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COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Monday 23 September 2013

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COUNCIL MEETING

23rd SEPTEMBER 2013

ORAL QUESTION FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

From Dr John Parke to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

How much money has the Council saved by reducing benefits under the "Bedroom Tax", when the house is deemed a spare bedroom, compared with the cost of rehousing families made homeless because they could not live on the reduced benefit?

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ORAL QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Councillor Simon Fawthrop of the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

How many votes were cast on behalf of Bromley Council in the Orpington BID vote?

2. From Councillor John Ince of the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety

In thanking and congratulating the Portfolio Holder for the provision of a working CCTV operation at the Cotmandene Crescent car park, could I ask him how many fly-tippers have been caught on camera and how many have resulted in successful prosecutions, since it commenced its operation.

3. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Leader of the Council

Following the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons on 26th June 2013 what is the estimated further saving the council is required to make in each of the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 and what has the total reduction in expenditure already made in the past three financial years?

4. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

How many people who are homeless have been refused access to be able to register for Homeseekers this year?

5. From Councillor Tony Owen of the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

Are you satisfied that our housing partners adopt a sensible pragmatic approach to the changing needs of tenants?

6. From Councillor Simon Fawthrop of the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

Can the Chairman confirm that the Council's policy in relation to licensing street furniture is that new licenses cannot be issued without the consent of Ward Members. Can he confirm this was the decision of General Purposes and Licensing Committee and correctly minuted?

7. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety

- i. If he will list the factors used to calculate the hourly cost of an officer in the Licensing team;
- ii. what are the money sums of each of the above?

8. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

What processes are in place to enable the Council to respond to heavily used litter bins?

9. From Councillor Tony Owen of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Can you explain why TfL removed the bus shelter outside Boots in Orpington High Street? Are you satisfied with the block paving that has replaced it?

10. From Councillor Simon Fawthrop of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Who authorised the licensing of street furniture at various premises in Station Square Petts Wood?

11. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

If he will list all areas of the council's work which have been identified for 'channel shift' to digital communication, the potential savings in each case and the timetable for achieving the transfer?

12. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

What is the Council itself doing to ensure that the Docklands Light Railway comes to Bromley?

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

If he will provide in table format the monthly average and annual figures for 2012-13 following information about each library (including the mobile library)

- i. Number of visitors
- ii. Number of book issues
- iii. Running costs
- iv. Cost per visitor
- v. Cost per book issue?

2. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

If he will in table format give the following information for the financial years 2009-10, 2010-2011, 2011-12, 2012-13 and at the latest available date for the current financial year;

The number of staff employed and salary costs in each department on a

- i. full-time basis
- ii. part-time basis

Of the above how many are:

- i. agency staff
- ii. employed on a fixed term contract?

3. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

If he will list by location the estimated value of each property and land holding owned by the Council and the total sum?

4. From Councillor John Getgood of the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

How many Bromley Looked After Children, cared for in residential homes, are placed in Bromley and how many out of Bromley?
How many Bromley Looked After Children, cared for in foster care placements, are placed in Bromley and how many out of Bromley?
What is the council's policy towards caring for Bromley children within the Borough?

5. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

How many tree pits in the borough are waiting for new trees?

6. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

How many complaints have been received about the road closures as a result of the Bromley North Village scheme?

7. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

How many people have been given a Discretionary Housing Payment since April 2013?

8. From Councillor Simon Fawthrop of the Chairman of the Development Control Committee (to be asked at every Council Meeting)

What pre-application meetings have taken place since the last full Council Meeting between Council Officers and potential planning applicants? Can these be listed as follows:-

The name of the potential applicant, the site address being considered.

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MOTIONS

Waste4Fuel Ltd Operating License

To be moved by Cllr Peter Fookes and seconded by Cllr Kathy Bance MBE

This Council calls upon the Environment Agency to revoke the operating license of Waste4Fuel Ltd with immediate effect.

Safer Neighbourhood Policing

To be moved by Cllr Peter Fookes and seconded by Cllr Kathy Bance MBE

This Council regrets the loss of Safer Neighbourhood Policing and calls on the Deputy Mayor for Policing to reintroduce it rather than the constituency based policing model.

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