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## EXECUTIVE

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### **3 QUESTIONS (Pages 3 - 8)**

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 - by 5pm on 23 December 2021.

Questions specifically relating to reports on the agenda should be received within two working days of the normal publication date of the agenda - by 5pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The questions received are attached.

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12 JANUARY 2022  
QUESTIONS**

**(A) Questions for Oral Reply from Members of the Public**

**1. From Tony Trinick to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

Why have residents been treated unfairly by the Council, by not being asked to contribute to the CAA review, or updating the councils CAA Terms of Reference, so that the FPW NAP review document could have been given to the CAA for review, alongside the BHA NAP review document?

**2. From Ms Tahrir Swift to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

This is not a question about Affordable Rent. This is a specific question, that requires a specific answer. What is the percentage number of households currently on the Housing Waiting List able to afford to live in the proposed Areli development in the Walnuts?

**3. From Sherilee Mace-Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

How does the London Borough of Bromley balance its duty to its constituents while it is a landlord to BHA - surely there should be an independent impartial party to review?

**4. From Sherilee Mace-Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

What academic reports have been reviewed and taken into account in respect of health issues (psychological health, sleep disturbance, cardiovascular and effect on children's cognition and learning?) Noise pollution is only part of the pollution issue which should be addressed in the report - why has GHG not been taken into account when it is key to the impact on our lives and those of future generations?

**5. From Giuliana Voisey to the Portfolio Holder for resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

The recommendation you are considering tonight is to give BHAL six more months to comply with the mitigating conditions attached to the granting of the new hours. Considering that officers have been unable or unwilling to enforce those conditions over five years, will you confirm that it will finally become "appropriate" to suspend the new hours at the end of these additional six months if non-compliance persists?"

**(B) Question for Oral Reply from a Member of the Council**

**1. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Portfolio holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Why was it not possible to take the tender for the renewal of the contract for the Woman's Refuge through the normal democratic scrutiny process?

## **(C) Questions for Written Reply from Members of the Public**

### **1. From Richard Maury to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

1NAP Review presumes that the 50,000 cap on annual aircraft movements, an important safeguard for residents independent of the NAP itself, has now reverted to 125,000, despite the apparent understanding amongst Councillors in 2015 that the lower cap would continue permanently as a trigger to suspend the extended hours. Will LBB clarify the lease to confirm this permanence?

### **2. From Richard Maury to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

Will LBB give full, urgent consideration to commissioning work on introducing, to the NAP, Single Event noise metrics such as N70 as in Recommendation No. 1 in the July 2020 Report by ICCAN, as the NAP is not yet sufficiently effective in abating noise:

[https://iccan.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020\\_07\\_16\\_ICCAN\\_review\\_of\\_aviation\\_noise\\_metrics\\_and\\_measurement.pdf](https://iccan.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020_07_16_ICCAN_review_of_aviation_noise_metrics_and_measurement.pdf)

### **3. From Rachel King to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Referring to the Make Bromley even Better Strategy, what specific actions have the Council taken (or are planning to take) to encourage residents to use renewable and sustainable energy and how are you measuring the success of this initiative? What targets have been set?

### **4. From Rachel King to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

“Children growing up exposed to PM2.5 are more likely to have reduced lung function and develop asthma....exposure to PM2.5 attributes to 29,000 premature deaths in the UK every year.” How will the Council address poor air quality in Bromley, which threatens ambitions 1-5 of its corporate strategy?

### **5. From Roger King to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Referring to the 'Make Bromley even Better Strategy', in what specific ways have the Council provided (or are planning to provide) support and advice for the installation of equipment for renewable sources, such as solar and wind?

**6. From Roger King to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Bromley is London's largest borough, yet it only has one operational air monitor situated on Harwood Avenue. Bexley, Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark, Lambeth, and Croydon councils each have multiple, operational air monitoring sites. Does Bromley have plans to increase the monitoring of its air quality?

**7. From Peter Noorlander to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Bromley is London's largest borough, yet it only has one operational air monitor. From 01/12/2020 to 01/12/2021, that air monitor measured an annual mean of 9ug/m<sup>3</sup> of PM2.5 particulates. The World Health Organisation's air quality guideline annual average for PM2.5 is 5ug/m<sup>3</sup>. What will be done about this?

**8. From Peter Noorlander to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Under the heading Carbon Emissions in the draft budget, the Council states that addressing Borough-wide emissions would require significant investment from central Government. How much funding will be required, what steps have the Council taken to secure those funds, and what success have they had?

**9. Jamie Devine to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Bromley's corporate strategy will fail to achieve its five ambitions if it does not amend its net zero plan: an unstable climate is incompatible with a stable community. Will Bromley urgently review its plan to account for the greenhouse gas emissions embedded in the products and services it purchases?

**10. From Jamie Devine to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement**

The emergence of covid-19 and storm Arwen starkly illustrate the importance of community resilience and the necessity to plan for the worst. Has Bromley considered the impacts posed by climate change on systems - food, water, sanitation, energy, transportation, economic etc - and does it have a resilience strategy?

**11. From Tim Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community Services**

What is going to happen to the existing facilities offered by the Saxon Centre if the proposed Walnuts Redevelopment goes ahead. This Centre offers invaluable services to those vulnerable members of our Society who are physically frail and may also have Dementia and in addition offers their Relatives or Carers a valuable and well-earned respite.

**12. From Gill Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing**

What alternative facilities will be on offer for Parents/Carers whose children use The Buzz zone at the Walnuts Leisure Centre if it is closed for 2 years?

**13. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

What report or information has the Council received from Countryside Properties in connection with the development of the Churchill Quarter following the public consultation carried out during 2021?

**14. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

What is the status of the proposed compulsory purchase orders for the homes in Ethelbert Close?

**15. From Jon Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

What will happen to all the swimming lessons that take place at the Walnuts Leisure Centre if Orpington doesn't have a leisure centre for 2+ years?

**16. From Mary Ion to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Under the heading Carbon Emissions in the draft budget the Council suggests that addressing borough-wide emissions is just a future possibility. In October 2021 the OBR '...concluded that acting early could halve the net fiscal cost of getting to net zero by 2050'. What justification is there for delaying?

<https://obr.uk/box/climate-related-measures-in-the-budget-and-spending-review/>

**17. From Mary Ion to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

Draft Budget: You state that addressing borough-wide carbon emissions presents a major financial risk. A UCL study published last September shows that by 2100, global GDP could be 37% lower than it would be without the impacts of warming. Will the Council commit to investing heavily now to mitigate against the impacts of climate change already baked-in?

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/2021/sep/economic-cost-climate-change-could-be-six-times-higher-previously-thought>

**18. From Lynn Sharman to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

The closure of the Walnuts Leisure Centre and redevelopment, for two years, will effect mental health, physical fitness and community well being. Why can we not build a new bigger leisure prior to closure of the old one to keep the community happy and healthy?

**(D) Questions for Written Reply from a Councillor**

**(1) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Resources if he will set out in table format what the council tax would be for each council tax band in 2022-23 if it was increased by 1%, 2% and 3%?

**(2) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Resources if he will set out in table format what the council tax would be for each council tax band in 2022-23 if in addition to an increase of 0%,1%, 2% and 3%, the GLA increased their precept by 5% or 10%?