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## COUNCIL

**Monday 14 October 2019**

### **5 QUESTIONS (Pages 3 - 10)**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, questions that are not specific to reports on the agenda must have been received in writing 10 working days before the date of the meeting - the deadline was 5pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Questions specifically on reports on the agenda should be received within two working days of the normal publication date of the agenda - by 5pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

#### **The attached questions have been received -**

- (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.

### **12 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN (Pages 11 - 12)**

The attached motions have been received

***Copies of the documents referred to above can be obtained from***  
***<http://cds.bromley.gov.uk/>***

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### COUNCIL MEETING

14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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

**1. From Steve Barnes, Chair, Downe Residents' Association, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Given the extreme disruption to local people, bus services, school runs, local businesses, tourists and visitors by sudden and un-announced road closures by utility companies – witness several examples by Thames Water in Downe village recently - what actions will the Council take to minimise such disruption?

**2. From Andy Richardson to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Why does Bromley Council not have a Stakeholder's Group of library users, staff and local interest groups to inform their Library Service contracts managers of the current and future service requirements of the contracted out library service?

**3. From Andy Richardson to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Is it legitimate for the current administration to commit its Leisure Centre management to a contract for forty years - ten times the life span of its present regulatory responsibility?

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

**1. From Dermot McKibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Which residential high rise blocks and care-homes have been served with notices by the London Fire Brigade and which have yet to be complied with? As details of the notices are freely available on the Fire Brigade website, how does the Council deal with the issue of fire safety in residential properties in the borough and which Committee is responsible for this area of policy? How many Council officers does the Council employ to approve the fire safety in new high rise blocks?

**2. From Dermot McKibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

What correspondence has the Council received from central government about the enforcement of the Tenant Fees Act 2019? In the light of the answers to my questions at the meeting of the Executive Committee on 6 December 2017 and at other Council meetings, when will a report be presented to a Council committee on this statute which came into force on 1 June 2019? Can a temporary officer be employed to deal exclusively with this work with the funding to come from an underspend in one of the Council's budget? How does the Council demonstrate its commitment to enforce legislation passed by a Conservative Government?

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## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ORAL REPLY

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

A number of authorities give one or more chairs of scrutiny committees to opposition parties. Is this something you would consider for next year?

**2. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Leader of the Council**

The recent Planning Advisory Service Peer Review of Bromley's planning processes was heavily critical and made numerous recommendations. What is your view of this report?

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

The corporate risk of "potential detrimental impact of BREXIT upon service delivery" was reported to the July Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS as having a likelihood of 3 (likely) and an impact of 2 (minor). How have the likelihood and impact of this risk changed since then?

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

Can the Portfolio Holder please comment on GLL's efforts to resolve the strike in the Borough's library service which is now into its fourth month, given at the September Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS committee it was clear from discussions that GLL had not even met with the union side?

**5. From Cllr David Jefferys to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Pages 27, 28 & 29 of the LBB Lease with BHAL dated 6th May 1994 requires the Tenant to provide the Landlord with a Profits Certificate for Relevant Developments. Can the Portfolio Holder confirm that this requirement is followed by BHAL and provide a schedule showing the 50% payments received by the Council from BHAL during the last two years?

**6. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health**

Since the Greenwich Service Plus contract ended, the Council appears to be using various modes of transport to escort vulnerable people to day care centres in Bromley. Have the current staff been trained in first aid, Passenger Assistant, movement and handling, epilepsy and risk assessments and do they all have enhanced DBS checks?

**7. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

At the last full council meeting Bromley council passed a motion committing to reduce its emissions to net zero by 2029. What is the Portfolio Holder's plan to achieve this?

**8. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

What special measures are taken to enforce speed limits outside schools, particularly when children are entering or leaving the school?

**9. From Cllr Marina Ahmad to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education & Families**

Can the Portfolio Holder please explain why the number of school exclusions for BAME pupils in Bromley is disproportionate to the number of BAME pupils attending Bromley schools?

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

You recently initiated a Loneliness Summit. Who was invited and who attended?

**11. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing**

Will the Portfolio Holder join me in thanking all the Bromley Council officers, volunteers, building representatives and owners, who helped make Open House weekend so successful in September?

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

What are the Council's criteria for the implementation of 20 mph speed limits both in a single street and over a wider area?

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

Can the Portfolio Holder give a date when residents of flats will be provided with the new waste and recycling collections i.e. small electrical items, clothes and batteries?

**14. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health**

What is the Portfolio Holder doing to address the complaints from Carers and parents of vulnerable people being transported by taxis without wheelchair access? Why are they arriving at the centres at midday and being picked up too early when they pay for a full day of day-care support?

**15. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement**

Following another knife-point mugging recently, this time in Whitehall Recreation Ground, again in an area with no CCTV coverage - would you agree that the lack of CCTV in Bromley parks continues to put residents at risk?

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

Please provide a list of each Primary and Secondary School in the Borough, with the speed limit in force outside each.

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

Please provide a schedule of all the road safety improvements which have been implemented over the past 4 years as a result of the analysis of clusters of collisions, and the number of collisions which have happened at each since the improvements were made.

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

Please provide the number of properties which have been empty longer than 2 years, broken down by Council Tax Band.

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

What plans does the Council have to ensure the requirements of the new Tenant Fees Act 2019 are enforced within the Borough?

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

What action has the Council taken for category one fire hazard notices in the last 18 months and has the Council liaised with the London Fire Authority/Brigade?

**6. From Cllr David Jefferys to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Welcoming the recent initiative on reducing vehicle emissions outside schools from the “anti- idling” policy, would the Portfolio Holder provide estimates for the second half of the fiscal year 2019/20 and for 2020/21 of -

- a) the reduction in emitted particulates
- b) the saving on carbon (CO 2) emissions
- c) the health benefits

from the introduction of this policy.

**7. From Cllr David Jefferys to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

Noting the recent decisions by the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board to move to paperless meetings, what would be the total resource saving in FY 2020/21 of the (i) full Council meetings moving to "paperless operations" and (ii) all the other "Council Committees" moving to paperless operations?

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14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## MOTIONS

**1. Proposed by Cllr Simon Fawthrop and seconded by Cllr Christine Harris**

“This Council sends its heartfelt congratulations to Blackheath and Bromley Harriers Dina Asher-Smith on her amazing achievement of an individual Gold Medal in the Women’s 200M and two Silver Medals in the Women’s 100M and the Women’s 100M relay respectively at the 2019 Athletics World Championships held in Doha.

This Council recognises that this achievement by Dina reflects positively on her Bromley antecedents, and thanks her accordingly. On top of her achievements, the Council also sends its best wishes for every success in the future, particularly the 2020 Olympics.

Furthermore this Council requests that the Mayor write to Dina Asher-Smith on behalf of the Council to ensure that a framed copy of this resolution is presented to her at the earliest opportunity.”

**2. Proposed by Cllr Simon Jeal and seconded by Cllr Kathy Bance MBE**

“Bromley Council welcomes the introduction of statutory Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) from September 2020. The Council confirms its full support for schools delivering compulsory LGBT+ inclusive Relationships and Sex Education as part of RSE, in line with new Government guidance, in all state funded primary and secondary schools. The Council resolves to ask the Director of Education to write to all schools in the Borough to communicate this support.”

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