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COUNCIL

Monday 25 February 2019

**Please see the attached lists of questions received
before the deadline (5pm on 19th February 2019).**

5 QUESTIONS (Pages 3 - 10)

- (a) Questions from members of the public for oral reply.
- (b) Questions from members of the public for written reply.
- (c) Questions from Members of the Council for oral reply.
- (d) Questions from Members of the Council for written reply.

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COUNCIL MEETING

25TH FEBRUARY 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ORAL REPLY

1. From Taylor Matthews to the Leader of the Council

Could the Leader of the Council explain why Bromley (the first London Council to debate and vote in favour of Brexit) is the last to put contingency plans in place, and when rate payers will be advised of said plans?"

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Julie Ireland to the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio Holder

Given the Planning Inspector's refusal of the application in respect of the multi storey school at 1 Westmoreland Road, will the Council now amend the Bromley Local Plan to change the designated use of this site?

2. From Julie Ireland to the Environment & Community Services Portfolio Holder

In view of the Planning Inspector's refusal of the application in respect of the multi storey school at 1 Westmoreland Road, what are the Council's plans for the much needed pedestrian and cycling improvements to this junction including plans for the safeguarded land on the corner of Masons Hill and Westmoreland Road

3. From Julie Ireland to the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio Holder

What costs were incurred by the Council in the Bullers Wood School for Boys appeal in respect of St Hugh's Playing Fields.

4. From Sam Webber to the Environment & Community Services Portfolio Holder

Following a written answer to me in December 2017 stating that the Council would "give this matter some consideration subject to available budgets and practicalities" can I ask for an update on erecting a small plaque or sign to mark the grave of Captain George Allan Maling VC in Chislehurst Cemetery?

5. From Sam Webber to the Environment & Community Services Portfolio Holder

I have been advised that grave ownership 'in perpetuity' in reality lasts only for 25 years under the 1972 Local Government Act.

In light of this would LBB consider issuing a public notice of intent to transfer ownership of grave number A2017 at Chislehurst Cemetery from the executor of the estate of the grave owner to the Victoria Cross Trust which would like to take over ownership and restore the gravestone of Captain Maling VC?

6. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

What are the latest estimates of homeless people in the borough, including counts of those living on the streets? Is data available for area (Beckenham, Bromley, Orpington etc)?

7. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

What support did the Council provide to shelters and homeless charities over the Christmas period?

8. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

When will the 2010 Air Quality Action Plan be updated?

9. From Rich Wilsher to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education & Families

How many children in the care of the Council care are currently placed outside of the borough?

10. From Rich Wilsher to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education & Families

Are the Council planning to review casework and policies in light of the recent media attention of a Bromley parent and the use of out-of-borough placements of children in care?

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1. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Environment & Community Services Portfolio Holder

The report recommending cycle lanes between Orpington station and Crofton Lane mini roundabout reported that 91 cycle journeys were made along this stretch of Crofton Road during a 12 hour period on a sunny summer day.

TfL reported that they have identified 21,000 potential journeys that could be made if there were cycle lanes.

How many journeys need to be made for you to consider the scheme a success and worthwhile spending of £673,000 taxpayers' money?

2. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

Many of us will have seen the plight of residents and leaseholders in the Northpoint block recently on national TV news. What is the Council doing to resolve the situation given the announced by the Secretary of State for Housing the Communities and Local Government in November last year?

3. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

Is there a process for identifying and mapping historic signage or cultural artefacts in Bromley?

4. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Enforcement

The minutes of the November meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership state that you would be meeting with the Leader & Deputy Chief Executive to discuss the Home Office Locality Review on Serious Violence & Gangs in Bromley. Can you please inform us of the actions which came out of that meeting.

5. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community

Is it correct that the fees charged for events on Bromley's parks and open spaces have been/will be increased by 20% this year?

6. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

How much did the Council spend on external advisers for the various Bullers Wood School planning appeals.

7. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Leader of the Council

What has been the increase or decrease in the London Mayoral precept in the following Mayoralities:

Ken Livingstone 2000-8

Boris Johnson 2008-16

Sadiq Khan 2016-

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

What progress has been made in attempting to have a meeting and discussion with a member of the planning inspectorate to consider a common approach to determining planning decisions in the Petts Wood Area of Special Residential Character? (question 11 - last Council meeting.)

Planning appeal verdicts have been so inconsistent that it is impossible for planning sub-committees to make logical and informed decisions.

9. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community

Will the portfolio holder please supply the numbers of vehicles owned and leased by the Council, including those allocated to car clubs, in the following categories: petrol, diesel, hybrid and electric only?

10. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Leader of the Council

Given that many of the reports for PDS Meetings are appropriately very detailed but very lengthy, would it be helpful to Councillors to include an Executive Summary at the beginning of each report?

11. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Leader of the Council

The report from the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee into Local Government Spending dated 6 February 2019 states that "there is still no sign that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has a clear plan to secure the financial stability of Local Government in the long term". How is the Leader ensuring that this uncertainty from Central Government is fully taken into account in the Transformation Programme?

12. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

On what terms were Bromley's housing stocks handed over to housing associations?

13. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How many lockers there are in the wet changing area of the Spa Leisure Centre and how many are available for customer use?

14. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Whether Bromley will be participating in the Open House weekend in 2019?

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1. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Environment & Community Services Portfolio Holder

The report for the proposed Crofton Road cycle lanes between Orpington Station and the Crofton Lane mini roundabout indicated that the emergency services had not been consulted.

An officer email tells me that this would be done once the scheme was approved. Will you please publish the replies received from each service for the Council meeting, ready for inclusion in the minutes.

2. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Leader of Council

Please provide an organisation chart showing the direct reports of the Chief Executive with their direct reports, including a summary of each post holder's main responsibilities. Please show on the chart where a post is vacant or occupied by an interim post-holder

3. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Leader of the Council

Please provide the number of staff who have left the Council's employment since 1 January 2014, broken down by calendar year, department and reason for leaving (Retirement, redundancy, resignation, other.) How much has been spent on redundancies since 1 January 2014, broken down by calendar year and department?

4. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Leader of the Council

Please provide the number of current vacancies, broken down by department.

5. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much has been spent in the last 2 years on refurbishing the toilets used by Children's Social Care staff?

6. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

Please provide detailed plans for how the £3.3m of s106 monies available for housing are actually going to be spent and when.

7. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

What is the Council's policy in relation to advertising erected on Council owned properties, including fences to parks etc?

8. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

If he has seen the article in the Times of February 14th 2019 by David Aaronovitch and the subsequent correspondence on Feb 15th, 17th, 18th and 19th regarding a statue for Richmal Crompton and her creation Just William and whether he will consider approaching Macmillan, the publishers of the William books and Wetherspoons, the owner of the Richmal Crompton pub at Bromley South to see whether they would be prepared to help sponsor a statue at this location?