

Council Supplementary Questions – 26th July (in proper order)

Qn.	Councillor	Question	Answer by	Supplementary Question	Supplementary Answer
1	Cllr Brian Gordon	Would the Leader agree that Residents' Forums are principally for ordinary local residents to table issues, express their views and ask questions and not a soapbox for elected politicians?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	In view of the fact that you would agree that it's not really for politicians to get too involved in residents forums, would you agree that the motion on the agenda this evening which deals with that subject which we are not actually going to be debating is one which everybody here would support as going some way towards addressing this situation?	Cllr Gordon raises important questions that are best discussed at the Constitution Review Committee where we can take some time under expert chairmanship to consider the matter and the ramifications from it. We have had the tributes to Cllr Salinger, but there is the Salinger test as to the value of these things that he taught me three or four ago and that is, when members and officers outnumber the public, there's something wrong with them and I think that is something we must bear in mind.
2	Cllr Barry Rawlings	What justification does the Leader have for not asking officers to consider the risks and opportunities of both Brexit and Remain for the Council and our partners before June 23rd?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I thank the Leader for his answer but I think he is a bit confused. I'm asking for an options paper and he's talking about dragging officers into this argument. Wouldn't he agree with the well-known motto that 'a failure to plan is actually planning for	There's no certainty as to what it means other than we are going to leave the EU. No one can possibly have any idea as to what the full consequences of what this will be.

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				failure'. We should know what the options are and councillors should be able to discuss them.	
3	Cllr Brian Gordon	There are a number of procedural issues relating to planning committee meetings that I, several colleagues and officers consider need reviewing. How and when will there be an opportunity to do this in the not-too-distant future?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I'm sure we all appreciate the review that's taking place into planning issues. May I ask whether you agree that one of the things that could be looked at is whether it's necessary to have a situation where an applicant for planning permission is allowed to speak when the officers are recommending in favour and where there are no objectors? This facility just seems to prolong, quite unbearably sometimes, the length of planning meetings.	I think, again, that's an important point that we should consider. We have changed the speaking arrangements at these planning committees over the years and it's very very hard to get it right. But we do have to make sure that everybody is able to express their opinions both for and against. But I take the councillor's point on board and I'm sure that's something that the chairman of Constitution Review Committee will be considering in due course.

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4	Cllr Reema Patel	<p>Why did the Barnet Council fail to notify disabled recipients of freedom passes that their passes had been cancelled?</p> <p>Does the leader accept that failure to do so could have put residents at unnecessary risk of apprehension by transport police?</p>	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>As usual the Leader has failed to answer the actual question put to him. The question was why did the council fail to notify disabled recipients of Freedom passes and did the Leader accept that failure to do could have put residents at unnecessary risk of apprehension by the Transport Police. There's not really been an answer to that question, so I'm going to ask it again.</p>	Well I thought the answer did cover it: it was a mistake.
5	Cllr Brian Gordon	Is the Leader satisfied that the enquiry into the cause of the voting problems that occurred at the London election, particularly in Wards such as mine, was fully and sufficiently investigated with a view to such a problem not being allowed to reoccur in the future?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	

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6	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How will the planned reduction in the frequency of street cleaning help to keep Barnet clean?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Cllr Cohen seems to have spent a whole page no actually answering my question. Given that many people never, ever see a street cleaner, how does he think reducing the frequency of street cleaning is going to help clean up Barnet?	Nowhere in the Street Cleansing Framework which was discussed at the last Environmental Committee did it say that frequency of cleansing will be reduced.
7	Cllr Brian Gordon	There are concerns about the unclean state of the streets of Edgware's Town Centre due to excessive dropping of litter there, compared with other Wards. Can special attention be given to alleviating this problem?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	We are still on the cleaning issue at the moment. Edgware is particularly problematic at the moment with the litter there and could be because of the intensive use of the streets, the number of people who are coming in for all kinds of reasons, could it be looked at, not just a question of punishments for people who behave badly in this respect but also perhaps increasing the cleaning teams who actually are assigned to	Again, within the Framework that was discussed at the last Environment Committee, Edgware Town Centre was one of the key town centres for increased cleansing.

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				the High Street of Edgware and Station Road?	
8	Cllr Anne Hutton	How many current employees in the following sectors stand to lose pay as a result of the Unified Rewards restructuring - early years, primary and secondary sectors?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I understand that certainly the numbers for Early Years staff are a lot higher than mentioned here. I just wonder if, in collecting these statistics, that council officers consulted with the unions because they are the ones who have been doing the negotiations and they are the ones who would have up-to-date figures. So perhaps we could have some up to date figures after we have done that?	We could do that but wouldn't it be easier if Cllr Hutton contacted the union and asked them?

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9	Cllr Brian Gordon	The Government's Chief Inspector of Schools has recently issued a directive that many Councils are not acting sufficiently to curb extremism within schools. Would you consider this to be a problem within the Borough of Barnet?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Do you agree with my suggestion that we could do with a proper definition of 'extremism' because it is a bit of a subjective term and I would like to suggest that we would promote the idea that extremism is promoting hatred and violence and it shouldn't go beyond that.	I would like to agree with Cllr Gordon and I suspect that even if we did agree, others might end up not agreeing so how we go about getting a formal definition that we all agree upon would be something certainly worth exploring.

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10	Cllr Dr Devra Kay	It appears that at least some postal vote ballot papers for the Referendum were not received from Barnet by voters living abroad. An example I have is of a couple living in Israel, at the same address, making a request for a postal vote at the same time. The husband is registered in Ealing, the wife in Barnet. The husband received his form, the wife did not. Will the Leader admit that Barnet voters have been disenfranchised yet again due to the Council's inability to organise an election and that he should take responsibility for the failures under his leadership of the Council?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I'm given just one example here but I'd like to ask for the Leader's assurance that the serious serial and diverse failings of election administration in Barnet in 2014,15 and 16, are included for consideration in any further investigations as there exists a general unresolved incompetence that is just not acceptable and has earned Barnet notoriety throughout the country.	Of course I'm grateful for Cllr Kay's observation but we do need some evidence to support those allegations relative to other boroughs. And there is a full enquiry going on at the moment, which will make things much clearer. I think it is important that we all work hard to maintain the confidence that has, hither to, existed in our election system here in Barnet.
11	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Would the Leader reaffirm, on behalf of all members, the council's long-standing position of steadfast condemnation of any form of intolerance or hate crime?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Racism or any form of hate crime is sadly something that at times has affected all parties although some parties more than others. Baroness Tonge's offensive comments in the House of Lords are well documented. Does	I think that might be a question for Cllr Jack Cohen rather than me. According to Cllr Cohen she has not been a member for five years.

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				the Leader agree with the campaign against anti-Semitism that she should be expelled from the Liberal Democratic Party?	
12	Cllr Arjun Mittra	When can we expect the promised consultation and works for Stanley Road to be implemented?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	No Supplementary	
13	Cllr Shimon Ryde	The way in which people of different races, faiths and backgrounds live and work harmoniously and co-operatively is one of our borough's defining characteristics. Does the Leader share my hope that this long may continue to be the case?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I have it on good authority that the evening before she became Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party, Theresa May visited the home of the Chief Rabbi. A clear demonstration of her commitment to all minority and faith groups both in Barnet and the country as a whole. Does the Leader have any information of the whereabouts of Jeremy Corbyn the night before he became the	I have no information but I can't imagine anyone would admit having him for dinner the night before his election.

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				leader of the Labour Party?	
14	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What date has been set to start building the bridge over from the Pulse development?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Can I just say that this building of the bridge over the Pulse development was due to start last summer. There is now another summer coming up and we still have the developers still in discussions. Is there going to be a time limit at which the developer will stop having discussions with the council and will actually get along with the proposal? And secondly, what discussions have there been with the police with regard to this bridge? And thirdly, there are plans for a cycle	I can only urge ward councillors to contact the developer directly ad if they don't get a response then to copy me in. I think it is much quicker for ward councillors to speak about these things directly rather than wait till full council meetings and if then they have a problem with information being forthcoming, then please do involve me but I certainly don't have a time frame for this bridge. It is in the developer's hands a t this stage. Clearly when they are talking about design and vegetation, they are very close but I would suggest speaking to the developer direct.

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				provision and I'd like to know when that will be developed as well.	
15	Cllr Shimon Ryde	I understand the council has been in close liaison with the police in recent weeks given the upsurge in the number of hate crimes reported in other areas. Has there been any increase in reports of hate crime in our borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	It has already been referred to today, the tragedy in France which follows other tragedies in France, Germany and around the world. Would the Leader join with me and I'm sure every member of this chamber in passing on our condolences to the families of those who have died and wish a speedy recovery to all those who have been injured.	Absolutely.
16	Cllr Kath McGuirk	How many CCTV cameras have been removed in the last 10 years and what were the locations?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	In the paper last week there was a wonderful picture of Dean Cohen saying how he's cleaning up fly tipping. Also in Q79 if we get to it he states that enforcement on fly tipping well rounded	The answer is I don't know how many prosecutions there have been. But looking at that picture, even across the chamber is a sign of something that is dramatically wrong. And clearly the television camera hasn't been of any use thus far.

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				<p>approach to making sure we have a clean and green borough. How can we enforce fly tipping when this in Lodge Lane car park which is over night when you have removed CCTV cameras without any consultation with residents, a local primary school and local ward councillors. That is an overnight fly tipping after the clear up after the North Finchley market on a Friday. This is regular; we continue to complain. I want answers why the CCTV isn't being put back and how many prosecutions on fly tipping have we actually had?</p>	

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17	Cllr Anthony Finn	Given that politicians of all parties have been re-emphasising their condemnation of any form of intolerance, does the Leader agree it was regrettable that, at the launch of his party's report into internal anti-Semitism no less, the Labour Leader appeared to draw a comparison between the State of Israel and 'self-styled Islamic states'? Does the Leader share the view of Lord Sacks – former Chief Rabbi and a Freeman of this Borough – that Mr Corbyn's remarks were unacceptable; does he condemn them; and does he agree that the Leader of the Barnet Labour Group should also speak out to denounce them?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Could the Leader please explain why he thinks the comparison between the State of Israel and Islamic States is baseless, distasteful and unacceptable?	Because Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. It is an icon of excellence there and we should be very careful, we should be alert when we hear anti-Zionist statements which are often a cloak for anti-Semitism. And I just think of that poor Jewish MP who left crying from Mr Corbyn's meeting.
18	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Have there been any declarations of interest from community groups to run Childs Hill Library, and if not will it be closed?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
19	Cllr Anthony Finn	What is the comparative funding of London boroughs?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Looking at the levels of funding of Barnet and Camden, does the Leader think that	I think it is a travesty and very unfair and I hope that all outer London boroughs who have this very poor settlement will join

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				Camden's residents' needs are really 2.5 times those of Barnet?	together regardless of their party in order to get a better settlement than we have had for many years.
20	Cllr Reema Patel	Does the Leader have an analysis of the cost of Brexit for the borough and our public services; and an explanation for his lack of leadership on the issue?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
21	Cllr Anthony Finn	What is the taxpayer spend in the form of council tax raised and central government grant expressed on a per capita basis across the London boroughs?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
22	Cllr Alon Orbach	What has the council done to assure residents who are citizens of other EU countries following the EU referendum result?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Given over 10% of the borough citizens come from another EU state, I couldn't spot one mention on the council website of this statement that you've said you've done after	I agree with Cllr Orbach, I think it's very important that we do make sure that those EU residents who are here in London now feel secure as part of our life here. I'm disappointed that it's not on the website. I'm afraid I failed to monitor it but we will make sure

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				the EU referendum, which has left so many people in very deep uncertainty about whether they are welcome in this country. Would you consider a joint statement again and signing up the Borough of Barnet to support the Mayor of London's campaign to keep London open. The London is Open Campaign?	something goes on it.
23	Cllr Anthony Finn	How is government support for each borough determined?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
24	Cllr Phil Cohen	What specific interest has there been from voluntary and community groups to run East Barnet library in the so-called Partnership model, and doesn't the lack of any such publicly-announced bids reveal the failure of this approach instead of developing a properly funded and managed public library service, which the vast majority of our residents want?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Does the Leader agree that the lack of information, the secrecy around the future of the so-called partnership libraries is causing terrible uncertainty to the public and the staff and is fuelling the suspicion that there are either none or very few such bids.	Can I take it then that Cllr Phil Cohen will support a bid in the library and energetically as a ward councillor seek out a group? It is very important that we all work to keep the libraries open. The alternative will be to shut them. Please help us find groups who will take these on.

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25	Cllr John Marshall	What is being done to try and obtain a minimum baseline funding guarantee for future years?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
26	Cllr Ross Houston	Only 18% of new homes delivered in Barnet over the last year were affordable against a target of 40% - is the administration actively discouraging developers from including higher percentages of affordable homes in planning applications?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	We know that Barnet has some of London's largest development sites like Colindale. I know that Cllr Davey is clutching at straws by quoting the number of units delivered and not percentage of affordable units. Does Cllr Davey agree with the Deputy Mayor that it's insulting the intelligence of residents to suggest that what we call affordable homes in London actually are affordable.	Absolutely not.

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27	Cllr John Marshall	Following his success earlier this year in getting the government to agree to review the needs assessment that underpins the funding settlement, will the Leader continue to make representations to ensure this – especially given the possibility of new ministerial leadership in various departments?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
28	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Does the Council Leader accept that the election fiasco was not limited to events on polling day, but also the registration of voters, handling of Postal Votes and handing of polling cards?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	If the Leader of the council believes registrations in Barnet is so good, why did the register go down by several thousand in Barnet but up in Camden despite a much larger increase in the Barnet population?	Maybe it was being cleaned up.
29	Cllr John Marshall	Research from the Education Policy Institute shows Barnet to be the best performing local authority nationally for pupil improvement at secondary age. Would the Leader or the Committee Chairman like to comment on this?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Would the Chairman agree with me that we should congratulate the teachers who made these wonderful results so possible?	I would join Cllr Marshall and agree with him entirely in that statement.

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30	Cllr Kathy Levine	Over 3 years ago it was agreed to have a zebra crossing on Hampden Way N14 - can the Leader give a timetable for its installation?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The Walk Safe N14 campaign were promised this crossing well before I was even a councillor. Does the Chair not agree that there's a need to review the process for implementing decisions of the council when something like this can take so long.	Yes, this case has gone on far too long admittedly and I would suggest that these sort of schemes come back regularly for an update to the relevant area committees.
31	Cllr Eva Greenspan	How might the UK's decision to leave the EU impact upon the council's future budgetary position?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Given the importance of growth for our budget as well as for delivering new homes, jobs and facilities for residents, has the council been in contact with its development partners to gauge their reaction to the vote and to say that Barnet will be pushing ahead with these schemes?	Yes, indeed and it is very pleasing that Hammerson, in all its guises, Standard Life and Argent related have signed on the dotted line and we do have green lights all the way with the Brent Cross Cricklewood Scheme. I must admit there was a frisson of doubt when I heard about the Standard Life Property Fund being shut but I am relieved that they did sign up on this one.

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32	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Now that officers have visited Manor Cottages Approach and Long Lane to look at the ASB on the green, when can we expect action to build a fence and gate?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	No Supplementary	
33	Cllr Eva Greenspan	Would the Leader share the widely held concerns about anti-Semitism in the Labour Party and amongst the hard left?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Does the Leader have confidence in the current leadership of the Labour Party to stamp this out?	Strangely not but I look forward to a satisfactory outcome of the Labour Party's internal election.
34	Cllr Laurie Williams	Why does the administration schedule Committee meetings on the same night where the members and subs are on both? This has happened twice recently.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
35	Cllr Eva Greenspan	Would the Leader encourage the Barnet Labour Group to push to ensure that the next Leader of their party makes tackling anti-Semitism a higher priority?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	What message do you think it would give to the borough's residents and those on the receiving end of the new kinder, gentler politics if Jeremy Corbyn is re-elected?	I'm almost lost for words at the prospect of Mr Corbyn surviving in post and I really hope that a more moderate approach will be followed and that all forms of prejudice will be eliminated from all the political parties in this country.
36	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What consultation has taken place with residents over the plan to stop using paving stones in most residential roads and	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Can I ask Cllr Cohen why he thinks that paving stones are acceptable to use in	As Cllr Schneiderman knows very well, this was discussed fully at the last Environment Committee and is something that Cllr Schneiderman

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		switch to using tarmac/asphalt?		Hampstead garden Suburb and other conservation areas but not good enough for other streets within the borough?	did not vote against.
37	Cllr Val Duschinsky	One potential upside to Brexit is the reduction in red tape and burdensome regulation e.g. around procurement directives and waste levies. Does the Leader share my view that the government should consider carefully which are strictly necessary and avoid simply introducing Whitehall replicas to replace them?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
38	Cllr Agnes Slocombe	How much of the £20million GLA Air Quality fund to help local councils has been allocated to Barnet?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	No Supplementary	
39	Cllr Val Duschinsky	How surprised are you that Mayor Khan has already gone back on his housing pledges?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	Would the Chairman agree this constitutes one of the quickest about turns following an election in recent history, particularly when coupled with the fact that the fares freeze	Absolutely. I think this just goes to demonstrate a large percentage of nothing is nothing and it's what we have been saying on this side of the room for a long time. If Mayor Khan would like to see the excellent regeneration work we are doing here and what delivering real

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				pledge is also not quite what it was thought to be.	affordable housing looks like, as opposed to made up percentages, I'd be more than happy to take him on a tour of the new tower we are building in West Hendon.
40	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	Can the Leader explain why nothing has been done yet to solve the parking signage problem near Sainsbury's local in Grahame Park?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	About 50 residents, on average, are getting parking tickets every day in Sainsbury's car park and does he realise he is responsible for the welfare of these residents?	I wasn't aware that it was 50 a day but I think the councillor should be standing outside making sure her residents don't park there.
41	Cllr Val Duschinsky	What has been the change in the level of deprivation over the last fifteen years for each borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Does the Leader think that the evidence in this table shows that some of Inner London's challenges are being pushed to Outer London and that there should be a similar transfer of funding to meet them?	Absolutely and I think this is something that across the chamber we all have to recognise that the system of sharing out funding is not fair and particularly with business rate retention, when there is a bigger carve up of resources if you like, it's important that we are heard and we get our share from the Mayor and from the government.

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42	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Will the Leader instigate a full day workshop to include councillors, senior managers and partners to discuss the finding of the recently published report of the Smith Institute Towards a Suburban Renaissance http://www.smith-institute.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Towards-a-suburban-renaissance.pdf ?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
43	Cllr Val Duschinsky	What additional costs are there to boroughs by virtue of their size?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Are there also increased infrastructure costs?	Absolutely. The more people you have, the more things you need and it's important that we get our share. We are growing rapidly and we are adding the population the size of Canterbury and it would be nice to have all the resources that Canterbury have added to that which we have now.
44	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Morning deliveries to Oak Lodge School are blocking Hampstead Heights, trapping cars from Heath View, Heath View Close and Maya Road. Can the suppliers be asked to park more considerately please?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	No Supplementary	

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45	Cllr Mark Shooter	What assurances have been given by the new Mayor of London that he will continue City Hall backing for the Brent Cross scheme and that he won't undermine all the good work done to get to this point?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I note that the Leader has spoken to Mayor Khan and I'd just like to know what the latest updates are with regard this scheme.	Well Brent Cross Cricklewood is going ahead but it does require the support of all levels of government, local, regional and national. And furthermore, a great sort of alphabet soup of state bodies that are involved and I hope that we can have the joined up relationship with Mayor Khan that we had with his predecessor.
46	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	The Council has stated that studies show that most littering takes place within 5 metres of a bin. In addition to encouraging people to bin their litter, what is being done to ensure that bins are emptied more regularly- there are frequent examples across the Borough of overflowing bins on streets and in parks?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	I'm pleased that Cllr Cohen agrees that bins should be emptied more often but why does he think spending £10,000 to put bar codes on the side of them is a better use of money than emptying them more frequently? That was in the action plan he referred to earlier.	I think it should be both.
47	Cllr Mark Shooter	Could the Leader confirm the total amount deposited in the Icelandic banks prior to 2008 and the total received back by the council?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Wouldn't the Leader agree with me that it's a tremendous result, not only to receive back every penny of the £27.4m deposit in	It is a fantastic result which I'm sure all the council will rejoice that the money has come back. This is not a time for snide comments. I am mightily relieved this money has come back.

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				Iceland without any ? whatsoever but also a very healthy return of £1.13m in interest.	
48	Cllr Dr Devra Kay	After the terrible incident in which a young woman was raped in Long Lane, Finchley in an area by Victoria Park which is notoriously ill-lit and the site of another rape a while ago, and with the alleged rape of a teenage girl last week in Leisure Way on grassland behind the Finchley Lido and Vue around midnight, as well as a recent rape and an attempted rape on the West Hendon Estate, both late at night, would the Leader agree to review the level of lighting not just in these areas, but all local parks and similar areas of high risk for women out alone?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
49	Cllr Mark Shooter	What is the tenure and leasehold status of the properties the council owns in The Burroughs and what are the plans for them?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I note your answer and I just am quite curious as to what St George's Lodge is, please?	I believe I have seen a large number of Labour members going into this building and it's something to do with them and it's inexcusable that the lease arrangements have not been put in place. It must be a considerable

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					embarrassment to them as it is to the council.
50	Cllr Reema Patel	Will the leader support the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan's statement that those who are EU nationals - who work hard and contribute to the UK, are welcome in both London and in Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No Supplementary	
51	Cllr Graham Old	What became of the council's application for EU funding support for the small business hub we are hoping to establish in the borough?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	I'd like to ask Cllr Thomas is the council still committed to invest its £500,000 share to support small businesses in the borough?	The council is absolutely committed to spending this money on the business hub. More information on this will come back to ARG when those proposals are ready and also in tonight's papers you will see in Colindale that there is going to be some space in the new headquarters, if that goes ahead, for a business hub also.
52	Cllr Ross Houston	Please provide the most up to date figures for the number of families living in temporary and emergency accommodation, including the number of children.	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	1235 children in temporary accommodation and we delivered 18% affordable housing last year. What level would Cllr Davey consider	Obviously there is no such thing as an acceptable level and one would always aim to get as many children out of temporary accommodation as possible. And that's why I would urge all members to always support the schemes that are

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				acceptable?	taken to ARG and to Planning put forward by Barnet Homes so that we can get building houses.
53	Cllr Graham Old	Does the Leader know the extent of the extreme-left activist group Momentum's activities in Barnet and which, if any, Labour councillors are members of, or financially supported by, it?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Does the Leader see parallels between the activities of momentum and the insidious machinations of the militant tendency back in the 1980s? in that they put pressure on Labour Party constituency officers, Labour councillors and Labour MPs to adopt a much more left wing pacifist and anti-capitalist attitude and if they did not, they were threatened with an often subject to deselection. This would be tragic if this happens again, especially perhaps to the leader of the Labour group on this council.	I think the councillor for his question. Of course there are parallels but I'm sure the Labour Party in Barnet are really quite nice people and would have no truck with anything like this and I think it was very unkind of Cllr Old, in his question, to praise the leader of the Labour group here. That could be truly career-threatening.

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54	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Is the Leader embarrassed that less than a third of residents are satisfied with the council's parking service?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Can I ask Cllr Cohen what he's actually intending to do to improve the parking service in Barnet given that less than a third of residents are satisfied with it. That is, other than extending the contact of the company that's responsible for running it at the moment.	We are continually improving the service which is why it has gone up 10% in the last three years and we will continue with those improvements.
55	Cllr Graham Old	Would the Leader join me in congratulating the council's Trading Standards team for the success of their long and complex investigation that brought Martin Marcus to justice for his letting agency scam which defrauded dozens of victims out of over £200k? What message does he think this operation sends to others contemplating similar con tricks?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	What is the Leader's message to anyone who thinks that they have been victim of this sort of fraud?	I would hope that they would contact the council's Trading Standards Team, who have an excellent record and do a fantastic job within our borough.

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56	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Brompton Grove continues to attract parking problems and crime. When will the council put the community first and adopt the road?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	How is this answer acceptable for the residents of East Finchley have to put up with an eyesore and a crime spot next to their homes? Is this council's motto of being a pleasant place to live only applicable to people who live in Tory wards?	The answer is quite clear.
57	Cllr Bridget Perry	What progress has been made on improving high speed broadband connectivity in Chipping Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
58	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Will the Leader convene a meeting of the Barnet Strategic Partnership as a matter of urgency to discuss the effects of Brexit in the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
59	Cllr Bridget Perry	Can the Leader give assurances that he would oppose development on the Whalebones Park site in High Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
60	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many of the agreed 50 Syrian refugees have been	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader	Out of time	

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61	Cllr Bridget Perry	Does the Leader welcome the inclusion of affordable workspace provision in the revised plans for the Brake Shear House development and would he agree that such provision is an important means of supporting business locally?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
62	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	Why does the Leader think residents in Colindale deserve to have the parking and traffic chaos that will result from the council offices being located in Grahame Park?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Out of time	
63	Cllr Brian Salinger	Will the Leader please make a full statement detailing when and how much money was received back from the Icelandic Banks. If he is able can he also detail the amounts received by way of interest payments before the banks collapsed?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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64	Cllr Anne Hutton	Following the response to Q38 at the council meeting on 4 April could the Leader tell me how many school attendance orders have been issued with regard to home educated children over the last 5 years?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Out of time	
65	Cllr Brian Salinger	Will the Leader please list all the buildings which are owned by the Council but occupied by other parties, where a formal lease has not been signed or where the existing lease has expired. In each case can the leader advise members of the date (or month/ year) when each of the buildings was occupied or when the lease expired?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
66	Cllr Arjun Mittra	When can we expect improvements to pedestrian crossings on East End Road for the Archer Academy to be enacted?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	
67	Cllr Sury Khatri	Will the council meet the established deadline for vacating the current depot site at Mill Hill East? As I hear that this is not the case, why not?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Out of time	

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68	Cllr Ross Houston	Please would the Leader advise what the most up-to-date position is on the council's temporary accommodation budget?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	Out of time	
69	Cllr Sury Khatri	What steps are being taken to support the Football and Rugby clubs affected by the new Copthall Leisure Centre?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
70	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Given that NSL – the council's parking enforcement contractor - failed to meet all Key Performance Indicators during Quarter 4 of 2015/16 why did the Conservative councillors on the Environment Committee force through a contract extension?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	

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71	Cllr Sury Khatri	As the residents lives in Mill Hill has been blighted by the many big development projects, how does the Leader expect Mill Hill residents to cope with the effect of the many cumulative impacts and effects this has on the residents lives as a result of the multiple development proposals currently in train? Is it not time that we should halt, an take a breather and not give any encouragement to any such future activities?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
72	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What plans are in place to build a cycle track from Montrose Park to Colindale station via the Pulse development?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	
73	Cllr Sury Khatri	Following on we as an administration make a great play the houses being built and that many are 'Affordable Housing'! Everyone sane person knows that this is patently not the case, especially for the residents of Mill Hill, if I may so say Barnet too, and their children etc. This is pure and simple insulting residents' intelligence. Why do we persist in peddling this line ?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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74	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Will the Leader follow Barnet Labour's lead in committing to the 2% precept for the next 2 years to help protect adult social care?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
75	Cllr Sury Khatri	Why are citizenship ceremonies being done at the registry office and how many residents go through this process annually?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
76	Cllr Phil Cohen	What were the reasons behind Barnet's failure to secure EU funding to set up a Barnet Business Hub? I understand our bid did not meet several of the criteria required by the GLA who arrange the bids, for example it was too similar to an existing London-wide Growth Hub website, and there was little involvement from local partners, so why did the council not properly check first with the GLA that our bid met the necessary criteria?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Out of time	
77	Cllr John Hart	Does the Leader consider that the decision to leave the European Union will affect Barnet's finances negatively?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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78	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Can planning applications put conditions on rent increases and service charges on developments?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
79	Cllr John Hart	Does the Leader welcome the launch of the council's enforcement campaign against those who litter, fly-tip and allow dogs to foul in the borough?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	
80	Cllr Dr Devra Kay	In spite of assurances that asbestos would be removed during the demolition of the West Hendon Estate according to the strictest safety procedures, this appears not to have been the case. It was acknowledged that asbestos was present in the ceiling and floor tiles and in the old heating system and during the recent demolition of Franklin House, windows were removed and ceilings were left hanging, exposed to the open air, particles of dust blowing from the windows and onto cars. The building is now demolished and the ceilings and floors crushed with the rest of the debris in the	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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		<p>open air on site. I have requested an independent inspection, but have been told that the Council would never pay for it, and a recent inspection due to the request is not independent. It claims that the asbestos is low risk. Yet when flat 150 Marsh Drive had similar asbestos removed, the flat was sealed up and the resident was not allowed to enter the flat until the job was completed. Even if risk is low, there is a risk, and removal of asbestos has not been dealt with responsibly. Workmen are unprotected, and residents are fearful of the health implications. I ask the Leader to agree to a genuinely independent inspection and report with no connection to the project and to ensure that proper care is taken in future demolition. There is photographic evidence of Franklin House.</p>			

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81	Cllr John Hart	Given the budgetary pressure that local authorities are under, is it not right that people should take personal responsibility for their behaviour rather than expecting other people to pick up their rubbish and the taxpayer to pick up the bill?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	
82	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many times, since January 2013, has Barnet challenged SEN provision requests and how often is Barnet successful in challenging an SEN provision request?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
83	Cllr John Hart	What progress has been made towards achieving step-free access at Mill Hill Broadway Station and how has this come about?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Out of time	
84	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why does the Leader think only 35% of residents are satisfied with the state of our roads and pavements?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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85	Cllr Maureen Braun	The Chancellor has indicated that Corporation Tax could be further cut, to as low as 15%, to ensure Britain remains an attractive prospect for businesses. Would the Leader be supportive of such an approach, given the advantages it could have for Barnet's businesses?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
86	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What plans are there for football facilities for the residents of Douglas Bader Park?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	
87	Cllr Maureen Braun	Would the Leader like to comment on the launch of Barnet's new Domestic Violence and Abuse Services which will bring together the council and its partners to deliver a multi-agency approach to tackling all forms of domestic violence?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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88	Cllr Phil Cohen	Will he undertake to ensure that the Chipping Barnet Area Committee finds a suitable community venue convenient for local residents to attend future meetings, and reverse the current plan to hold them at Hendon town hall, which would undermine the whole point of having localised area committees?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
89	Cllr Anne Hutton	How many home educated pupils successfully achieved GCSE courses between 2010 and 2015?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Out of time	
90	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Have there been any declarations of interest from community groups to run South Friern Library, if not will it be closed?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
91	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Have any official congratulations been sent to the re-elected London Assembly Member for Barnet & Camden? If so, when?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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92	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the leader apologise for the incompetent management of the Council's finances which lead to £2 million being lost as a result of ignoring Council policy and depositing money in collapsed Icelandic banks - money which could have gone to libraries and other vital Council services?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
93	Cllr Alon Orbach	Have all local authority schools been provided the correct information regarding Unified Pay?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
94	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What plans are in place for residents of Clayton Field to have pavements now that there is a through route from Lanacre Avenue?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	
95	Cllr Phil Cohen	If the council goes ahead and moves East Barnet library to the proposed Victoria Recreation Ground leisure centre in New Barnet how will it obtain rental income from letting space out, given the size of the library will be massively reduced?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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96	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Given the recent elections fiasco in Barnet, can the Leader confirm he has no plans to run whelk stalls, or conduct any events in breweries? Does the Leader of the Council think the council is performing as competently as it should be?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
97	Cllr Alon Orbach	On what basis is the minimum age needing adult supervision in unstaffed libraries set?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Out of time	
98	Cllr Reema Patel	Does the Leader agree the decision not to take the full 2% social care precept has been a mistake given the Adults & Safeguarding Committee were told the extra £411k invested in telecare would have saved the council about £240k every year?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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99	Cllr Barry Rawlings	In less than 4 years the Government's and Council's commitment to eliminate child poverty will elapse - what are the chances of either keeping their promise? I will accept an answer between the range nought and zero.	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Out of time	
100	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the area near the bus stop at the Concourse be resurfaced?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	
101	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many times, since the start of their contract with Barnet, has Baker Small Solicitors acted for Barnet to challenge requests for SEN support/provision, and how often are Baker Small Solicitors successful and unsuccessful when operating in this capacity?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	

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102	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Now that a final settlement has been reached on the Tory administration's deposits in collapsed Icelandic banks, will a review be undertaken to ensure that lessons continue to be learnt and that never again will the Council's treasury management policy be so flagrantly breached on such a regular basis?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
103	Cllr Phil Cohen	Does the council agree with other councils represented on the North Central London joint health overview and scrutiny committee that a key worker housing strategy is needed for public sector employees faced with the almost impossible task of finding affordable accommodation in London? Those councils said health bodies should work with local authorities on this so does Barnet agree and will it encourage the development of such a strategy	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
104	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What are the latest plans for the new community centre in Grahame Park?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets,	Out of time	

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105	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Has Barnet Homes had complaints about the letterboxes on the new doors they are installing on estates? They are extremely difficult to use, and often result in scratched hands. Will they consult with Royal Mail about a better letterbox design?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time	
106	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Will the Council please investigate the need for second zebra crossing on Aerodrome Road?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Out of time	