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COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Monday 4 July 2016

The questions and motion received for consideration at the meeting of the Council on 4th July 2016 are attached.

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. From Julie Ireland to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

Will Bromley Council take on the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge recently developed by Mind and other mental health groups?

2. From Jane Green to the Environment Portfolio Holder

A decision was taken and carried out in April to resurface the "Unadopted" section of Elwill Way at a cost to the Council's 2016/17 revenue budget of £60,212.

There being no decision to adopt this carriageway, giving the Council responsibility for its maintenance, who took the resurfacing decision and why?

3. From Sahar Awad to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Does the Council acknowledge that there is a public health problem with the daily accumulation of rubbish bags along Penge High Street?

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

My question at the Executive of 15th June was not answered. I contend that the airport has been operating out of hours. You changed the definition from 'based aircraft' to 'account holders'. Can you now please define 'account holders' and state who defined it?

5. From Nick Bell to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

With regard to the monitoring of activities at Biggin Hill, now that we have the Lease, the NAP and the MIL running alongside and often disagreeing or conflicting with each other, which one will prevail?

6. From Giuliana Voisey to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder

With regard to the cap on movements, Mark Bowen finally admitted that "the test will come if at a future date the Council needs to "enforce" the provision", which really is the whole point. Do council members at last appreciate what residents have been saying and will you start listening?

7. From Robert Pattullo to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder

You have admitted there is a misrepresentation concerning operating hours at BHAL in Item 3 of the MIL. Will it now be corrected forthwith but, if not, when?

8. From Mike Jones to the Leader of the Council

In view of the fact that the majority of Bromley residents voted in the referendum to remain in the EU, would the Council reconsider their vote in favour of leaving the European Union that it took - prematurely - at February's meeting, so that the council's views properly reflect the views of the electorate they represent?

9. From Sahar Awad to the Environment Portfolio Holder

What steps, if any, are being taken to tackle this problem?

10. From David Clapham to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder

My question about the level of fines for non-complying aircraft has not been answered. A large business jet would pay more than £2000 in landing fees, yet the maximum fine foreseen (point 19) in the MIL is around £500. How is the condition that fines should be 5 times landing fees satisfied for large aircraft?

11. From Giuliana Voisey to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder

Do the noise envelopes, based as they are on an imperfect average measure, only measure noise caused by aircraft at Biggin Hill or also Heathrow?

12. From Sahar Awad to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Why is an e-petition with over 600 signatures around this issue any less valid for presentation to a general council meeting than a paper petition, when e-petitions provide names and postcodes, and are as easy to cross reference and check as paper ones?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Cllr David Livett to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Will the Portfolio Holder set out the results of his review of the recent closure of the satellite green waste collection sites and whether his review has identified the opportunity to provide at least a rotation of collections between the three sites?

2. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of Council

Will you apologise to the families of this Borough for the appalling levels of service which the council has provided to protect our vulnerable children, as detailed in the recent Ofsted report?

3. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Portfolio Holder for Education

With rising numbers of parents selecting home education for their children does LBB support a mandatory register for all children being home schooled?

4. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Leader of the Council

In light of the EU referendum vote, what is the Council doing to re-assure the many European people who are working in our schools, hospitals, care homes etc. that they are welcome here?

5. From Councillor Kevin Brooks to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder

Since the cuts in community projects and youth provision in Penge there has been an increase in groups loitering on estates. This has caused much local concern. Will the Council accept that this increase is not a coincidence and explain what steps are being taken to address this?

6. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder

What is the procedure for monitoring and supporting individuals in this borough who leave prison?

7. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Pursuant to my question on 8th December 2014 regarding the Hawes Lane Health Centre has any progress been made by NHS Property in finding a use for this property?

8 From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Resources Portfolio Holder

I refer to my oral question raised at full Council on 11 April (question number 8).

Having not been given a direct answer to a direct question, I ask it again:

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?

Has he yet received the legal clearance referred to in his reply and if so, when will this matter be put into the public domain? If not, please can he explain why the matter has to remain in part two?

9. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Chairman of the General Purposes & Licencing Committee.

With a reduction in the number of staff, is LBB able to ensure that the food establishments are receiving regular hygiene checks?

We have a number of newly established restaurants & takeaways which only received a 1 star rating and some well-established restaurants who have fallen from a 5* to a 1 rating.

What action is LBB taking to get these establishments to an acceptable level?

10. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Why are Penge and Cator Councillors getting more complaints from residents about street cleaning and rubbish in the area?

11. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Has he read The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2016 and what action can be taken to reduce 'street clutter'?

12. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of Council

The ruling party in this council take great pride in the fact that they made Bromley one of the first councils to out-source services, and that this policy began back in the 1990s. You, as Leader, and members of your Group are frequently heard extolling the merits of being what you call “a commissioning council.” Given that Bromley Council has had in excess of 20 years’ experience of “commissioning”, do you feel that the council’s management and scrutiny structures and processes of contracts have been adequate?

13. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Education Portfolio Holder

With the changes to academies and an increase in free schools, will LBB continue to maintain a SACRE committee?

14. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Recreation and Renewal Portfolio Holder

How many jobs will be lost in Bromley if Britain leaves the European Union?

15. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Education Portfolio Holder

What information he has as to the impact of inward migration on schools in the Borough?

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Can the Portfolio Holder provide the number of electors entitled to vote, broken down by ward, for the GLA Elections on 5 May and the European Referendum on 23 June, with postal votes shown separately?

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

Can the Portfolio Holder provide the number of cases where Independent Reviews Ltd have been used to carry out reviews on housing decisions in the past year and the numbers of cases where a review has led to the reversal of the original decision? How much has been spent on these reviews?

3. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder

As we have seen an increase of 57% in hate crime especially against the LGBT community what is the Council doing to address the issue? Also with the result of the EU referendum, what action is the Council taking to protect our BME and faith groups?

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

At the meeting of the Executive on 18 May there was discussion about the Council's Growth Fund, during which Cllr Arthur commented that it would be useful to have a Borough strategy to support new businesses.

You also commented that because there was little available by way of land and property for business use, businesses do not see Bromley as a viable option and that the Borough needs bigger and better projects than contained in the report, plus more land and more marketing of the Borough's potential for new businesses.

Can you please update Members on what actions you are taking to ensure that these ambitions will be realised? Do you feel that the council currently has sufficient resources and expertise to deliver these ambitions?

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

It is more than a year since the Council agreed in principle to grant a 40 year lease to CPCDT to take over Anerley Town Hall. Heads of terms for this lease were agreed in March 2016 with the intention that the lease be signed by 1 April 2016. This deadline passed and 1 June was agreed. We are now hoping for 1 August.

Can the Portfolio Holder please both explain the delays and also guarantee that this August deadline will now be met?

6. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Please give a date by which service level agreements and key performance indicators (as contained in the newly provided contracts register, and as required by transparency legislation) will be available online for public inspection?

7. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Education Portfolio Holder

The Health and Wellbeing Board Report (Part 2, Support for Adolescent Mental Health Issues) mentions the growing waiting lists and demand for support services. Please can you provide waiting list figures for the last 5 years?

8. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder

What steps are being taken to ensure that the whole of the borough has Broadband access?

9. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Leader of the Council

How much of the new housing on the Civic Centre site will be affordable?

10. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

Where will the new dementia hubs being introduced in July be located?

11. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee

What is the Council's planning policy with regard to the construction of 'tall buildings'?

12. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Environment Portfolio Holder

How many accessible bus stops have been created in Bromley and how many are planned?

13. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee

If he will list the planning decisions called in by the Mayor of London and refused in each Mayoralty since the establishment of the office in 2000 -

2000-2008 (Mayor Livingstone)
2008-16 (Mayor Johnson)
Since May 5th 2016 (Mayor Khan)

and if he will make a statement?

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MOTIONS

To be moved by Councillor Angela Wilkins and seconded by Councillor Kevin Brooks

This Council deeply regrets the extremely poor levels of service provided to the Borough's young people, most notably evidenced by last week's damning OFSTED report on Bromley's Children's Services, and also by last year's highly critical report on the Borough's Youth Offending Team.

There is also considerable evidence of the Council's organisation being "stretched to breaking point" in a number of areas; sustained delivery of services in a number of areas is at risk as a consequence.

In the light of recent failings, this council therefore agrees the following:

- 1) To apologise to the young people, families and staff whom it has failed
- 2) To urge the Executive to ensure that the necessary remedial actions identified in the OFSTED report on children's services are delivered as quickly and effectively as possible
- 3) To instruct the Chief Executive to carry out an urgent review of the Council to identify any further structural and managerial weaknesses and to report back with findings and recommendations that will ensure that the council functions effectively across all of its services in the future.
- 4) To request the Leader and Executive to review their policies and budgets in order to prioritise provision of competent frontline services and to report their conclusions to the next full Council.

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