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## COUNCIL

### Meeting to be held on Monday 11 April 2016

The following questions have been received –

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

**1. From Sarah Horsley, BFCA Secretary & Chair, to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

How will LBB Councillors, who are all Corporate Parents, fulfill Bromley's Pledge to Children Looked After, if fostering allowance cuts go ahead? Foster carers will no longer be able to afford to take them on holidays, pay for religious celebrations, birthdays and extra-curricular activities, if additional allowances are cut.

**2. From Sarah Horsley, BFCA Secretary & Chair, to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

If cuts to foster allowances go ahead this summer, 80% of Bromley carers will transfer to another Borough that values the work their foster-carers do by paying better fees. Would the councillors advise what provision they have put in place to deal with re-placing 100+ children with new carers?

**3. From Sarah Horsley, BFCA Secretary & Chair, to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

76% of foster carers stated that it would no longer be financial viable for the person in their care to join them on their family holiday. Would the councillors advise how they intend to provide respite for nearly 100+ children during the month of August?

**4. From David Clapham to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

What specifically have the Council discovered following the information previously provided concerning the two flights operating outside hours and claimed to be 'Home Based'?

**5. From David Clapham to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

What action does LBB intend to take on these two clear lease contraventions and what process will be instigated to ensure spot-checks on information provided are carried out in future.

**6. From David Clapham to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

In view of these and other potential contraventions, are the Council satisfied that the many promises made during the application process for additional operating hours will be honoured.

**7. From Giuliana Voisey to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

*(Please refer and circulate my first attachment, taken from BH Section 2, recently published by LBB)*

The very important over-riding clause (f) of Schedule 3 is now in brackets. It could prevent the Piaggio Avanti at BH, as is already the case at other private airports. Since you promised that, excepting the hours, the terms of Schedule 3 will remain, why is that clause in brackets?

**8. From Giuliana Voisey to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

*(Please refer and circulate Figure 7 in my second attachment, taken from the Cyrrus submission with regards to the new R03 route)*

The forecast procedure for take-offs from R03 no longer requires turning east one mile from take-off. Jets will now follow the R21 route to the hospital, Farnborough, Crofton and Orpington. Where is Cllr Carr's promised benefit for us since, when we do not have landings, now have even noisier take-offs?

**9. From Giuliana Voisey to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

£65,000 have been allocated in the new budget for extra consultancy work on the implementation of the NAP. Considering that residents have already explained that we do not consider the noise monitoring and track keeping system helpful, why do you continue to spend residents' money on this futile exercise?

**10. From Robin Fletcher to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

The London Borough of Bromley has stated its intention to move to a commissioning borough for all services. Does the council therefore intend to move fostering services including foster carers to an Independent Fostering Agency (IFA)? If so - has an agency or agencies been approached by LBB in order to provide this service, what stage are the negotiations and has an IFA been appointed or will be appointed within this financial year 2016/17?

**11. From Jonathan Coulter to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

Road congestion is growing, and one way of reducing it is to get commuters cycling to the stations. In view of this:

- What is the Council doing to improve the safety of the approaches to Bromley South along the A21 and Westmoreland Road?
- Has the Council any plans for segregated cycle tracks on these routes?

between 500 kg and 1500 kg, use linear interpolation).  
Aircraft in this category, (ie those considered excessively noisy by reference to such measured noise data as exists, complaints received and actual operating experience) will not be allowed to use the Airport. Lists of such aircraft will be published by the Tenant and the list updated from time to time.

(ii) Other Subsonic Aircraft

Noise levels measured at 3 points.

(a) "sideline" - on take-off, maximum noise level 650 metres to the side (450 metres in the case of "new" turbo-jets or turbo-fans);

(b) "take-off" - on take-off, 6.5 km from start to take-off;

(a) they have CAA noise certification;

(b) authoritative measured data exists which show that the aircraft satisfies the most stringent of the noise levels set out above, ie that for modern turbo-jets and turbo-fans which is:

Sideline	94 EPNdB
Take-off	89 EPNdB
Approach	98 EPNdB

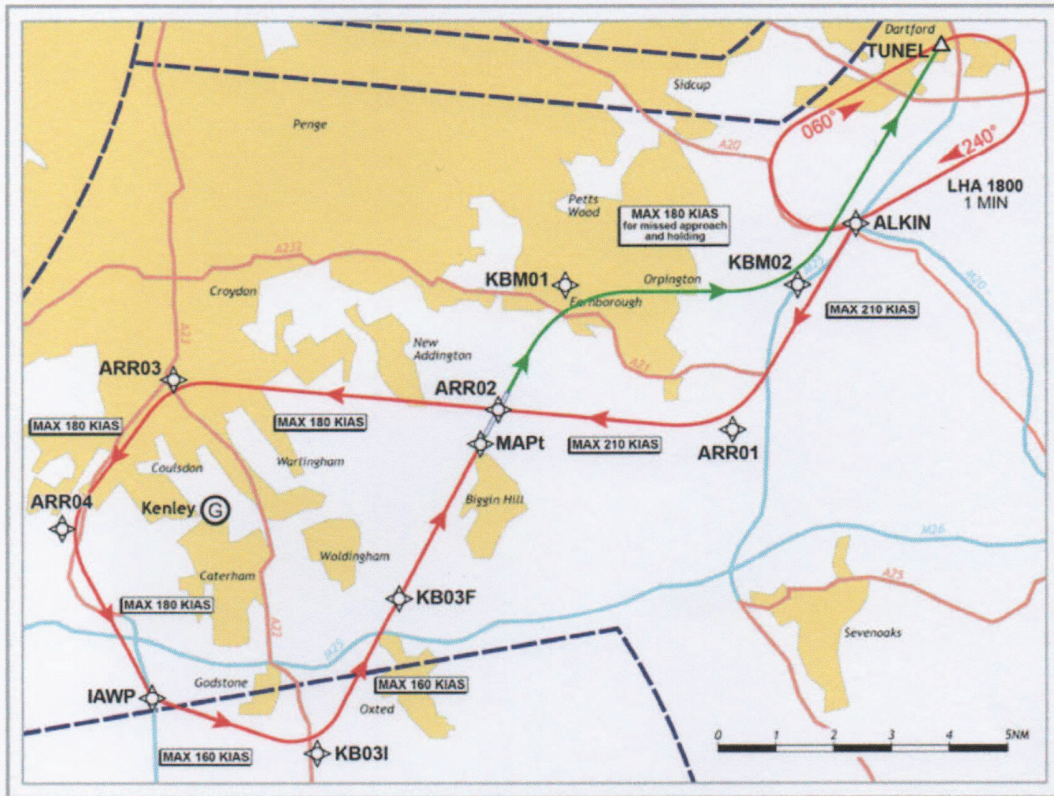
These limits will be revised in line with any Government revision. Lists of aircraft satisfying these criteria will be published by the Tenant and updated from time to time.

(f) NOT permit any movements in or out of the Airport by any aircraft which the Landlord has prescribed as being excessively noisy (having regard to measured noise data tests undertaken by the Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer, operating experience, representations received from persons living in the area or surrounding the Airport, the users of the Airport and the views of the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee). The restrictive provisions of this paragraph (f) shall not apply to any

aircraft movements occurring in connection with the International Air Fair or any specific event or display approved by the Landlord.

(g) Support and co-operate fully with the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative

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**Figure 7: Proposed RNAV GNSS IAP – Runway 03**

This, in turn, allows the aircraft to maintain 3000ft amsl for this ‘Direct Arrival’ portion of the procedure which keeps the aircraft within CAS (base 2500ft amsl) so that LBHA arrivals are not vectored to avoid itinerant transit traffic – the intentions of which are unknown - operating in the uncontrolled (Class G) airspace below 2500ft amsl. Consequently, the track can be very predictable and therefore repeatable. Furthermore, at 3,000ft amsl a typical business jet in clean configuration would be audibly imperceptible from the ground.

4.2.3. In order to avoid other routes in the LTMA used by LHR, LCY, London Southend, London Stansted and London Luton, the preferred track from ALKIN would be via the LBHA overhead. However, this would mean direct overflight of significant residential areas such as Orpington and Farnborough. Whereas the type of aircraft flying this IAP are inherently quiet, the opportunity has been taken to route east and south of the Orpington conurbation over relatively open countryside by introducing a turning waypoint designated ARR01 (the designation of this and other similarly-designated positions may change later) positioned overhead the M25 Junction 4; the minor increase in track distance occasioned by introducing this ‘dog-leg’ is considered acceptable when compared with the reduction in overflight and reduction in potential disturbance to densely populated suburban areas. From ALKIN to overhead LBHA (waypoint ARR 02) the aircraft maintains 3000ft amsl.

4.2.4. Subsequently, the aircraft continues on the same westerly track to a waypoint currently designated ARR03 where the aircraft turns south-westerly. The purpose of this leg is to provide some displacement to the west of LBHA so that the aircraft has enough space to turn onto final approach and descend without the procedure becoming ‘rushed’, possibly resulting in an unstable approach. Until the turn at ARR03, the aircraft will have been

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

**1 From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal & Recreation**

Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that it is healthy for the community at large and for future business rate revenues for the council if our smaller town centres are vibrant and growing? What is the council doing to support and develop successful local shops and businesses in its smaller town centres such as Penge & Beckenham?

**2 From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services.**

Can the Portfolio Holder describe the independent research undertaken by the Council which has led to the conclusion that the fostering allowances currently paid by the Council are generous as stated in the consultation letter dated 14 March 2016?

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

How can you justify that empty Affinity Sutton properties in Bromley are available to bid by people living outside the Borough, but not on the London Borough of Bromley housing bid system.

**4 From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

When the London Borough of Bromley awarded the contract covering the organisation of elderly care packages to Variance, what processes were expected from them to advertise day care centres to potential service users?

**5 From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Leader of the Council**

What representations has he made with regard to the future of the Crown Post Office at Beckenham?

**6. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Leader of the Council**

What instructions has the Chief Executive given to his chief officers regarding the timely treatment of correspondence from members?

**7. From Cllr Hannah Gray to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

What action is being taken to respond to inquiry number 310320? (This is regarding a tree surgery request at Corkscrew Hill Tennis Club, Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham BR4 9BA.)

**8. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Is he absolutely certain that no member of current or previous council staff can be held responsible for inadequate checks on the employment status of people paid by this council as consultants (or under IR35 more generally) which have led to the Council now having to pay an unexpected £343,500 to HMRC?

Whilst the report in which information related to this question was provided was classified as Part Two, it was stated at the meeting that the reason for this was actually the subsequent material relating to the NHS and business rates.

We therefore believe that there is no legal reason why the repayment due (from Bromley council tax payers) to HMRC should not be in the public domain.

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

Do the London Borough of Bromley and Affinity Sutton have any plans to identify and convert appropriate empty properties to suit our residents who are on the waiting list for adapted properties? They understand that at present they have to wait for tenants to die and so vacate one of the few premises we have.

**10. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Education**

What evidence has he got that academy schools perform better than those under LEA control?

**11. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

What is the policy regarding the cleaning of mandatory and advisory traffic signs on the borough roads?

**12. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of the Council**

Has he read the recent "*London Plan Annual Monitoring Report 12, 2014-15*"?

**13. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

When will weekend or evening street cleaning take place in those roads which are heavily parked during the day?

**14. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Education**

What estimate he has of the number of schools which will have converted to academies by September 1st 2016 and what that will represent as a proportion of the total maintained schools in the Borough?

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

#### 1. From Cllr Simon Fawthrop to the Resources Portfolio Holder

What is the average cost to the Council in Officer time and any additional on costs of answering (this can be an estimated cost)

- a) a written question from Council Members?
- b) an oral question from Council members?
- c) Using the answer to a) and b) above

In tabular format can you list the number of questions (oral and written) by Councillors (in alphabetical order) and the cost that these questions can attribute to each councillor since the Council election of May 2014.

Councillor	Written questions since May 2014	Oral questions since May 2014	Cost to the Council (£)

#### 2. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of the Council

Can he confirm please whether or not the council has commissioned a report on the impact of membership of the EU on the council's budget?

If such a report has been commissioned, can he please provide the cost of such a report and also confirm who will be paying for it?

If such a report has not been commissioned by the Council will he inform his members that they should not be telling voters that it has?

#### 3. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Holder

Can you provide the number of food premises in the Borough, the number of new premises, the number of inspections of food premises carried out, the number of inspections resulting in the issue of notices requiring improvement and the number of prosecutions? All of this information to be provided for the last 10 years and broken down by year.

What is the current backlog of food inspections?

**4. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Holder**

Can you provide the number of test purchases for selling age restricted products in the last five years broken down by year and the number of premises where this resulted in a review of the Premises Licence, also broken down by year?

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

The Improvement Plan for Bromley Youth Offending Service dated July 2015, recommendation 1f stated:

‘Restructure the YOS staff structure to ensure that it is fit for purpose by ensuring all YOS core business is adequately staffed and resourced to meet the needs of children and young people’

The improvement plan was endorsed by members on 22 July 2015. The wording for recommendation 1f of the Improvement Plan (September 2015 onwards) no longer includes any wording after the word “purpose”.

1. Who authorised the deletion of the wording and why?
2. In view of recommendation 1f and endorsed by members in July 2015, explain why the following YOS posts will no longer be funded from April 2016?
  - a) Seconded CAMHS worker
  - b) Dedicated parenting worker
  - c) Substance misuse worker
  - d) Counsellor

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

How can you provide assurance that the Youth Offending Service is ‘fit for purpose’ in view of the reduction in resources and staff from April 2016?

**7. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

How many planning enforcement cases remain outstanding?

**8. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

What progress has been made in the case of enforcement action in respect of 23 Genoa Rd, Penge?

**9. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

When can I expect a reply to my letter to the Chief Planner of 11th February (handed in at the Civic Centre) and the reminder letter of 9th March regarding 2 Southcroft Avenue, West Wickham?

**10. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

When I can expect a reply on the four points raised with me by residents of Bencurtis Park and sent to the Director on 24th February, with reminder email on March 9th and a further email to the Chief Executive on March 31st?

**11. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

If he will list by ward the number of residential properties which have been empty for more than six months?

**12. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

How are agreements progressing with Biggin Hill Airport relating to the change in operating hours and when is the final version likely to be considered by the Executive?

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