mainly Stanstead Express heading into London set down passengers on the Finchley Road under the bridge just north of the junction with North End Road. This involves a long set down because the driver needs to get off the bus to unload cases. This leads to	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	The A6 (Stansted) coach started using a southbound bus stop on Finchley Road for the London-bound stop at Golders Green in May 2013, coinciding with the introduction of the A1 (Luton) service. Up to four coaches per hour use the stop – fewer during the rush hour. The A6 coach southbound was removed from the bus station in order to provide space for the northbound A1

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		<p>long tail backs, interferes with the free flow of traffic and delays public transport buses. Do you agree with me that these coaches should set down in the bus station.?</p>		<p>coach. This avoids the need for passengers to cross the road between the station and any alternative stop for the A1, while also keeping the A6 close to the station.</p> <p>National Express apply to Transport for London (TfL) for a London Service Permit (LSP) for their services within London (although TfL have observed that they would be able to operate their services without an LSP). The willingness of National Express to apply for an LSP and observe the relevant conditions is important as it provides TfL with a measure of control. Transport for London have previously confirmed they have no intention of permitting any further services to use the Finchley Road stop, thereby allowing traffic to pass without obstruction.</p>
88.	Cllr Jack Cohen	<p>When will the planning application for change of condition of use for the Golders Green Hippodrome be heard?</p>	<p>Cllr Melvin Cohen Chairman of the Planning Committee</p>	<p>The planning application at the Golders Green Hippodrome is still under consideration by officers and there is currently no date for referral to a planning committee.</p>