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COUNCIL

Monday 8 April 2019

The following questions and motions have been received for this meeting.

5 QUESTIONS
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Questions must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 2nd April 2019

- (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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Agenda Item 5

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COUNCIL MEETING

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ORAL REPLY

1. From Richard Hart, Chair, Bromley CND, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Under the Borough's nuclear waste transportation plan, what emergency measures will be put into action in the case of an accident?

2. From Reverend Agnita Oyawale, Bromley Town Centre Chaplain to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How many Universal credit assessments and applications have been submitted from homeless individuals over the past 6 months?

3. From Sam Gee, St Olave's Grammar School, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Climate change threatens the existence of all of Bromley's citizens. With 42 other principal UK councils, including several Conservative, already having declared a climate emergency, how urgently will this Council take serious action to address the IPCC's warning that we have only 11 years left to prevent irreversible climate breakdown?

4. From Richard Hart, Chair, Bromley CND, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How often is nuclear waste transported by rail through the Borough, and are you concerned that that nuclear trains pass close to the public?

5. From Richard Hart, Chair, Bromley CND, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Are you aware there is residual radiation from the trains and are there any plans for a risk assessment?

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Norman Dix to the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio Holder

How many homeless people and how many rough sleepers are there in the LBB? How does the LBB intend to comply with and implement the Homeless Reduction Act 2018 in Bromley and are there any plans to make these public?

2. From Andrew Ruck to the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Portfolio Holder

Given it was nearly 30 years ago that Parliament started broadcasting in the House of Commons on Television, could L.B. of Bromley consider sharing Council meetings live in lieu of edited recordings and transcripts?

3. From Derek Holl to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What is the latest position on the provision of planned modular homes in Bromley Borough, how many units will be deployed and at which sites in the borough?

4. From Derek Holl to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How many people can these units accommodate when full and what is the process for allocating people to these units?

5. From Derek Holl to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How will support be provided?

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COUNCIL MEETING**8th April 2019****QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ORAL REPLY****1. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder**

If he will circulate in writing the number of graffiti incidents which have been reported in each year since 2010?

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

At the last meeting of this Council I asked for details of the legal costs incurred by the Council in the more recent BWSFB planning appeal. The reply given was that this information could not be provided because of a confidentiality agreement. Please give details of who initiated this agreement, why it was deemed necessary, and who the signatories were?

3. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

How many people did Council staff refer to Bromley Homeless Shelter over the winter period and how many rough sleepers in the borough were additionally provided with accommodation under the severe weather emergency protocol?

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

Can the Portfolio Holder advise whether there are plans to put housing for homeless people on the site of the former Harris Aspire School in Lennard Road?

5. From Cllr Marina Ahmad to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

How many children are expected to be accommodated at the primary SEND provision in the Glebe School?

From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Do interim directors cost more or less than their equivalent or previous post holders? By what margins?

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

Would the Portfolio Holder agree that the Capital Letters, a collaborative approach to supporting homeless households, formed by several London Boroughs across all parties provides a compelling alternative to Bromley's current out sourcing, especially following the recent draw down of £2.5 million from contingency? Will he investigate membership for Bromley?

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

A report has recently been published (by Campaign for FOI) which shows that Bromley Council is fourth worst in London for processing FOI requests. Only 60% (against a target of 90%) of FOI requests to LBB are processed within the time limit of 20 working days.

The council also fails to produce and publish the following:

- a report on its FOI performance (and therefore lacks a basic tool for improvement)
- details of how long it actually takes to answer FOIs not met within 20 days
- details of the number of complaints made about itself to the Information Commissioner
- details of any tribunal appeals with outcomes

What action is to be taken to address these failures?

8. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

There is currently a planning application affecting Yeoman House in Penge proposing change of use from offices to residential housing. These offices are currently used by Bromley Council and NHS OXLEAS to support clients with severe Mental Health issues. Will the Portfolio Holder guarantee that in the event of the application being permitted, a permanent site is found in the north of the London Borough of Bromley for these important support services to be delivered?

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

What progress has been made in obtaining a meeting with a representative of the planning inspectorate to discuss a common approach to planning applications in the Petts Wood Area of Special Residential Character?

A Petts Wood Residents' Association committee member writes:-

"Re 40 Manor Way - the Planning Inspector states that several pairs (7) of semis have been imbalanced already by only 1 of the pair having a loft conversion (highlighted by the appellants). Of these 7 pairs, 4 had loft conversions installed prior to 1999. Three had full planning permission (the 4th I cannot tell from the LBB website but possibly predates 20 years old). Of the remaining three pairs of imbalanced semis, one had full planning permission (2002), one was put in under PD (2011) and one just had Building regs (2010).

Some 23 out of 67 houses in Manor Way have loft conversions. This represents 34% of the properties. 10 have full pp, 6 have were put in under PD, 6 with building regs only and 1 where I cannot ascertain (number 52). I now see that new residents at number 1A Manor Way have applied for a loft conversion under PD citing the allowed appeal at 40 Manor Way (same designer - Crofton Design).

I have one question, in the case of Manor Way the Planning Inspector quoted other properties have similar loft conversions. How many or what percentage would be needed for a dismissed appeal?"

The ASRC was created in response to residents' concern at the quality of their garden suburb being eroded by successive out of character permitted development applications. i.e. They wanted no more.

An unelected planning inspector from Bristol, with no knowledge of the history of the area, has now effectively ruled that Manor Road residents may continue to ruin the character of their area as much as they like.

Attempts by ward councillors to have a meaningful dialogue with the planning inspectorate have been treated as complaints and entered the complaints procedure which, of course, the planning inspectorate takes 'very seriously'.

10. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Portfolio Holder

What percentage of the Council's income was received from:

Council tax
Government Grant
Fees and charges
Return in investment

in 2010 and how this compares with 2019-20?

11. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of the Council

Why does the Council not routinely provide Equality Impact Assessments and Social Value Impact Assessments in reports to its committees?

12. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

Owners and operators of care/nursing homes and agencies are extremely worried about the impact of Brexit on staffing. What action is she taking to mitigate this both to support the private sector and to ensure the council's staffing needs are met?

13. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

Excellent work is being done by Bromley Youth Council yet this is not reflected on the Council's website. Please explain why not and please give a firm date by which this problem will be resolved?

14. From Cllr Marina Ahmad to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

Will he agree with me that the current permitted development rights within planning law, coupled with the limitations around the licensing of HMOs are inadequate in ensuring provision of good quality housing whilst also protecting the quality of life of neighbours and residents?

15. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

What initiatives have been taken to look at options for income generation?

16. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

After the contractor responsible for street lighting went into administration, for how many days were street lights switched on during the daytime, how many street lights were affected and what was the cost?

17. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Portfolio Holder

What research is being undertaken as to how Artificial Intelligence can transform Council services?

18. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of the Council

Why did he vote against the proposal at Constitution Improvement Working Party to extend the time allocated for public questions at full Council?

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1. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Holder

How many children or young adults who are on the Gangs Matrix or identified as associated with County Lines have a history of being excluded from school at some point?

2. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

What preparations are being made for the devolution of business rates and the government's policy that local authorities become largely self-funding?

3. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Can the Portfolio Holder provide the names of the Primary and Secondary Schools whose travel plans are accredited as gold, silver and bronze and the schools whose travel plans are not yet accredited?

4. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Enforcement

Please provide details of police numbers allocated to Bromley in 2010 and 2018?

5. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What is the detailed timetable for 'consultation' on the £1 million per mile Crofton Road cycle lane proposals?

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MOTIONS

1. Abolition of Section 21 of Housing Act 1988

Proposed by Cllr Kathy Bance MBE AND seconded by Cllr Josh King

This council strongly believes that a secure home is at the heart of all our lives. It gives security, enables aspiration and gives children a stable home in which to grow up.

This council believes that residents living in the private rented sector should have the security to build their lives and futures, and to become an active part of their community, just as residents in other housing tenures should expect. We note that nationally, the largest reason for homelessness is eviction from the private sector.

We therefore call on the Government to: abolish 'section 21' of the Housing Act 1988 which allows eviction without the landlord having to establish fault on the part of a tenant.

Removing this unfair clause would help to make renting more secure, improve standards, increase tenant confidence and ultimately contribute towards making renting a viable long-term alternative to home ownership or social rent for the millions who currently cannot access either.

2. Christchurch Attacks

Proposed by Cllr Simon Jeal and seconded by Cllr Angela Wilkins

This Council expresses its utter shock and sympathy in the wake of the terrorist atrocity in New Zealand where 50 Muslim worshippers were killed by right-wing extremists inside two mosques. We mourn with our fellow commonwealth, we are one, you are us, and we send our wishes of love and compassion to all New Zealanders.

On Friday 15th March, millions of British Muslims in the UK were preparing to attend the Friday prayers at their local mosques. This weekly act of worship was overshadowed by the horrific news of a terrorist attack thousands of miles away in Christchurch, New Zealand. Muslims were targeted as they too went to attend the call to prayer at their local mosques, with 50 never to return.

This Council, alongside our local community, stands together to condemn the deadliest mass shooting in modern New Zealand history as proof and evidence that

terrorism has no colour, has no race, and has no religion. We reaffirm our commitment to condemn those who demonise and dehumanise people because of the faith they follow.

Terrorists have sought to divide our great city apart with an evil ideology, but instead we have shown that London is strong, and that the world can see in us an example of love and unity. This Council resolves not to let anyone divide us and we wish to express unity and solidarity with communities in Bromley who are feeling the ripples of fear and sorrow following the events on 15th March.