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## COUNCIL

**Monday 22 February 2016**

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### COUNCIL MEETING

22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2016

#### (A) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ORAL REPLY

**(1) From Tom Crispin to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Winn Road is in three London Boroughs: Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham. The road is maintained by Lewisham, but all three boroughs have a responsibility for the safety of road users.

Following recent incidents on the road, what pressure will Bromley assert on Lewisham to review the signage and traffic calming measures on Winn Road including at the entrance to Hadlow College in Bromley and Horn Park in Greenwich?

**(2) From Robert Pattullo to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

The proposed installation of a GPS at the southern end of the 03 runway and NAP at a cost of £3M to BHAL is for the sole benefit of the Airport. Why are you saying it is for residents benefit when it increases the sale value for BHAL?

**(3) From Robert Pattullo to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

Why has the opinion of the Council's Senior Solicitor (expressed in 2000 and 2011 in regard to Clause 2.11 of the Lease) been ignored by Councillors in the 25th November decision?

**(4) From Robert Pattullo to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

Has the Council yet prepared a business case for the infrastructure costs required to support all the improvements necessary to access the Airport, the Hotel and the College such as CPO's, roads, services etc.?

**(5) From David Clapham to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

*The BHAL Lease currently allows home based aircraft to use the 'shoulder hours'. A whistleblower provided recordings of 9 planes which had taken off or landed outside the 'normal' hours. I provided the detail to the Councils Solicitor on 6th November and have sought specific details about these instances on four occasions and have been told there is nothing 'untoward'. I asked at the Executive Council meeting on the 13th January 2016 if LBB had a list of home based aircraft and was told it doesn't.*

I request the individual specific details of these apparent contraventions of the BHAL Lease in writing please.

**(6) From David Clapham to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

It is claimed that the noise will not be higher than 50% of the UDP map. Do Councillors realise that this actually means a 50% increase compared to the current levels by 2020?

**(7) From David Clapham to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

At the Executive meeting on the 10th February, the Leader said that he had met Sir Lister a few times to obtain a commitment by the GLA to invest funds in the SOLDC. What business case did the Leader present to Sir Lister to justify the expense of taxpayers' money predominantly into a small private enterprise?

**(B) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**(1) From Mrs Andrea Stevens, planning representative for the Petts Wood & District Residents' Association (PWDRA) to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

Does Bromley Council's Planning department send out notifications about non-householder appeals that have been made following refusal of planning permission, and when and to whom are such notifications sent? What quality assurance checks are made to ensure that all interested parties are notified?

**(2) From Callie Foster to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Following a productive meeting between residents of Moorfield Road, Orpington and Council representatives held on 16 November 2015 we, the residents, have been waiting for a response from the Council in relation to our petition requesting a residents parking scheme. Please could the Council update us on progress made and the next steps required to move this process forward?

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**1. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

Why does 16/00192/FULL1, an application to put chairs and tables outside 5 Station Square Petts Wood, appear on the planning list?

**2. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

The Executive on 10<sup>th</sup> February approved recommendations contained in Report DR16/023 (Agenda Item 10) regarding works necessary to minimise what had been identified as a high risk of legionella at various Council properties, including Astley & Bertha James Day Centres, Melvin Hall and Duke's Youth Centre. Given that the "Risk Assessment and Water Hygiene Survey Reports" carried out at these properties identified a high risk of infection from legionella, is the Portfolio Holder confident that there will not be an outbreak of the disease at any of these centres and that their continued use is safe for the public?

When will the necessary works be carried out to these centres?

Given that the total cost of repairs to these properties is £152k, can the Portfolio Holder assure members that funding to support the existing uses of each of these four buildings is accounted for in the four year budget plans being proposed later this evening?

**3. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

Due to pressure on the supply of affordable homes, rising demand, and benefit cuts the London Borough of Bromley is on record as having the biggest increase in court evictions from rented properties outside central London, with an increase of 308% last year. Does the Portfolio Holder agree that the London Borough of Bromley does not seem to support a significant boost to housing supply as required by the National Planning Policy Framework, but is content to meet minimum requirements, and does not seek to address the needs of the people being affected by the evictions?

This leaves more of our vulnerable residents facing eviction and spending exceptionally long periods in temporary housing, with many of them being forced out of our Borough.

**(4) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

What has been the cumulative percentage pay rise for Bromley staff since local pay and conditions was introduced and what would have been the cumulative percentage rise had Bromley adhered to the National Pay and Conditions?

**(5) From Cllr Lydia Buttinger to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

How does the Council propose to support the Big Lunch and Queens 90th Birthday celebrations this year?

**(6) From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

What is the rent that each of the day centres for senior citizens pay each year?

**(7) From Cllr Tony Owen to the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

What do you see as the future of Bromley Council's pension fund?

**(8) From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Holder**

What action is the Council taking to commemorate the life and achievements of the late David Bowie and in particular his connections with the Borough?

**(9) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

If he will make a statement on the latest position regarding the plans by TfL for the extension of the Bakerloo Line from the Elephant and Castle and the Council's proposal for transport links from Bromley to east London.

**(10) From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

Who was actually consulted on the proposal to charge clients of day centres £15 a day in transport costs?

**(11) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

(i) How many Member appeal hearing decisions (including non-employment appeal hearings) have reversed a decision by a Chief Officer in the past 10 years?

(ii) How many employment cases have been lost by the Council at Employment Tribunals in the same period?

**(12) From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

What is he going to do to stop day centres from closing?

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**1. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Can the Portfolio Holder provide an updated timetable for the procurement of Parking Services based on the Gate Paper which went to the Environment PDS on 17 March 2015? Can the Portfolio Holder confirm that he will do everything possible to ensure this procurement remains on track to meet the required start date of 1 October 2016?

**2. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a report on the power cut and subsequent IT outage which began on 4 February, explaining why it took until well into the following week for services to be fully restored?

**3. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Education Portfolio Holder**

The Secondary School Development Plan which was considered by the Education PDS in January shows that even with two new six form entry secondary schools in Bromley, there will be a deficit in secondary places in Bromley of over 300 in 2019/20. It also shows that 32% of primary school children in Clock House Ward transferred to an out of borough secondary school. What assurance can the Portfolio Holder give parents in Clock House and neighbouring wards that the Council is doing everything in its power to ensure that a site is found for a six form entry Beckenham Academy, so that it can be opened as soon as possible?

**4. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

For each of the following please provide a list of dates and times over the last year when IT systems have not been functioning properly for a period in excess of 2 hours:

1. council's email systems
2. planning portal
3. My Bromley service
4. Benefits Service

Please give an estimation of how many staff hours have been lost as a consequence of these failures.

Please give details of what compensation sums have or will be agreed with Capita.

**5. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

What penalties have or will be imposed on Liberata for failing over the last two years to meet contract KPIs for both their Customer Services and Benefits contracts?

What was the cost per annum of these two 'core' contracts at their commencement? What is the cost of both 'core' (ie excluding additions and major variations) contracts for 2015/16?

**6. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Holder**

How many statutory duties does the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio have and how much of the 2016/17 Portfolio Budget relates to the fulfilment of these duties?

**7. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Education Portfolio Holder**

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**8. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

£125,000 was cut from the CAMHS budget in 2015/16 with the justification for this being the redesign of the service.

- How has this reduction in funding been absorbed and has it impacted on the day to day service for young people with mental health issues in Bromley?
- What was the average waiting time with CAMHS from referral to first appointment with a therapist/counsellor in 2015 and how does this compare to 2014?

**9. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

How many statutory duties does the Care Services Portfolio have and how much of the 2016/17 Portfolio Budget relates to the fulfilment of these duties?

**10. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

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**11. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Holder**

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**12. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Holder**

INTU was subject to an evacuation on 11 December 2015 following the discovery of a suspicious package in a car park. Furthermore there was a gang related affray in the centre on 26 December which caused panic amongst the public.

- Is there a time target for evacuation of INTU in such situations and if so, what is it?
- Is the portfolio holder satisfied INTU and associated retail outlets have robust evacuation procedures and security measures in place to protect the public in such situations?

**13. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

How many statutory duties does the Resources Portfolio have and how much of the 2016/17 Portfolio Budget relates to the fulfilment of these duties?

**14. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the Executive and Resources PDS Committee**

If he will list the policy changes which been implemented as a result of recommendations from Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees since they were established in 2002?

**15. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Leader of the Council**

What statutory requirements does the Council have when an application is made by a lessee to amend a lease or one of the schedules?

**16. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

If he will list the date and location of fly tipping incidents in West Wickham ward in each of the past three years and the estimated cost of each removal?

**17. From Cllr Colin Smith to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

(i) Would the Portfolio Holder please detail the savings made to the Council's revenue budget on a year by year basis since 2010/11 to date, including this years proposed savings within the list?

(ii) Would the Portfolio Holder please advise us of the overall cumulative total of these savings over the same period?

**18. From Cllr Colin Smith to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

Would the Portfolio Holder please provide us with a year by year summary of the extra costs this Authority would have had to bear, had it passed the 'alternative budget' proposals of the Labour Party opposition since 2002/3 to date, summarising:

(i) The financial effect such action would have had on the current level of the Council's useable reserves, accruing the extra deficit incurred (or gained) each year at the 'Base Rate' of that time.

(ii) The financial effect such action would have had on the Council's current budget deficit, ahead of debating this evening's budget proposals.

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**22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

### **MOTION**

**To be moved by Councillor David Livett and seconded by Councillor Terence Nathan**

#### **European Union**

This Council agrees that the negative impacts that the European Union has upon the efficiency and costs of Bromley Council activities mean Bromley Council would be better off if Britain was out of the European Union.

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