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COUNCIL

Monday 28 February 2022

5 QUESTIONS (Pages 3 - 12)

Updated lists of public questions (A) and (B) are attached.

16 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN. (Pages 13 - 14)

The motions submitted for consideration are attached

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Agenda Item 5

A

Council

28th February 2022

Questions from Members of the Public for Oral Reply

1. From Shaun Slator to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What changes in air quality have there been over the last 4 years in Bromley?

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

If the Government implemented election promises to abolish no fault evictions for private tenants, what would be the financial savings to the Council? Is the Council committed to the “levelling up” reforms of the private rented sector as recently proposed by Government?

3. From Paula Peters to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

I understand that Bromley Council extended the consultation period for the supplementary planning document from 6 weeks to 12 weeks. Can the Council please clarify what was the actual date that the 12- week consultation period began for the supplementary planning document?

4. From Helen Brookfield to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Has Bromley Council notified TFL that it is dismantling the TFL funded segregated cycle lane in Albemarle Road and that it is using further TFL funding to pay for the cost of dismantling it?

5. From John Pead to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What is the earliest recorded reference to the Orpington Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document currently under consideration?

6. From Jonathan Andrews to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Given the mass library closures and transfers to community ownership in Harrow, Ealing and Lewisham in recent years and the proposals to make large cuts to services in Croydon, how many libraries has Bromley closed or transferred to community ownership since 2015?

7. From Alisa Igoe to the Leader of the Council

On 25 January applications to the Household Support Fund of £1.8million closed “due to heavy take up”. The Council said it was “pleased to have played its part in dispensing grants to around 1500 Bromley families in need over this period, significantly ahead of the government’s 31 March deadline”. Is it possible such a swift and high take up also indicates there are many families still in need, who the Council were unable to help?

8. From Cindy Mayer to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Has the draft SPD been written with Areli’s high-rise residential blocks in mind e.g, 12-15 storey may be suitable for this location? Report HPR2021/009 dated 10 Feb 2021 shows the Regeneration Board was steering the direction of this application and SPD could potentially make it easier to get approval.

9. From Stuart Mayer to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

It would appear that the regeneration board has been steering Areli since June 2020 regarding the Walnuts quarter. Given that 97% of residents oppose this scheme it would appear that both the Council and Areli have misjudged public opinion. Isn’t it time that the Council consulted with residents on this matter?

10. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The Prime Minister supports councils encouraging more cycling in “Gear Change: one year on.” Will the Council consult with residents in BR3 on steps to promote more cycling in BR3 such as bike hangers, cycle lanes and better facilities at Beckenham Junction station?

11. From Helen Brookfield to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What plans does the Council have in regards to ensuring private landlords are aware of and comply with the current legal requirements for all rented properties to have a minimum EPC rating of band E and to work with landlords to improve the EPC ratings of their properties in order to achieve the 2035 target for EPC rating band C?

12. From Alisa Igoe to the Leader of the Council

On 20 December the journalist Jodie Ginsberg tweeted a thank you to the Leader of the Council, remarking on your compassionate response to an issue she said she had raised with you, relating to housing resettled Afghan families. Could you please expand on the discussion and any positive outcomes from it?

B

Council

28th February 2022

Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply

1. From Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

When did the Council last inspect the benches in Martins Hill Open Space and Queensmead Recreation Ground? At least 10 between the War Memorial and the River Ravensbourne are in a very poor state with missing or broken slats and covered in graffiti. Could these be replaced or cleaned up as a priority please or as soon as LBB budgets allow?

2. From Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What is the percentage of Bromley Borough residents that the Council has a working email address for and the approximate total number? Has the Council investigated reducing its print and distribution costs for the 'Environment Matters' publication and any others, to ensure potential savings (over £111,000 spent in the previous tax year) can be reinvested into frontline services or in grants to community groups or charities which desperately need additional resources?

3. From Tia Fisher to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

There is evidence that high vehicle speeds are the greatest deterrent to walking and cycling instead of driving. I cycle to work and my son works as a cycle courier, so cycle safety is of paramount importance to us. As part of the council's stated aim to increase active travel, what is their view on introducing 20mph speed limits to further that aim?

4. From Tia Fisher to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What percentage of Bromley's waste is currently a) recycled b) incinerated c) reused d) goes to landfill e) composted?

5. From Sabina Ricci to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

We have been living in Nightingale Road, Petts Wood, for 2 years and we have experienced extremely bad fly tipping and dumping on the private service road which runs behind the parade of shops on Queensway. We have spent last weekend

clearing it all up and filled 25 big rubbish bags. What can be done to prevent this from happening again as after a few days more bottles, rubbish and waste have appeared once again?

6. From Julia Burton to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Can Bromley Council carry out a financial risk assessment on Areli Real Estate?

Areli plan to rebuild the leisure centre last. If funds run out prior to reconstruction we could be left with no pools.

7. From Julia Burton to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Can the Council obtain quotes to rebuild a like-for-like leisure centre in Orpington town centre? The Council should obtain, in advance, the money required to rebuild, and refund it when the new leisure centre is completed satisfactorily.

8. From Peter Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How much capital receipts did the Council receive for the housing stock transfer in 1992, what was the money spent on, does the council now admit that this decision was a mistake given the huge cost of temporary accommodation and the rehousing of some many families in Kent?

9. From Peter Barnett to the Leader of the Council

What will the levelling up white paper do to help low-income families in the borough or is this policy just design to appeal to Tory red wall voters in the north of England?

10. From Angela Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How long has the land at the corner of Stumps Hill Lane/Southend Road in BR3 been vacant for and will the Council compulsory purchase this land to provide more council accommodation?

11. From Angela Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What are the worst roads for accidents for all wards in Bromley, which roads have had the most fatalities and what plans does the Council have to reduce accidents in Copers Cope ward?

12. From Louise Clark to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What steps have the Council taken to increase the use of sustainable methods of transport for staff work journeys and what outcomes have been achieved?

13. From Louise Clark to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

With reference to the Council Net Zero Action Plan what actions have been taken to involve residents from all socio-economic groups, businesses and voluntary groups in designing, implementing and evaluating plans and progress?

14. From Anne Garrett to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Has the Council considered a Solar Together scheme akin to that run by Islington Council which brings together households and local government to get high quality solar panels and optional battery storage at a highly competitive price and helps householders through the process?

15. From Pauline Smith to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How much money has been invested in promoting cycling and walking over car travel in the last three years and what results have been seen? What plans are there to increase the number of cycle and walking trips and what targets have been set?

16. From David Morrison to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Given that the Areli proposal for development of Walnuts Centre in Orpington includes land owned by the council and affects services provided by the Council, does the council regard the proposal to be a joint venture?

17. From David Morrison to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Will Bromley Council also consider residents' comments made in relation to the Areli proposal for the Walnuts when reviewing the supplementary plan for Orpington which is about to be subject to a public consultation process?

18. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The speeding camera in Albermarle Road is quite close to the changed Westgate Road junction and this doesn't seem a good location for catching speeding offenders, so can the Council tell me how many speeding occurrences have been caught by this camera in the last 4 years? Will the Council consider moving the camera to Foxgrove Road, Copers Cope Road or Worsley Bridge Road where speeding is occurring?

19. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Have the Council recycling facilities been withdrawn at Waitrose in BR3? Do the flats over the shops in Beckenham High Street have recycling facilities and will local residents be consulted about improving recycling in Beckenham?

20. From Andrew McAleer to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

At the last meeting of the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee meeting a number of initiatives were outlined to tackle borough wide greenhouse gas emissions. What target date has been set to reach net zero for these emissions?

21. From Brayley Small to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Under the heading Carbon Emissions in the draft budget the Council stated that addressing borough-wide emissions presents a major financial risk. To what extent have the Council investigated the financial risk of NOT addressing carbon emissions, i.e. the cost of the impacts of the climate emergency?

22. From Stephen Wehrle to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Are the Councillors aware of the paper written by Andrew Boff, (Chairman of the London Assembly Planning and Regeneration Committee), last year, with regard to the policy for building skyscrapers for housing needs in London?

23. From Graeme Casey to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Several office buildings have lights on throughout the night - does the Council have a dark sky policy and if so how is it enforced?

24. From Graeme Casey to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

When will the empty tree pit outside 15 Pinewood Avenue Bromley have a tree planted in it?

25. From Suraj Gandecha to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Two lime trees outside 8-10 Beadon Road are causing problems. The roots have damaged the pavement and cause problems to pedestrians particularly those with mobility problems. The trees are lime trees that need to be pruned at least every 3 years - how many times and when in the last 10 years have the trees been pruned?

26. From Suraj Gandecha to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What is the schedule of street cleaning for Prospect Place, Bromley? Residents report a perpetual problem with litter; will the Council consider increasing the frequency?

27. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How many applicants approached the Council as homeless in 2020/2021, how many progressed to a homeless application and how many were deemed homeless and accepted on to the Housing Register?

28. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much money has Bromley Council received from the Government for Fuel Support payments since 1 October 2021; how much has been allocated to households; how do families access that support?

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

Despite earlier assurances, the gate to Bromley Palace Park from Rafford Way remains closed. Please advise the date the gate will be re-opened?

30 From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Residents in Cameron Road, Bromley report that the street lighting does not give sufficient light and makes it dangerous for pedestrians. What type of lighting is installed in Cameron Road and are there plans to upgrade it?

31. From David Marshall to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Consultations for Supplementary Planning Documents for Bromley and Orpington Town Centres closed in October 2020. The consultations stated that drafts would be available in early 2021. Here in 2022, when can we expect drafts for further refinement?

32. From David Marshall to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How many housing complaints have been investigated by Bromley Council under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System in the last 12 months and what remedies were made? How many staff are available to investigate unfit housing issues?

33. From Terence Ide to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract management

Having read about the excellent work of a local charity in Bromley who have donated defibrillators to schools and churches in the borough, could you please indicate how many, and the locations of all, defibrillators paid for and installed by Bromley Council.

34. From Christopher Bentley to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Given the well-established David Bowie links to Beckenham and the Croydon Road Rec bandstand, has the Council ever looked to mark his links to other parts of the borough such as by a blue plaque at either 106 Canon Road (Bickley) or 4 Plaistow Grove (Plaistow and Sundridge) where he lived during his youth before moving to Foxgrove Road, Beckenham in 1969. Would LBB consider working with the GLA & English Heritage to explore this possibility at one of his former homes or at Raglan Road or Ravenswood Schools which Bowie attended?

35. From Christopher Bentley to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Residents near to 10 Cameron Road have asked for double yellow lines to restrict parking near to the edge of driveways and making visibility difficult; what is the Council's response to this request?

36. From Hannah Kingsland to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee

Can you confirm/deny that plans for Orpington town centre submitted by Areli are fully wheelchair accessible?

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Agenda Item 16

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COUNCIL

28th FEBRUARY 2022

MOTIONS

(A) Her Majesty the Queen – Platinum Jubilee

To be moved by Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP and seconded by Cllr Christopher Marlow -

This Council requests that His Worship the Mayor make a loyal address to Her Majesty the Queen as follows:

"The Mayor and councillors meeting on February 28th 2022 send on behalf of the Council and the people of the London Borough of Bromley their loyal greetings and best wishes to Her Majesty on the historic occasion of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. We thank Your Majesty for your devoted service to the United Kingdom and Commonwealth for seventy years and pray for your good health in the coming years".

(B) Ade Adetosoye CBE

To be moved by Cllr Kieran Terry and seconded by Cllr Aisha Cuthbert -

The Council congratulates our Chief Executive, Ade Adetosoye, on the award of his CBE as part of the 2022 New Year's Honours list.

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