

APPENDIX A – WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION THAT WAS NOT PUT AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING (13th NOVEMBER 2019)

8.1 Question from Councillor Eve McQuillan

How did the council respond to the London City Airport consultation on its expansion proposals?

Response from Deputy Mayor for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty, Cllr Rachel Blake:

The council responded to London City Airport Draft Masterplan Consultation and expressed our strong view that increasing the numbers of flights coming in and out of London City Airport would have a major negative impact on the health and wellbeing of our residents and result in unacceptable noise levels and exacerbating the effects of climate change.

The removal of the 24 hours closure of the airport on weekend would have severe impact on residents' quality of life due to the increased noise levels and exposure to air pollution. Our response argued strongly in favour of retaining the current weekend respite as it is.

Reflecting our commitment to protect residents quality of life and the fact the council has declared a climate emergency we urged the airport to further commit themselves to limiting the amount of emissions from their operations, recognising that many of our residents already live in areas with unacceptable levels of air quality.

I would be happy to provide a full copy of our response.

8.10 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

Can the lead member inform us what we are doing to ensure young people growing up in Tower Hamlets are provided with the right skills to obtain employment?

Response from Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth, Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman:

Thank you for your question Cllr Perry – it gives me an opportunity to talk about all the great work the council is doing in this area.

Last month, we launched our Children and Families Strategy, and our Learning and Achievement Strategy. You'll be pleased to know that both of these strategies aim to ensure that our young people have the skills to prepare for the future and the support they need to pursue their aspirations.

Our WorkPath programme provides a great amount of support to young people. This includes careers advice, access to apprenticeships and work experience.

In the last financial year, Workpath and Young Workpath helped 515 young people find employment or apprenticeships. And we've helped another 230 young people already this year.

We also have a range of additional measures to help care leavers develop skills and find work.

Through all of these initiatives, the council brings together a wide range of agencies, organisations and local business to deliver the best outcomes for children, young people and families.

This is just some of the work we are doing to help young people achieve their potential and I think we should be very proud of our record.