

## **Questions Submitted for Council – 27 July 2022**

### **Question 1 - Submitted by Councillor Thompson**

“Could the Executive Member for Finance and Governance set out what in-year action officers are taking to mitigate the impact of growing inflationary pressures on our budget?”

### **Question 2 - Submitted by Councillor Chalkin**

“The recent record temperatures have reinforced the need to change how we impact the environment. In the UK, the built environment is one of the sectors that has the biggest impact, but the way Landlord and Tenant law is currently written means that landowners, more often than not, do not have the ability to influence change on their buildings or within their portfolios. Will the Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration commit to having Green Leases at all properties owned and rented out by Trafford, inserting clauses that give Trafford the ability, as a property owner, to influence the necessary changes needed during the term of a lease wherever possible?”

### **Question 3 - Submitted by Councillor Brophy**

“Please can I ask the relevant Executive Member about the issue of hedge cutting and the Amey contract. Residents in my ward are fed up with hedges that grow into the pavements in Timperley. A particular example is on Grove Lane, where the pavement is no longer safe to walk on due to a hedge that expands year by year. The hedge is cut in the appropriate season, only always leaving it slightly wider than it was the previous year.

My newly elected colleague Councillor Will Frass has persuaded Amey to do a site visit to see how dangerous this stretch of hedge has become and now they are going to “flail” the hedge to reduce its width so residents can use the pavement safely once again. I am certain that similar hedge issues impact on pavements all over Trafford causing a safety hazard and inconvenience for our residents.

Can I ask why the trimming back to maintain the line of the hedge at the original width isn't part of the regular contract with Amey? And why this “flailing” of hedges is such a difficult ask (since I have had no response from Amey after raising this issue over many years and only the site visit after weeks of Councillor Frass asking has got the issue addressed)?”

### **Question 4 - Submitted by Councillor Duncan**

“Since the recent encouragement to residents in June 2021 to submit their requests for reduced speed limits in residential areas how many requests have been received and how many have been implemented and is there a plan to publish the proposed matrix of priorities?”

### **Question 5 - Submitted by Councillor Ennis**

“Can the Executive Member for Housing confirm how many people are currently on social housing waiting lists in Trafford?”

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### **Question 6 - Submitted by Councillor Whetton**

“Given that we have just had national Cut the Clutter week where Councils have been asked to visit the whole issue of items such as A boards, overgrown hedges, pavement parking, etc which cause obstruction and unnecessary difficulties to pedestrians, wheelchairs users and the visually challenged will the Council consider implementing the six recommendations to Clear the Clutter published recently by Living Streets?”

### **Question 7 - Submitted by Councillor Holden**

“How many appeals against secondary school allocations have been lodged this year in Trafford?”

### **Question 8 - Submitted by Councillor Holden**

“When will the weed spraying programme, recently delayed for two weeks, be completed?”

### **Question 9 - Submitted by Councillor Taylor**

“In light of the cost of living crisis, please can the lead member for education tell council what provision has been put in place to support families over the summer holiday period?”