

POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 3 October 2019

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Note

At the meeting a total of 30 minutes is available for public questions. The questioner may ask one supplementary question at the meeting which will be answered without discussion. The supplementary question must be relevant to the original question put to the Chairman.

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1.	7 - Brexit Preparedness	Theresa Musgrove	<p>5.3.4</p> <p>According to this report: "In Barnet, approximately 27% of workers across our Adults Social Care supply chain have EU27 nationality; equating to around 2,800 individuals".</p> <p>The report fails to offer any mitigation of the risk to the wellbeing of vulnerable residents who will be affected by the loss of so many care workers. What will happen to these residents should a No Deal Brexit result in the expulsion of European nationals? What contingency plans does the authority have for the safeguarding of their needs?</p>	<p>There is no suggestion that a No Deal Brexit would result in the expulsion of European Nationals.</p> <p>The council monitors levels of demand for adult social care and the capacity for the workforce to meet it on an ongoing basis, and this is reported regularly as business as usual. Currently there has been no reported change in social care workforce trends in Barnet. As part of our Brexit planning, the Executive Director of Adults and Health has recently written to all care work suppliers asking them to update their business continuity plans and flag any concerns they may have with staff retention. The letter also signposted suppliers to where they can raise any issues of staff retention and access support.</p> <p>Meanwhile the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP – the council and NHS) has a sector-wide programme to review and mitigate risks across adult social care supply. Barnet is leading the STP workstream on workforce and maintains strong links with local, regional and national initiatives which focus on the health and social care system. The Care Quality Service maintains a programme of engagement and communications with local providers to highlight opportunities regarding recruitment and retention.</p> <p>Potential risks to the adult social care workforce is a national issue, not just one for this borough. We therefore continue to monitor national guidance to keep abreast of any new information.</p>
2.	11- Brent Cross Cricklewood	Theresa Musgrove	<p>What risk assessment has been made of entering a contract to build the new Station when there is so much doubt over the future of the development of housing and the future of the shopping centre?</p>	<p>The delivery of the station is not dependent upon the future the shopping centre. The station will facilitate the delivery of housing within Brent Cross South.</p>

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3.	11- Brent Cross Cricklewood	Mr Levy	Regarding the Thameslink station procurement, -(a) how has the Dudding Hill Line platform integration been presented to bidders?	The Invitation to Tender documents referred to the West London Orbital. As approved by the Assets, Regeneration and Growth on 16 September 2019, further work is being undertaken to determine feasibility and cost so that the council can make a decision as to whether to include passive provision within the detailed design once the station contract is awarded.
4.	15 - Oakleigh Depot Remedial Works	Theresa Musgrove	Will Capita face any contractual penalties for failures in construction, or project management, in regard to the Depot?	There is currently no evidence to suggest that Capita has any liability to the Council in respect of this matter.