

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

**of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.00 pm on 15 July 2019**

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Nicholas Bennett MA J.P.**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Kira Gabbert**

Councillors

Marina Ahmad	Hannah Gray	Angela Page
Gareth Allatt	Will Harmer	Chris Pierce
Vanessa Allen	Christine Harris	Neil Reddin FCCA
Graham Arthur	Colin Hitchins	Will Rowlands
Kathy Bance MBE	Samaris Huntington-	Richard Scoates
Yvonne Bear	Thresher	Suraj Sharma
Kim Botting FRSA	William Huntington-	Colin Smith
Mike Botting	Thresher	Diane Smith
Katy Boughey	Simon Jeal	Gary Stevens
Mark Brock	David Jefferys	Melanie Stevens
Kevin Brooks	Charles Joel	Harry Stranger
David Cartwright QFSM	Josh King	Kieran Terry
Mary Cooke	Kate Lymer	Michael Tickner
Ian Dunn	Christopher Marlow	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Nicky Dykes	Russell Mellor	Michael Turner
Judi Ellis	Alexa Michael	Stephen Wells
Robert Evans	Peter Morgan	Angela Wilkins
Simon Fawthrop	Keith Onslow	
Peter Fortune	Tony Owen	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Nicholas Bennett J.P.

123 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Julian Benington, Aisha Cuthbert, Peter Dean, Robert Mcilveen, Michael Rutherford.

124 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Robert Evans declared an interest as the Council appointed representative on the Board of Mytime Active in relation to minute 135 (Replacement of the District Heating System Boilers and Related Works to the Walnuts Leisure Centre.)

125 To confirm the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 8th and 22nd May 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the annual meeting on 8th May 2019 and the special meeting on 22nd May 2019 be confirmed.

126 Petitions

No petitions had been received.

127 Questions

Eight questions had been received from members of the public for oral reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

Two questions had been received from members of the public for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

Thirteen questions had been received from members of the Council for oral reply. The questions, with the replies given, are set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

(During consideration of a question from Cllr Bance concerning 5G, Councillor Simon Fawthrop declared an interest as an employee of BT.)

Six questions had been received from members of the Council for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix D to these minutes.

128 To consider any statements that may be made by the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.

No statements were made.

**129 Confirmation of Chief Executive Appointment
Report CEO18012**

A motion to confirm the appointment of Ade Adetosoye OBE as the Chief Executive with immediate effect and to note and agree that a further review of his salary is considered by the Chairman of the Chief Executive Member Appraisal Panel on the advice of the Director of Human Resources and

Customer Services was moved by Councillor Colin Smith, seconded by Councillor Peter Fortune and **CARRIED**.

130 Review of Corporate Leadership Structure - Updates to the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation to Officers
Report CSD19111

A motion to approve the following recommendations from the Executive was moved by Councillor Colin Smith, seconded by Councillor Peter Fortune and **CARRIED**.

(1) That the Constitution be updated where necessary in accordance with the new officer structure and titles (see paragraph 3.3 of the report).

(2) That the revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers in respect of non-executive functions be approved.

(3) That the revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers in respect of executive functions be received from the Leader of the Council.

(4) That the Director of Corporate Services be authorised, in consultation with the Mayor and the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee, to make minor changes to the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation to Officers where officer titles need to be updated.

(5) That the Director of Human Resources and Customer Services be authorised to commence recruitment to the posts of Director of Children's Services, Director of Adult Services and Assistant Director, Children's Services on salaries exceeding £100k per annum.

131 Health and Wellbeing Board - Annual Report 2018/19
Report CSD19118

A motion to receive and note the Health and Wellbeing Board's annual report for 2018/19 was moved by Councillor David Jefferys, seconded by Councillor Robert Evans and **CARRIED**.

132 Treasury Management - Annual Report 2018/19
Report CSD19115

A motion to note the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2018/19 and approve the actual prudential indicators within the report was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

133 Budget Monitoring 2019/20
Report CSD19116

A motion to agree that £1m be transferred from the Health and Social Care Initiative Reserve to support the Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group with

their transformation plan for 2019/20 as detailed in section 3.10 of the report was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

134 Capital Programme Monitoring - 1st Quarter 2019/20
Report CSD19117

A motion to agree an increase in the capital programme of £1,922k on Transport for London (TfL) funded Traffic and Highways schemes as detailed in paragraph 3.3.1 of the report was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

135 Replacement of the District Housing System Boilers and Related Works to the Walnuts Leisure Centre
Report CSD19112

A motion to approve and add to the capital programme the scheme to replace the District Heating System Boilers and carry out Related Works to the Walnuts Leisure Centre with funding of £1.5m from capital receipts was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

136 Award of Contract for the Build and Management of Modular Homes at the York Rise Site (Part 1)
CSD19113

A motion to approve the addition of funds to the Capital Programme funded from the Housing Investment Fund and the Investment Fund for the purchase of the modular constructed units, planning, preparation and associated construction costs was moved by Councillor Peter Morgan, seconded by Councillor Alexa Michael and **CARRIED**.

137 Fifth Report of the Education, Children and Families Select Committee 2018/19: Life Long Learning in a Rapidly Changing World of Work
Report CSD19097

A motion to invite the Leader and appropriate Portfolio Holders to consider the recommendations within the report and refer the recommendations to service Directors and Partners where appropriate was moved by Councillor Neil Reddin, seconded by Councillor Nicky Dykes and **CARRIED**.

138 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.

(A) Motion on the Environment

The following motion was moved by Councillor Will Harmer and seconded by Councillor Kieran Terry (the motion had been amended by Councillor Harmer to replace the words “by 2050” with the words “within ten years (2029.)”)

"This Council welcomes the Government's decision that the UK will have net zero Carbon emissions by 2050. With its tree planting, energy efficiency programme, LED street lighting investment and other initiatives the Council has already been reducing its net emissions. This Council confirms its intention that direct Council activities will have net zero emissions within ten years (2029). The Portfolio Holder is strongly encouraged to include this commitment in the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Plan and Council also requests that annual reports are provided to the Environment and Community Services PDS."

An amendment was moved by Councillor Simon Jeal and seconded by Councillor Marina Ahmad so that the motion would read as follows -

"This Council declares a climate emergency and welcomes the Government's decision that the UK will have net zero Carbon emissions by 2050. With its tree planting, energy efficiency programme, LED street lighting investment and other initiatives the Council has already been reducing its net emissions. This Council confirms its intention that direct Council activities will have net zero emissions within ten years (2029.) The Executive are asked to include this commitment in their Portfolio plans, to consider it through the transformation programme and Council also requests that annual reports are provided to full council to monitor progress in meeting this commitment."

On being put to the vote, the amendment was **LOST**.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and **CARRIED**.

(B) Motion on Library Services

The following motion was moved by Councillor Angela Wilkins and seconded by Councillor Vanessa Allen -

"This Council agrees that it is important to ensure that Greenwich Leisure Ltd honours the commitments which they made to this Council when they tendered for and signed the contract for provision of the Borough's library services.

This Council therefore requests the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee to undertake a 360 degree review of the services provided by GLL under this contract, with particular focus on their employment practices and the levels of service provided for residents and to report back to Council."

During consideration of this motion, Councillor Marina Ahmad declared an interest as a member of UNITE.

It was moved by Councillor Colin Smith and seconded by Councillor Peter Morgan that the motion be referred without further debate under Rule 11.5 to Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee on 3rd September 2019.

The meeting was adjourned for five minutes from 8.16pm to 8.21pm due to disruption in the public gallery.

On being put to the vote, the motion to refer the matter to the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee was **CARRIED**.

139 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor thanked those Councillors and Honorary Alderman who had attended the Civic Service on Sunday 2nd June and the Armed Forces Day ceremony on 27th June. The Mayor also thanked Members for attending the Bromley Stars night on 28th June and the Annual Civic Reception for Voluntary Workers on 11th July.

The Mayor drew attention to forthcoming events. His first charity event would be held at the Tamasha Indian Restaurant on Wednesday 25th September. Following that there would be a "Ten Pin Bowling" evening at the Pavilion Leisure Centre on Tuesday 29th October.

140 Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the item of business referred to below as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

**The following summary
refers to matters
involving exempt information**

141 Award of Contract for the Build and Management of Modular Homes at the York Rise Site (Part 2)

A motion to approve the recommendations in the report, as amended, was moved by Councillor Peter Morgan, seconded by Councillor Alexa Michael and **CARRIED**.

The Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

Mayor

COUNCIL MEETING

15th July 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ORAL REPLY

1. From David Silk to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Orpington Priory Community Hub's bid for The Priory contained detailed plans for musical, family, educational and Festive events with pledges to work closely with local organisations and the Orpington community. V22 made similar pledges. What progress has V22 made fulfilling their promises to the local community the last 2 years?

Reply:

The question demanded a lengthy reply which V22 have produced (Appendix 1.) A brief summary is that they are indeed performing according to their agreed statements at the start. They are doing a tremendous amount of activity with the community and on behalf of the community. I am very satisfied that they are performing extremely well and that the building is really benefitting from their occupation. You will find more details in the written statement.

Supplementary Question:

Mr Silk stated that V22 had not done anything with the building, whereas others could have arranged many events if they had been given the opportunity. He asked what could be expected in the next six months.

Reply:

The details are included on the paper which I hope you will go away and read, and then perhaps you can email me with any further points you have to raise. I am completely satisfied that they have complied with what they said they were going to do and will continue to do so.

2. From Rev Catherine Shelley to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What funds are available to support groups in Bromley, such as the Bromley Churches, who are responding to homelessness?

Reply:

The Council currently provides over a million pounds in funding through a range of contracts for homelessness and housing support to a range of different organisations. Central government funding is also provided for rough sleeper outreach services which is currently delivered through Thames Reach; London Street Rescue. Bromley does work closely with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and

Local Government and the Greater London Assembly to apply for and access funding sources when these become available and will continue to assist all organisations in placing bids for available funding as these arise.

In addition the options and supports service offer housing advice outreach services, training and financial assistance for client access to accommodation or essential items to groups working to assist in supporting and resolving homelessness.

Supplementary Question:

What funds are available to provide permanent homes to re-house those who are homeless, whether on our streets, or sofa-surfing, or in temporary housing?

Reply:

The Council has a statutory duty to house people who come to us as homeless. They have to pass rigorous tests for that. Funds are available - it is currently costing the Council towards £10m a year to house homeless people, so those funds are definitely available. We also have a programme of building some more homes for homeless people in the borough.

3. From Rick Das to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

An initial special-needs assessment with a Development Paediatrician is a crucial step towards assessing any special-needs provision for a child. Would the portfolio holder please provide average and maximum waiting times for Development Paediatrician appointments in the borough during 2017, 2018 and if possible, during the first half of 2019?

Reply:

I am advised by my colleagues at Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group that the average waiting time for April 2017 to March 2018 was eleven weeks with a maximum waiting time of twenty-eight weeks.

The average waiting time for April 2018 to March 2019 was eight weeks with a maximum waiting time of thirty-three weeks.

For the period April 2019 to June 2019 the average waiting time was seven weeks and the maximum waiting time was twenty-one weeks.

Supplementary Question:

It is in the interests of the client to reduce waiting times as much as possible. What measures are currently in place to keep waiting times to a minimum?

Reply:

We do want to drive waiting times down and colleagues here are working with the provider, Bromley CCG, to find ways to keep them as low as possible.

4. From Rich Wilsher to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services (Mr Wilsher was not present so a written reply was sent.)

What direct power does the Council possess to tackle idling across the borough? How has it utilised these over the past 12 months, and how does it plan to utilise these going forward?

Reply:

The Council has not yet adopted the powers to enforce against idling vehicles. However Bromley's LIP3 sets out our ambition to participate in an anti-idling education campaign primarily around schools including the probable adoption of enforcement powers.

5. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How many Freedom of Information requests did the Council receive in 2017/18 and 2018/19 and what percentage were answered within the statutory time limit?

Reply:

The number of Freedom of Information requests received by the Council in 2017/18 and 2018/19 and the percentages answered within the time limit were as follows - 1,212 (63.55) and 1,472 (71.7%.) The figures for 2019 to date are 309 requests received (92.3%)

Supplementary Question:

I do not know if you are aware of the report from the Campaign for Freedom of Information that ranks Bromley as the third worst in London for replying to requests, based on the data you supplied. I note that performance has improved, but are you going to take further steps so that people do not have to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office?

Reply:

I was asked this question last year, and I gave figures which showed that our performance was improving. It has improved substantially, which you have recognised. We do have a lot of questions that come in from lazy journalists or would-be politicians, but most of them are from genuine residents and we are pleased that the figures have improved.

6. From Rev Catherine Shelley to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How many claims for Discretionary Housing Payment have been made in the past 6 months and what is the average duration of such payments?

Reply:

In the 6 month period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019, 929 applications for Discretionary Housing Payments were received.

Using Discretionary Housing Payments awarded in the financial year 2018/19 as the base for calculating the average duration of payment, the average was 28.4 weeks. However, those requesting ongoing assistance are required to reapply on an annual basis; therefore a number of the recipients will have also received help in the previous financial year.

Supplementary Question:

Given the quite high level of claims and duration of claims, what steps is the Council taking to assist people in finding smaller or cheaper accommodation, so that they do not have to claim discretionary housing payments. Your colleague, in response to an earlier question, indicated that the Council would build new homes, but did not give any details of how many or what sizes of accommodation would be built.

Reply:

There are a variety of projects that are currently being worked on through Housing. The most complete one involves the purchase of 400 houses under what is known as More Homes Bromley. That is virtually completed now, and there will probably be a phase 2 which is currently being worked on in Housing, and there are other initiatives being taken forward.

7. From Rick Das to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

Recently, a BBC report (BBC News, 2019) suggested there are 1,580 children across the country with education and health care plans (EHCPs) with no education provision and that a number of these children have been waiting for over a year to be given a provision. Would the Portfolio Holder please advise if the borough has any children with EHCPs awaiting provision, what the current average and maximum waiting times are and what steps the Council is taking to facilitate speedier processing of EHCP provisions?

(Reference -

BBC News. (2019). *Special needs pupils 'kept out of school'*. [online] Available at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-48663873> [Accessed 1 Jul. 2019].)

Reply:

There are currently 7 children of statutory school age that are coded as awaiting an education placement. The average time for placement for this cohort of children is 5 months, with 7 months recorded as the maximum waiting time. Of those seven children, three have recently moved into Bromley, with existing Education, Health and Care Plans.

This cohort of children is monitored regularly as part of a monthly review of vulnerable groups which is overseen by the Director of Education.

8. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

What percentage of social workers currently employed in Bromley's Children's Services are on permanent contracts and what percentage are on temporary contracts, and how does this compare for the years to March 2018 and March 2019?

Reply:

I am grateful for this question as it highlights some of the great work that has been done in the borough. When we started on our Ofsted improvement journey we had 42% of staff in permanent positions, and 585 agency staff.

In March 2019 we had 70% permanent and 30% agency. Now, we have 74% permanent and 26% agency.

Supplementary Question:

I agree with the Portfolio Holder that there has been fantastic progress, but does he recall the reasons for what Ofsted said, that the disintegration of the service was because you did not replace a departing Director of Children's Services. I wanted to know if you would be replacing Mr Adetosoye now that he has been promoted to Chief Executive.

Reply:

A lot of issues were thrown up by the Ofsted report which we have embraced. We will look to have a suitable Director in place as soon as possible.

Statement from V22

During the first phase of V22's custodianship of The Priory, we have let out those spaces that are self-contained and in a good state of repair – meeting our commitment to provide studios for local artists and creative businesses whilst bringing in revenue to help fund further works. We are currently at 78% occupation in the Priory building. The Great Hall has been retained as a community space that can be opened to the public.

We have participated in Open House London 2017 and 2018 attracting a significant number of visitors to the space and hosted the Christmas Carol service in 2017. We have also hosted the Enchanted Children's festival 2018 and 2019. We had an artists' talk in 2018 as part of our Young London Extended Programme that attracted many new visitors to the Priory. We are continuing to work with this artist to develop a sculpture and site-specific work to form the starting point for gardens in the front of the building and are in communication with a Bromley Museum curator with whom we hope to work in the future as well as Richard Gibbons of Friends of The Priory and Gardens.

Another local artist's practice-based Masters includes a great deal of research around the Priory, Orpington and local history. We are working with her toward presenting a show of this work in Autumn 2019.

We were due to host the London South East College Creative Industries Department end of year show in mid-June 2018. The college unfortunately cancelled the show in early June 2018. We were in talks with *Your Orpington (formerly Orpington Priory Community Hub)* and had offered to host a number of events throughout 2018 including a quiz night, village show and Christmas concerts. Unfortunately the events trustee never got back to us, though we are happy to pick this up again to collaborate on events.

We have had some requests that we haven't been able to pursue at the moment due to parts of the building not being in a usable state. To repair would require funding and building consent, which is a lengthy process. For example, viewings have been held regularly and though there has been some interest for things like Yoga and children's dance workshops, on viewing the space, concerns about the floor being too cold has meant such workshops have fallen through. We always keep such requests on file to be contacted in the future, when the spaces become more usable.

We have also had some requests that are unfeasible for the safety and security of the building, such as fireworks and graffiti workshops. All requests are monitored and replied to. All visitors who have expressed an interest in contributing to a more formal events programme once it is established (as they require production support etc.) are kept on file for the future.

We had extensive conversations from mid-2018 with a local café provider, which we hoped to launch this Summer. Unfortunately this fell through, though we hope to revisit this in the future with the same provider or another local provider.

We have been in dialogue with London South East College to collaborate on a number of projects and, as is the nature of working with a larger education institution, this has been a gradual process. We have four different projects that we will be working with the college on and that we expect to be on going throughout 2019 and 2020. These projects include: organising a clean-up day of the surrounding Priory areas with students in construction; a landscape design project with the built environment and architecture students to create a design proposal for the front car park as a garden and event space; and commissioning a research and marketing project for students to design a questionnaire and research tool on the use of the Priory in order to engage and attract a diverse range of users for the space. Finally, we have offered use of the Great Hall to host exhibitions by the college students and hope to have more collaboration and events in future.

We have been advertising the use of the Great Hall for community use but, other than the above, have not had much interest. We are excited to develop a long-term community programme in Orpington, from our experience with other spaces; this does take time, careful planning and funding in order to be successful. We are also sensitive to upholding the condition of the building and its listed status. Once we have more tenants move into the space this should become more sustainable.

We are currently trialling a booking platform with our Community Studio in Forest Hill, to make community hire easier and if successful we will extend it to the Great Hall of the Priory.

Works are underway to convert the former library into 19 studios. The future tenants who have already booked spaces are planning to host workshops and understand that they will become part of a community programme which can become the part of the neighbourhood around it. Once these studios are full there will be a considerably greater presence in the building, and we hope the burgeoning community and events programme will continue to grow.

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

22 September is London Car Free Day 2019 - will Bromley Council be taking part and if so who will be the Council contact officer/team for event?

Reply:

The Council continues to focus its effort and funding on work and projects to facilitate residents and visitors to make a permanent shift to more active choices in mode of travel. Whilst not an exhaustive list, this work includes working with schools on their school travel plans, development of new walking and cycling infrastructure, a comprehensive cycle training programme, with opportunities for residents to support their community in the annual Big Lunch campaign, whereby groups of residents can apply for a road closure for a street party, which promote and support many different causes, including Street Friends.

The Council considers that this is a more efficient use of its funds than a one off, more virtue signalling, event or set of events. We will of course encourage any residents or visitors who wish to participate by leaving the car at home that day to do so, and we will signpost them to information available on our website for walking, cycling and facilities in our parks and green spaces. Bromley has an extensive range of facilities in our parks, countryside and greenspaces and infrastructure for cycling and walking for all residents to enjoy year round. We also offer cycle training and can along with partners and voluntary groups can offer guidance to indicate quieter routes that can be used by active modes of transport to make journeys more pleasant. If any resident or Friends groupings do wish to apply for a road closure we continue to accept applications in the usual way.

2. From Jonathan Douglas-Green to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Given the increasing evidence linking poor air quality and poor health outcomes and the high levels of poor air quality reported in the 2017 management plan, will the Council be reviewing the 2007 Air Quality Management Area to cover the whole borough?"

Reply:

Consecutive Annual Status Reports (a GLA requirement) have not highlighted a need to undertake further modelling to determine the extent of the air quality management area and therefore this work is not within the work programme but will be kept under review.

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COUNCIL MEETING

15th July 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ORAL REPLY

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

Your statement at last full Council confirming that LBB has withdrawn from the London Councils' agreement to accept 0.07% lone refugee children (UASC) seems to have been contradicted by comments in subsequent media coverage. Please clarify your position: are you or are you not complying with your original promise to London Councils?

Reply:

I believe the stated position is crystal clear already. The transcript from the meeting reads:

“...Regarding the UASC, it is a very serious issue across London. There is a requirement to meet 0.07 target which Bromley has honoured/will honour.”

No ifs. No buts. Promise and commitment honoured in full.

Supplementary Question:

We have information from the Department of Health and Public Health statisticians that 0.07% is actually 56 children, so we are currently in a position where we are not accommodating the amount we agreed to. Will the Leader of the Council agree to check this information tomorrow?

Reply:

As I explained at the previous meeting, there are a large number of other Councils, including Labour Councils, similarly concerned about the exponential growth in UASC numbers across London, the funding difficulties that responsibility brings in its wake for other Council services and the failure of the current system to resettle UASC more widely across Country as the original agreement foresaw.

As you might have seen from the recent report to the London Council Leaders meeting earlier this month, it would appear that Bromley's stance on the matter has finally prompted some firm and positive action to be taken at London Councils level, and about time too.

I have attached the link of LCs summary here:

<https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/asylum-migration-and-refugees/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-uasc>

I have requested a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of this meeting in the form of an appendix for wider digestion (Appendix 1). If there is any query of the numbers Mr Adetosoye can follow that up.

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

Could the Portfolio Holder report on the lobbying meeting he has had with local head-teachers and Damian Hinds, the Secretary of State for Education, about the need for higher levels of funding for SEND provision in Bromley?

Reply:

We had a question on the Education PDS last week. The question asks about a meeting with Damien Hinds, but we met with Nick Gibb, the Schools Minister.

It was a very positive meeting - it was around the idea of LAG funding which is the particular issue we have in Bromley as it effectively reduces our ability to fund schools because of the way the funding is calculated. We did also bring up the issue of the high needs funding. The Minister was receptive to the delegation and officers had subsequent correspondence with the Department for Education. We will continue to lobby on behalf of Bromley pupils.

Supplementary Question:

Can you also explain how you think these meetings will help our present situation and prevent last November's situation re-occurring?

Reply:

The situation last November was around the deficit in the High Needs block. There will still be a deficit in the High Needs block unless that deficit is met. It is only by the piloting that needs to be done around High Needs, which we are doing along with a number of other local authorities, and by working with the Schools Forum to find a way through - that is the only way to find appropriate funding.

Your question is how can we avoid what happened last year, but unless we get a bucket full of cash to the tune of £3m, we are going to have some conversations about how we go forward, and those conversations are happening with the Schools Forum. You may not be aware that there was a letter sent home to Bromley parents last week from the secondary schools, which highlighted the fact that we are having positive conversations. We will lobby and we will keep banging the drum for the borough and we will keep working for the schools to achieve the appropriate fair funding for the borough.

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

At Full Council on 10th December 2018 I asked the Portfolio Holder about the recycling of material collected in Bromley. He answered that all material collected is initially processed in UK. I note from a recent press article that Veolia sends material abroad. Can the Portfolio Holder clarify if this is a change since December?

Reply:

Yes, but only for paper and card. A full verbal update was provided to the last Environment PDS. After initial processing Bromley's materials are sent to the most environmentally and economically sustainable outlets that are compliant with relevant legislation.

Supplementary Question:

The contractor issued invitations to its recycling site. Has any detail of these visits been provided, and can it be made public?

Reply:

I personally have not received any of those. I imagine my officers have double-checked that Veolia have actually completed what they said they would do. In terms of anything that can be made public I will seek to make it public.

4. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Leader of the Council

Many councils across the country recently flew Pride flags at their town halls/civic centres, to mark Pride month and as a visible show of support for their LGBT+ residents, is there anything that prevents Bromley Council from doing the same?

Reply:

I would offer the view that practice and tradition have formed over the years, that the Union Flag (or indeed on special event days the Cross of St George or the Armed Forces) best serves the choice of flag to be flown over the Civic Centre, given its over-arching symbolism for all Bromley Residents.

Supplementary Question:

Flags of course are important symbols, and the Pride flag is an important symbol for Bromley's LGBT community. Does he not feel that, if the Council were not to pay anything toward the cost, it would be appropriate for that flag to be flown during Pride at some point as an event, as mentioned for the armed forces, to show our pride in our LGBT community?

Reply:

On a personal note, I think that the Union Flag is the correct flag to fly over the Civic Centre, I would not change the current process for choice, I think it is important that we always represent all residents of the borough and our representation and commitment to the LGBT+Q community is absolutely encapsulated in every policy and every action that we take through the committees of this Council. I think that is where the evidence is, my personal view is that equality is best demonstrated by what joins us and brings us together rather, perhaps, than what divides us.

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

A recent FOI request has revealed that a number of 20 mph zones became operational in Bromley in 2009 and earlier, with very few new 20 mph limits implemented in the last 10 years. Can the Portfolio Holder please explain why there have been so few new 20 mph speed limits implemented since 2010?

Reply:

Bromley has an objective to reduce the most serious accidents on our roads. Bromley has a good record of reducing KSIs using an evidence-led approach to prioritise spend. The approach has now been codified in the Borough's LIP3. We choose the most relevant measure to achieve this outcome, including improved cycling and walking facilities, islands, revised junction layouts as well as advisory 20mph and 20mph limits. We continually review past performance of measures to guide future schemes.

Supplementary Question:

The LIP talks about 20mph zones being introduced on a reasonable basis. How many 20mph zones are being considered since the LIP was approved earlier this year?

Reply:

As I said, we will continually look at the most relevant scheme to deal with the accidents we have seen at that location. In a good number of cases that will include 20mph limits but that does not mean that that turns out to be the scheme that we bring forward as being the most appropriate for that location. Therefore, I do not feel that it is appropriate to share specific numbers because in a good number of those it will be found that a different intervention will be more relevant to reducing incidents than a 20mph limit.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Michael Tickner:

Is the Portfolio Holder aware that driving at 20mph increases air pollution - does he want to see pollution increase around our schools?

Reply:

No, I would not like to see pollution increase around schools.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Marina Ahmad:

NICE has said that 20mph is actually the best way of reducing pollution.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Kieran Terry:

Is the Portfolio Holder aware of a report from the London Borough of Lewisham which showed that their 20mph borough-wide speed limit, which cost them £1.23m, reduced speed by an average of just half a mph and an increase in the first full year,

2017 of KSI's of 4%. Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that instead of wasting Council tax-payers money on a scheme such as this, we should invest scarce public resources into road traffic schemes that will have a genuinely positive effect on our KSI figures and the well-being of residents here in Bromley?

Reply:

Whilst I would not say that I have complete familiarity with the figures provided, and our LIP 3 does indeed codify an approach to deliver the most cost-effective way of reducing the most serious accidents in our borough, so we can reduce the most accidents and have the most impact and therefore have the fewest people dying and suffering life-changing accidents on our roads as possible.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Kathy Bance:

If someone is hit by a car at 30mph they are far more likely to sustain serious or fatal injuries than if they were hit at 20mph. No amount of money could make up for the loss of one life.

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

Is the Council aware of any plans to roll out 5G across part or all of the Borough in the next 5 years? Would the Portfolio Holder comment on various concerns about the safety of 5G and how the Council will respond to those concerns?

Reply:

I understand that 5G is being rolled out in Central London at the present time, but there is no timescale for the rollout in Bromley. On safety, the government is adamant that 5G is safe and every healthcare body, regulator and otherwise officially accountable organisation agrees.

Supplementary Question:

My inbox says that residents do not believe that 5G is safe. I am no expert, but can I ask that if there is a forthcoming decision that we will roll it out in Bromley that we are transparent about it and the public get to know about it?

Reply:

Absolutely, I can make that assurance.

(Councillor Simon Fawthrop declared an interest as an employee of BT in relation to this question.)

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

Cigarette butts are a plague on our streets. Will the Portfolio Holder commit to dramatically increasing the number of bins in the borough which include a section to safely dispose of cigarette butts?

Reply:

I do not believe this will be cost effective. We will continue to combine anti-litter campaigns and enforcement action to target behavioural/habitual change on the part of the litterer.

Supplementary Question:

This point came from the frustration that many of us have when we are going round our wards doing litter picks. You can spend an hour around one bin due to the amount of cigarette butts due to the fact that the majority of our bins are not conducive to taking cigarette butts. Whether it is through the Council itself or the Council putting pressure on this is really important. Is there any way the Portfolio Holder can put pressure on outside bodies to gain some more money?

Reply:

I do not believe that I can put pressure on particular outside bodies. If there are companies that are using the public highway for their smoking areas and not providing a suitable receptacle I will certainly make sure that we can do things. Like you, I do litter picks; my litter picks are typically along the High Street which does have bins with facilities to accommodate cigarette butts. I agree that I probably see as many cigarette butts there as anywhere else, or more, given the increased footfall. I do believe it is going to be much more on the educational aspects and increasing the enforcement side so that people understand that there is a good change that they will receive a significant fine.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Simon Fawthrop:

Does the Portfolio Holder agree that the best way to deal with this issue is to encourage people to give up this filthy habit?

Reply:

There are many reasons why people smoke, but I certainly consider that the air pollution and financial aspects as well as the health aspects are very good reasons for people to be encouraged to give up smoking or move to more environmentally sustainable alternatives such as e-cigarettes.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Ian Dunn:

What has this Council done to its budget for stopping smoking over the last five years?

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

At the Council meeting on 8 May 2019 you listed your priorities for the year ahead. Knife crime and youth violence was not included. Why not?

Reply:

In paragraph one of the minutes in question you can see I detailed my key priorities over the course of the coming year, where I believe the Council can strive to take a significant steps forward in areas such as Housing, Homelessness, care for the vulnerable elderly, the closer integration of Health and Social and a wider based approached to reduce loneliness across our Borough.

All very good news in waiting where we can take our agenda forward with firm initiatives as the principle lead authority.

At the head of paragraph two I said “briefly mentioned a number of other issues, such as the large number of people interested in public protection issues,” which very much includes knife crime and youth violence, albeit we can only play a supporting role to our principle partners, the Police, in such matters as always.

As Members in this Chamber this evening have been briefed previously on more than one occasion, the Council will continue to do its bit wherever it can to support the Police, as has been demonstrated recently by the appointment of a senior Gangs and Serious Youth Violence Officer to assist them with their difficult duties.

In addition to this, we have developed with the police and other partners a Knife and Serious Violence Plan which is regularly reviewed by Bromley Safer Partnership Board, a clear commitment to working with the Police to reduce the scourge of knife-crime across the borough.

Supplementary Question:

I am sure that you remember the Home Office peer review group which said that this Council was failing to recognise that there was a gangs problem and a knife problem. Would you not accept that if you talk specifically about a commitment to fighting gangs and youth violence, serious violence and knife-crime it would be far more reassuring to people than the reply you have just given?

Reply:

No, I would not. Our commitment is unabashed and any suggestion to the contrary is scurrilous. As recently as March 12th, I believe it was at the Penge Forum, it was reported that gang problems are under control to a greater extent in Penge than hitherto, and as recently as this morning the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement met with the senior policeman in the borough, who, whilst making no guarantees, currently reported that things were far calmer than they were this time last year. So, we do what we can, we cannot do everything, within the limited resource packet we have, but the news looks good, the projections are moving in the right direction.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Kathy Bance:

I was at the Penge Forum meeting, as was Councillor Brooks, and I do not recall that statement at all. Have you seen that noted in the minutes of that meeting?

Reply:

Yes, I have.

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

How many of permanent school exclusions in the borough are of children who have SEND?

Reply:

Two.

Supplementary Question:

Is he aware of the exclusions that have taken place because of children who have SEND being placed inappropriately in provision that does not suit their needs? They actually need provision for a higher need but there has been no place because of lack of provision.

Reply:

No, I am not aware of any specific cases - if there are any specific cases, as we talked about at the Education PDS Committee last week do let us know as we will follow it up. It is the commitment of this borough that we will ensure that there is adequate provision for these children.

10. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

The Council has boasted that its withdrawal from national pay negotiations has led to better pay awards to staff. Can the Portfolio Holder explain why there are still a number of staff who are paid below or near to the London Living Wage and what efforts have there been to raise them above this?

Reply:

We moved to local pay and conditions in 2012. 98% of our workforce signed the amended contracts. In the past seven years we have twice matched the national award and we have in four years bettered it. We still believe that it is right and proper for democratically elected councillors to manage the local pay award process rather than the outdated regional and national negotiating frameworks.

We are able to flex our pay and reward arrangements to reflect our local issues and circumstances. We recognise and reward exceptional performances by individuals and teams. Every year these awards have been paid on time in April, unlike the national award which has dragged on until the autumn. Every year the Council also provides £200k to fund the merited reward voucher scheme and since it was

implemented in 2014 more than 1,000 awards totalling £1m have been awarded for excellence.

The local pay arrangements have also helped us to build a better relationship with staff and their departmental representatives. As a result of their excellent work and ideas including plastic recycling, staff wellbeing initiatives, mental health awareness campaigns, just to mention a few examples, we have released a further £200k to address a few “hygiene factors” as requested by departmental representatives. We will continue to fully reward excellence and harness the considerable talents of our staff.

Supplementary Question:

What efforts have you made with the Trades Unions to assist those staff who are paid less than the London Living Wage?

Reply:

Trade Union representatives have met through the Local Joint Consultative Committee. Some 20% of our workforce have decided that they would like to become a member of a trade union, some 80% have decided that they would rather not. You may well know that it was the Labour Group that wrote to every single member of staff encouraging them, seven years ago, not to enter into local pay and conditions. 98% of the staff decided to trust us, because you said we would give them awards that were less than the national agreement. We have not once done so. You said we would erode their conditions - we have not once done so. Then when we said we wished to distribute merit pay of £200k per year you voted against it. We believe that our workforce is worth the extra money; we will put our extra money into our workforce and that is how we will run this Council.

Additional supplementary question from Councillor Angela Wilkins:

Can I ask the Portfolio Holder how confident he can be about that 20% trade union membership figure, given that a number of members pay on direct debit? In fact, the Council is not aware, and there is no longer the opt-in/opt-out that there was.

Reply:

Entirely.

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

As part of the Mayor of London’s car free day on 22nd September, many London boroughs will be allowing residents to request road closures for ‘play streets’ schemes, to allow children to play outside safely on their streets. Will the Council be allowing Bromley residents to do so?

Reply:

The Council continues to focus its effort and funding on work and projects to facilitate residents and visitors to make a permanent shift to more active choices in their mode of travel.

The Council considers that this is a more efficient use of its funds than a one off, more virtue signalling, event or set of events. If any Friends or resident groupings do wish to apply for a road closure we continue to accept applications in the usual way.

Supplementary Question:

The Council's current road closure scheme costs more than £500 per time. I hope that you can agree that for local residents wanting to run play streets on a regular basis that is incredibly expensive. If local residents and local residents groups show support for play streets would the Portfolio Holder consider a reduced or no-cost scheme to allow on-going play-streets to be run on some roads across the borough?

Reply:

We continue to believe that the approach we have is the most appropriate method. If there are ways to effectively streamline applications for road closures such that the fees, which I do not recognise, for individual roads, as opposed to a high street, we can explore those, but we are focussing on a permanent change and on schemes that are going to affect the most residents rather than a one-off individual road.

Additional supplementary question from Councillor Simon Fawthrop:

Residents are happy to pay for the closure of roads during the Petts Woodstock event.

12. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Please provide the number of lockers operational and the percentage of the total this represents in the male and female dry side changing rooms in the Beckenham Spa.

Reply:

There are 730 lockers in total at Beckenham Spa of which there are 106 in the female dry side and 128 in the male dry side, that gives a total of 234 dry side lockers. Presently, there are 9 lockers out of service, which is less than 4% of the overall total.

13. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Given that Parliament will be asked to give debtors a 60-day lifeline of protection against enforcement action early in 2021, will LBB offer this lifeline, which could save lives, to our residents before 2021?

Reply:

The 60 day period referred to is part of the government's 'breathing space' proposal which is designed to allow an individual in problem debt sufficient time to seek debt advice and enter into an appropriate solution. Although the government has stated that they would like to introduce this policy as early as 2021 the detail of the policy is

still to be finalised. As such it would not be advisable to implement this in advance of the policy being agreed and fully understood.

I know that you are genuinely concerned about this. Councillor Dunn and I met with officers to discuss this sometime previously. You are absolutely right, it is something that we need to keep closely on the radar. In the meantime, the Council has already utilised a number of initiatives that are designed to help those debtors who may be struggling to meet their debt commitments and we have circulated separately the examples of those - they are quite comprehensive. Clearly, if there is anything that you think we should be doing in addition to that please let me know. In advance of anything the government is doing, we are doing quite a considerable amount as you can see from the papers circulated.

Supplementary Question:

People come to us when they are in crisis and those that come to us can get some help, because I find the officers very helpful and sympathetic, and do plans and accept small payments to pay off large debts which people with mental health or other troubles seem to ignore until the debt becomes too big. My concern is those people who do not have a Councillor to come to do not know that is an avenue. I know that we are one of the Councils that do bring the bailiffs in early - could we just not lengthen the time before we bring in bailiffs that just adds to the debt of these vulnerable people, and offer them some financial support?

Reply:

Somebody in personal debt is a complete tragedy, and it is very rarely one thing. By the time they finally present very often there is a whole range of debts that they have got into and it is much harder to get out if they do not flag it earlier. What we are forever trying to do is to get people to flag up earlier if they have issues because things can be done and help can be given. Specifically with the bailiffs, that is last resort and it is quite horrendous to have to send in the bailiffs to some of the individuals that we are dealing with. Our collection rate at 98% is about average - good, but not outstandingly good. You are quite right, it is something we do look at periodically and I will undertake to do a fresh review of how we are operating the bailiff system to see if there is anything we can do to improve that.

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London Councils' Leaders' Committee

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Item 4

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Summary

This report summarises the background to the system for receiving and caring for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children in London and the developments in national arrangements. It sets out the significant pressures – in both service and financial terms – that London is now facing. The report seeks guidance on the possible steps to take to ensure the London arrangements can be sustainable in the short term, summarises steps being taken to develop medium term operational solutions to the current challenges and plans for lobbying to recognise the need for adequate funding and a functioning national transfer scheme for UASC.

Recommendations

The Leaders' Committee is invited to –

- Agree that London Councils take steps to seek urgent additional financial support for London boroughs to ensure that the London rota remains functional during the forthcoming summer pressures.
- In partnership with the professional leadership, including Chief Executives and Directors of Children's Services, support lobbying by London Councils to seek cross-departmental focus, involving MHCLG, the Home Office and Department for Education, to:
 - Press for full funding of costs incurred in the support of UASC and former UASC Care Leavers.
 - Identify reform to the National Transfer Scheme in order to put it on a functional and sustainable footing.

- Comment on the potential for a legal claim in respect of the national arrangements, and any role for London Councils to support, co-ordinate and/or fund raise in respect of such a claim.
- Agree that sustained lobbying, including a significant media campaign, be undertaken by London Councils to:
 - Highlight the crisis facing London boroughs and the UASC and former UASC Care leavers boroughs support.
 - Make the case to Government to fully fund the cost to councils associated with caring for UASC and former UASC Care Leavers in as an essential step in order to reach agreement on any future arrangement for the more equitable distribution of UASC.

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

Background

1. UASC arrive in the UK through a range of methods, including:
 - Spontaneous arrivals – most UASC arrive in the UK by their own means and are encountered at their port of entry, at the Asylum Intake Unit in Croydon, or are otherwise encountered by police/social services. The local authority in which the child first presents is normally responsible for their care. This group of children represents the substantial majority of UASC arriving in the UK.
 - Dubs amendment – resettlement of UASC already in European refugee camps in France, Greece or Italy. Transfer to the UK must be determined to be in the best interest of the child.
 - Dublin III regulation – children/close family/dependents reuniting to have their asylum claim dealt with together. While the local authority is responsible for undertaking family assessments to ensure the placement is suitable, the local borough has no further duty of care – unless the family relationship breaks down before the child turns 18 years old.
2. Children who arrive as UASC become the legal responsibility of the local authority they present at under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 as a Child in Need in their area. The Local Authority will then be responsible for accommodating the child under Section 20 of the Children Act. This confers all of the responsibilities that Local Authorities and partner agencies have as corporate parents to all children in care. For most children this will also mean the ongoing responsibilities to them as Care Leavers.
3. The numbers of children presenting in the United Kingdom depend on a wide range of factors that are not within the control of local authorities, including wider geopolitical factors.

UASC – The Current System

4. For a number of years, boroughs have been running a Pan London rota for dealing with UASC in London. This is a collective agreement across London boroughs in recognition of the unique pressures that face the London Borough of Croydon, which hosts the Home Office Screening Unit for asylum registration.

Although the historic and current pressures on Croydon are significant, other London boroughs also act as ports of entry and, therefore, care for very significant number of UASC and UASC Care Leavers. Those other boroughs include Hillingdon, Westminster and Camden.

5. Key aspects of the London rota include –
 - The rota operates for children aged 16 and 17. Children presenting as younger than 16 have remained the responsibility of Croydon.
 - The rota is jointly operated through Croydon and the London Asylum Seeking Consortium. The Consortium is jointly funded through the Home Office and contributions from London Authorities.
 - Children aged 16 and 17 are allocated to participating Local Authorities on a simple rota basis.
6. Through the rota, between April 2018 and April 2019, 486 children were transferred. However, as boroughs have increasingly reached their 0.07% threshold and come off the rota, there have been periods when there has been no capacity at all.
7. Children aged 16 and 17 are allocated to participating Local Authorities on a simple rota basis. Since the implementation of the National Transfer Scheme (see below) only those authorities with a UASC population less than 0.07% of their overall child population have been on the rota. This rate changes (mainly due to children reaching the age of 18) and the system has consequently become more complex.

The National Transfer Scheme

8. In more recent years, the Home Office has introduced a National Transfer Scheme (NTS). The introduction of the NTS was intended to ensure that the responsibility for accommodating UASC was shared nationally as part of new system. This was a positive step forward and, in the initial period of operation helped to disperse several hundred UASC across the country.
9. There are, however, currently significant problems with the NTS. Just four children are known to have been transferred from London under the NTS in Q4 2018, according to Home Office figures. This was down from 25 in Q3 2018. No

referrals are currently being distributed for inter-regional transfers through the Home Office.

10. The failure of the NTS to fulfil its purpose has meant that the number of UASC cared for by London boroughs has steadily increased, with nearly all authorities now over the 0.07% threshold. The only capacity being created is as a consequence of children reaching the age of 18 years and ceasing to be a looked after UASC by becoming a former UASC Care Leaver.
11. The delay in dispersing UASC through the NTS is exacerbated by the significant delay in assessments which are provided by the Home Office following the arrival of UASC in Local Authorities other than Croydon.
12. The issues destabilising the National Transfer Scheme are, in some cases, complex. However, a very significant issue is the lack of adequate funding provided to meet the costs to local authorities in other parts of the country. Concerns about the financial settlement have reduced the numbers of authorities willing to participate. Although the findings of the Home Office's Financial Review have now been published and do give an uplift for 16 and 17 year old UASC - this still does not represent full cost recovery and made no change to the funding arrangements for former UASC Care Leavers.
13. Other reasons for the failure of the NTS include:
 - In many regions, some authorities have made 'in principle' pledges for a particular number of placements but not at any specified time, so each placement has to be negotiated. This causes delay.
 - Delays in identifying placements have led to young people and their representatives objecting to moves as the young person has become settled.
 - Such delays have led to some difficult experiences for receiving authorities, further impacting on their motivation to participate.
 - The fact that regions must be over 0.07% before inter-regional transfers can take place restricts this process to London, which potentially reduces the national commitment.
 - There have been concerns about the ability of some authorities with less experience of caring for unaccompanied children to meet their needs.
 - The inclusion and prioritisation of children transferring into the United Kingdom through Section 67 (i.e. the 'Dubs amendment') of the Immigration Act 2016 and the VCRS.

- Some regions have raised the context of varying rates of adult asylum seekers – where numbers may well be higher than London - and the need to take this into account as part of any overall picture.

14. The current breakdown of UASC cases in London – along with the proportion of total child population that this represents – is shown at Appendix 1.

15. There are around 140 children currently awaiting transfers from entry local authorities. As of February 2019, all but 3 London local authorities reported that they were caring for more UASCs than 0.07% of their total child population.

Financial Gap Analysis

16. Currently, boroughs make a substantial collective contribution:

- London boroughs spent £53.7 million in support of an estimated 2,881 households with NRPF (No Recourse to Public Funds) in 2016/17. It is estimated that they supported around 3000 children from NRPF households.
- London Councils' research found that there were 1,502 UASC Looked After Children (LAC) across 26 London boroughs in 2018-19 (this is the total year-end UASC population). It is estimated that there were approximately 1,827 UASC LAC across all 33 London boroughs in 2018-19, representing at least one third or more of all UASC in England (comparable data is not available for councils outside of London).
- Across the 26 boroughs, the total number of UASC has increased by 17% from 2016-17 to 2018-19 (from 1,280 to 1,502).
- Total spend on UASC was £55.9 million in 2018-19 (based on 26 boroughs). Estimated total spend across all 33 boroughs is approximately £68.1m.
- There were 2,405 former UASC Care Leavers across 26 London boroughs in 2018-19 (start of year population). It is estimated that there were approximately 2,917 former UASC Care Leavers across all 33 London boroughs in 2018-19. Spend on former UASC Care Leavers was £24.5 million in 2018-19, an increase of 39% since 2016-17 (based on 26 boroughs).

17. The Home Office grant income that boroughs receive to care for UASC Looked After Children (including former UASC care leavers) does not cover the total costs. Imputing figures for the seven boroughs which did not complete the survey (based on their start of year UASC numbers) provides a total estimated funding gap across London for UASC of £14.1 million, and of £17.8 million for former

UASC care leavers. The total estimated funding gap in 2018-19 was therefore £31.9 million.

Summary of Lobbying Activity

18. At the meeting of Leaders' Committee on 19 March, members reaffirmed London Councils' position in respect of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children. This position states that –

- Future financial support from Government must fully fund the costs of caring for all UASC.
- That there must be a single, consistent national response to this issue which is equitable, proportionate and ensures no council remains above its 0.07% threshold of their total child population - the threshold above which central government considers the pressure upon local authorities to be unreasonable.
- That the Home Office should engage with London boroughs to reform the current processing arrangements in the Capital in order to ensure the more efficient assessment and transfer of UASC.

19. Since the Leaders' Committee in March, the Chair of London Councils and the Executive Member for Children's Services have approached the LGA to seek a joint meeting with Home Office ministers. On 18 June, London Councils' Executive met with Nick Hurd MP in his capacity as London Minister.

20. London Councils' Spending Review (SR) publication 'London's Local Services: Investing in the Future' included an emphasis on the financial pressures associated with caring for UASC. This was circulated to all London MPs, as well as being sent to Government Ministers.

21. London Councils' recently published Pledges also includes a focus on UASC issues, specifically stating that London Councils will "*Press for government recognition of the unique cost demands on Britain's cities which in London include 34% of all unaccompanied asylum seeking children, two thirds of all people in temporary accommodation and £54 million on those with no recourse to public funds*".

22. Work is going on to seek additional support to highlight the issue with ministers. Media work is also being undertaken in order to escalate this issue.

23. ALDCS has also lobbied Government officials, in writing and in meetings. That lobbying has been focused on:

- Insufficient funding to cover local authority costs and ongoing delays in announcing the result of the UASC funding review. This not only increases the cost of looking after UASCs in London, it undermines the participation of receiving local authorities.
- Substantial delays in the provision of screening interviews, which are required before local authorities can refer young people onto the NTS. It is not uncommon for it to take three weeks, meaning that children become settled in London, substantially reducing the chances of a successful transfer.
- The inclusion of Dubs and Vulnerable Children Resettlement Scheme cases in the NTS, as well as the prioritisation of these cases by the Home Office over UASC from local authorities over the 0.07% threshold.

Medium Term Approaches

24. It is recognised that reliance upon the current model of the NTS will not currently realise London's objectives.

25. The Association of London Directors of Children's Services is working with colleagues through the national Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) to develop an alternative model, in particular working with colleagues in other regions where effective rota arrangements are also in place, to develop an alternative model based upon these successful examples.

26. This emerging model has been discussed by ADCS at its Council of Reference on 5th June, attended by Directors of Children's Services from across England. The Council of Reference responded to the proposals positively as a fairer and more practical approach. It has asked for additional factors to be considered, which officers will continue to work on. However, there was a recognition that operational improvements to the dispersal arrangements will remain subject to political agreement from across local government, especially in the absence of a full cost recovery model funding model.

27. In parallel, the UASC Governance Board, which is jointly chaired by the Home Office and the Department for Education, agreed to establish a Working Party in March 2019 to look at new arrangements for the NTS. This was an

acknowledgement that the current Scheme is not functioning as intended, particularly in terms of inter-Regional transfers.

28. The proposals in development by Directors of Children's Services were discussed at the UASC Governance Board on 12th June. The Board broadly welcomed the work and agreed that the Working Party should now focus on further developing the suggestions, including giving additional capacity in the form of access to data and data analysis in order to develop the new scheme in more detail.
29. In the event that alternative proposals for the NTS do not gain the wider agreement that is required to enable the numbers of children to move required to alleviate demand on entry authorities, London boroughs will need to consider other steps to ensuring there is an equitable arrangement for the dispersal of UASC.

Matters for Consideration

30. The number of UASC arriving in London has increased steadily over the past few years. London's share of UASC remains stubbornly fixed at around 1 in 3. The declining functionality of the NTS is placing over greater service and financial pressure on London local government. The financial shortfall for caring for UASC and UASC Care Leavers is substantial, in the region of £32 million per year
31. London Councils has taken, and will continue to take, steps to lobby Government to seek a more sustainable funding arrangement, which it is believed would make a significant contribution to putting national dispersal arrangements back on a functional footing. Joint work with LGA will also be pursued.
32. Discussions are also continuing within London and with the Home Office and Department for Education about potential medium-term approaches to resolving the challenges faced in the operation of the NTS.
33. However, in the meantime, there remain significant short-term challenges in London, notably the very sharp pressures being faced by part of entry councils. While not the only short term consideration, an injection of funding might assist in maintaining London rota arrangements in the short-term while discussions continue with national partners to reach a conclusion on solutions to resolving the medium and long term challenges. In parallel, London Councils is taking steps to raise the profile of the difficulties faced by London boroughs and UASC as a result of the deficiencies in the national system, including through the media.

Recommendations:-

The Leaders' Committee is invited to –

- Agree that London Councils take steps to seek urgent additional financial support for London boroughs to ensure that the London rota remains functional during the forthcoming summer pressures.
- In partnership with the professional leadership, including Chief Executives and Directors of Children's Services, support lobbying by London Councils to seek cross-departmental focus, involving MHCLG, the Home Office and Department for Education, to:
 - Press for full funding of costs incurred in the support of UASC and former UASC Care Leavers.
 - Identify reform to the National Transfer Scheme in order to put it on a functional and sustainable footing.
- Comment on the potential for a legal claim in respect of the national arrangements, and any role for London Councils to support, co-ordinate and/or fund raise in respect of such a claim.
- Agree that sustained lobbying, including a significant media campaign, be undertaken by London Councils to:
 - Highlight the crisis facing London boroughs and the UASC and former UASC Care leavers boroughs support.
 - Make the case to Government to fully fund the cost to councils associated with caring for UASC and former UASC Care Leavers in as an essential step in order to reach agreement on any future arrangement for the more equitable distribution of UASC.

Financial Implications for London Councils

There are no financial implications for London Councils resulting from this report.

Legal Implications for London Councils

There are no legal implications for London Councils resulting from this report.

Equalities implications for London Councils

There are no equalities implications for London Councils.

UASC Data at 31st May 2019

Authority	0.07% threshold*	The number of UASC children based on June 2019 returns to LASC	0.07% Threshold +/-
Barnet	64	66	+2
Barking and Dagenham	44	44	At Threshold
Bexley	40	35	-5
Brent	54	55	+1
Bromley	52	47	-5
Camden	34	64	+30
City of London	1	22	+21
Croydon	66	276	+210
Ealing	57	57	At Threshold
Enfield	59	74	+15
Greenwich	48	45	-3
Hackney	44	44	At Threshold
Hammersmith and Fulham	25	36	+11
Haringey	42	54	+12
Harrow	40	38	-2
Havering	40	43	+3
Hillingdon	51	98	+47
Hounslow	45	50	+5
Islington	29	38	+9
Kensington & Chelsea	20	31	+11
Kingston Upon Thames	27	23	-4
Lambeth	44	43	-1
Lewisham	48	47	-1

Merton	33	29	-4
Newham	60	49	-11
Redbridge	53	55	+2
Richmond Upon Thames	32	34	+2
Sutton	33	29	-4
Southwark	45	50	+5
Tower Hamlets	48	46	-2
Waltham Forest	47	45	-2
Wandsworth	44	43	-1
Westminster	32	177	+145

*0.07% Figures from Home Office April 2019

NB: The Home Office does not regularly publish the number of UASC per borough, so official statistics are out of date. In the absence of an official statistical release, new arrivals and age changes among the existing UASC cohort, any data circulated in respect of UASC numbers per borough are, therefore, inevitably prone to becoming out of date.

COUNCIL MEETING

15th July 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Cllr Marina Ahmad to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

When will residents be able to buy compost made from domestic waste in Bromley through schemes such as those in neighbouring boroughs?

Reply:

Residents can already buy soil improver from Waldo and Churchfields Refuse and Recycling Centre. In fact, hundreds of residents have already done so this year. In the interest of accuracy, please note that the soil improver sold whilst made from household garden waste cannot be attributed to a specific borough.

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

Please provide the number of Fix my Street records raised by ward and reason for 2017/18 and 18/19.

Reply:

This is not suitable to be supplied as a written answer as it extends to too many pages. The data can be emailed to any member who would like a copy.

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

Please provide the number of parking tickets purchased in every car park in 2017/18 and 2018/19, broken down by car park and length of time purchased.

Reply:

See the table which shows both the average length of stay and the number of tickets purchased with this figure including motorists who purchased a virtual ticket using the cashless system with around a 3rd of all tickets being purchased this way. Further information is available if required. ([Appendix 1](#))

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

Please provide the following information in relation to planning applications called in for decision at committee for the last six months:

- Application reference number,
- Officer's recommendation,
- Committee decision,
- Name of councillor activating call-in.

Reply:

Please refer to attached document ([Appendix 2.](#))

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

Can the Portfolio Holder provide current customer satisfaction data for environmental services and explain the process for the surveys which gathered this information?

Reply:

This data is provided to the meetings of the Environment Services PDS as a matter of course. Customers are defined as residents and visitors to the borough. Data is available for years prior to 2019 for street cleaning, and will be expanded to cover more Environmental Services this year.

The 2018 results are:

- 72% of respondents are satisfied with the cleanliness of their streets;
- 74% describe their streets as clean;
- 79% describe their local area as clean;
- 88% are satisfied with the cleanliness of their town centres;
- 88% describe their town centres as clean.

An annual independent street cleanliness satisfaction survey is a requirement of the Council's Street Environment Contract and is the primary instrument to assess overall resident satisfaction of the services provided. The survey is undertaken in two primary methods: surveys sent to a randomised sample of homes within the borough, and through face-to-face surveys undertaken in Town Centre.

6. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

A recent internal audit identified major inadequacies in how the Council is managing its contract with Mission Care for the provision of nursing care beds. Please comment on this highly critical audit report and outline the actions you have taken in response to it.

Reply:

I am surprised by the question for two reasons. Firstly as will become apparent when it is published the Nursing Care Internal Audit Report was given a substantial assurance rating. This is the most positive of the ratings we give and therefore it was not a report which was critical of management's handling of the contractual difficulties with Mission Care.

Secondly however, I am unable to verify whether this subject matter has ever been referenced in a Part 1 document.

If Cllr Wilkins would be good enough to source where she has obtained her information from, I shall of course be delighted to respond in full, but for reasons which are clear in the report, we are looking at an item which was considered in Part 2 and I would be acting beyond my powers to disclose confidential or exempt information in public.

Appendix 1
(question 3)

Location	17-18		18-19	
	Avg Stay hh:mm	Quantity	Avg Stay hh:mm	Quantity
Beckenham Spa	01:21	168,474	01:17	168,795
Chelsfield Car Park, Chelsfield	24:00	9,515	24:00	11,962
Coney Hall Car Park, West Wickham	03:35	8,938	03:16	6,379
Dunbar Avenue Car Park, Beckenham	04:02	10,573	04:12	8,120
Fairfield Road Car Park, Beckenham	02:50	151,785	02:43	148,495
Bromley College, Orpington	02:08	11,215	02:08	10,230
High Street Car Park, West Wickham	02:03	118,327	02:01	99,632
High Street Car Park, Chislehurst, Chislehurst	03:52	98,483	03:41	89,292
Hornbrook House Car Park, Chislehurst	06:09	45,643	05:56	44,225
Lebanon Gardens Car Park, Biggin Hill	01:54	17,469	01:39	13,084
Lennard Road Car Park, Beckenham	10:28	17,827	10:23	18,078
Memorial Hall Car Park, Pettswood	09:08	16,635	08:57	17,339
Mitre Close Car Park, Bromley	01:51	41,263	01:51	43,545
Palace Grove	02:13	5,244	02:11	5,778
Penge East Car Park, Penge	09:53	10,624	10:03	10,053
Queensway Car Park, Pettswood	05:47	27,937	05:15	41,868
Ravenswood Avenue Car Park, West Wickham	01:41	198,439	01:37	147,974
Red Hill Car Park, Chislehurst	01:09	55,128	01:08	51,371
St Blaise Avenue Car Park	02:49	1,094	02:40	932
St Georges Road Car Park, Beckenham	05:14	82,290	04:52	76,715
Station Approach Car Park, Hayes, Hayes	05:15	96,178	04:42	90,594
Station Road Car Park Bromley, Bromley	22:37	16,858	22:29	18,310
Station Road Car Park, West Wickham	02:13	77,132	02:02	79,129
Village Way Multi-Storey Car Park, Beckenham	02:28	201,180	02:19	178,489
West Wickham Pools Car Park, West Wickham	01:14	69,706	01:12	64,966

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18/04267/FULL1	Bickley Park School 24 Page Heath Lane Bickley Bromley BR1 2DS	Demolition of the existing 2 storey theatre building, single storey classrooms and stores and erection of 2 storey performing arts centre together with removal of trees and replacement fencing and temporary classroom building	Bickley	20.03.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/04541/FULL1	Mulberries Mavelstone Road Bromley BR1 2PD	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a two storey detached 4 bedroom dwelling and new vehicle access onto Mavelstone Road.	Bickley	31.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/05127/FULL6	24A Claremont Road Bickley Bromley BR1 2JL	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension.	Bickley	06.02.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	Appeal Allowed
18/05565/OUT	Phoenix Lodge 14A Woodlands Road Bickley Bromley BR1 2AP	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a three storey building comprising 2 one bedroom and 11 two bedroom flats with associated parking, amenity space, refuse/cycle store and landscaping OUTLINE APPLICATION	Bickley	28.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	
19/00445/FULL6	Roseview Hill Brow Bromley BR1 2PG	Extensions and alterations to the dwelling including a garage extension to the front	Bickley	20.05.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	

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19/00444/FULL6	Roseview Hill Brow Bromley BR1 2PG	Part single/two storey front extension incorporating garage extension and new basement, first floor part rear extension and first floor side extensions with hip to gable roof conversion including alterations to rooflights creating one additional rooflight, internal and elevational alterations.	Bickley	21.05.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00483/FULL6	47 Southborough Road Bickley Bromley BR1 2EL	Single storey rear extension, infill extension to link garage to main dwelling and enlargement/alterations to roof to create first floor accommodation, and relocation of vehicle crossover with associated hardstanding, landscaping, refuse storage and front boundary wall	Bickley	21.06.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
19/01281/FULL1	Mulberries Mavelstone Road Bromley BR1 2PD	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a two storey detached 4 bedroom dwelling and new vehicle access onto Mavelstone Road.	Bickley	28.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	
18/03996/FULL1	Land Outside 15 Stock Hill Biggin Hill	Construction of a 2/3 storey block of 6 flats (4 x 2-bed and 2 x 1-bed) plus a detached two storey house together with the provision of a vehicular access for 7 off-street parking spaces and bicycle, refuse/recycling stores	Biggin Hill	15.03.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		

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18/05154/FULL1	Land Adjacent 2 The Grove Biggin Hill	Construction of new two storey 3 bedroom detached dwelling with off street parking, raised terrace and alterations to the site levels and layout on land adjacent to 2 the Grove Biggin Hill	Biggin Hill	24.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/05461/FULL1	Site Of Former 41 Sunningvale Avenue Sunningvale Close Biggin Hill	Erection of 4 x part two/three storey semi-detached houses in two blocks with ancillary car parking and bin stores (revision to planning permission reference 17/02081/FULL1 granted for the erection of a total of 8 houses (comprising of 6 x semi-detached and 2 x detached dwellings) with associated access road, ancillary parking and bin stores to northern end of Sunningvale Close to enable change of approved units 1-2 to provide 4 x part two/three storey semi-detached houses in lieu of 2 x two/three storey detached houses)	Biggin Hill	02.04.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	Appeal In Progress
18/05679/FULL1	9 Jail Lane Biggin Hill TN16 3SA	Demolition of No. 9 Jail Lane and redevelopment of land to provide 8 dwellings comprising two semi-detached and six terraced houses with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping.	Biggin Hill	15.03.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress
18/00871/FULL1	Keston Parish Church Church Road Keston	The enlargement of the existing car park for Keston Parish Church and Church Hall.	Bromley Common And Keston	20.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	

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18/04265/FULL1	Potters Farm Turpington Lane Bromley BR2 8JN	Demolition of existing buildings and removal of existing yard area. Erection of 3 detached bungalows with car parking, landscaping and tree planting and provision of boundary fencing/railings.	Bromley Common And Keston	18.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/05112/FULL1	Land Rear Of 15 - 21 Commonsides Keston	Erection of a detached two storey five bedroom dwellinghouse, vehicular access, refuse store, means of enclosure and associated landscaping on land at the rear of 15-21 Commonsides.	Bromley Common And Keston	21.02.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	Appeal In Progress
18/03201/LBC	The Royal Bell 175 High Street Bromley BR1 1NN	Demolition of the former stable block and external steps (173 - 177 High Street), conversion and refurbishment of the former public house including an extension of a 9 storey building plus a basement to provide a 50-bed hotel with a gym, swimming pool and a retail unit (Class A1). Installation of 2 new shopfronts and formation of a new entrance with an associated access to the rear from Walters Yard (LISTED BUILDING CONSENT).	Bromley Town	01.03.2019	LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/03239/FULL1	18 Bromley Common Bromley BR2 9PD	Demolition of existing vacant day centre and erection of 2/3 storey building to create 15 self contained units, comprising of 1 and 2 beds.	Bromley Town	28.02.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		

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18/05020/FULL3	20 Market Square Bromley BR1 1NA	Change of use of the premises from vacant Use Class A1 (retail) to a Use Class A3 (restaurant) and the installation of external plant	Bromley Town	14.01.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
18/05111/FULL1	18 London Road Bromley BR1 3QR	Change of use from Use Class A1 (retail) to Use Class A4 (craft micro ale house).	Bromley Town	14.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
18/05157/FULL1	21 Cromwell Avenue Bromley BR2 9AG	Erection of detached three bedroom dwelling house, to include basement, ground and first floor. Creation of associated residential curtilage, vehicular access and car and cycle parking and refuse facility. Alterations to host dwelling including reduced balcony and repositioning of patio doors. Excavation to existing and proposed rear garden (adjacent public footpath at rear of the site) to create single level amenity area	Bromley Town	20.03.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/05287/FULL1	Land Rear Of 48 Farnaby Road Madeira Avenue Bromley	Erection of a detached two bedroom dwelling facing Madeira Avenue on land formerly the rear garden of 48 Farnaby Road	Bromley Town	08.02.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		

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19/00456/TELCOM	Land At Junction With Hayes Lane Vincent Close Bromley	Installation of 15m high telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabinets at ground floor level. (56 DAY CONSULTATION BY CTIL, TELEFONICA UK LTD AND VODAFONE LTD REGARDING THE NEED FOR APPROVAL OF SITING AND APPEARANCE).	Bromley Town	28.03.2019	PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED	DELEGATED		
19/01504/FULL1	5 St Mark's Square Bromley BR2 9UY	Change of use from A3 to flexible A3/A4 use as per the uses contained within the Town and Country Use Classes Order (as amended).	Bromley Town	30.05.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
19/01788/DEMCON	87 Beckenham Lane Bromley BR2 0DN	Demolition of the existing two storey building and single storey side element under Class B of Part 11 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) - Application for prior notification of proposed demolition	Bromley Town	13.06.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/01770/FULL1	Norsted Manor Farm Norsted Lane Orpington BR6 7PB	Erection of detached barn for farm use and storage of caravans, motor homes and trailers	Chelsfield And Pratts Bottom	22.02.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress

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18/02106/FULL1	21 Windsor Drive Orpington BR6 6EY	Change of use from A1 (retail) to A3 (restaurant) incorporating single-storey rear extension and associated ventilation equipment.	Chelsfield And Pratts Bottom	14.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
18/02244/FULL1	Norsted Manor Farm Norsted Lane Orpington BR6 7PB	Continued use of barn 4 as motorcycle workshop on ground floor with office above	Chelsfield And Pratts Bottom	13.03.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/04573/FULL1	The Chelsfield 1 Windsor Drive Orpington BR6 6EY	Demolition of existing building and redevelopment of the site to create a replacement public house and landlord accommodation; A1 convenience store; 10x residential apartments; reconfiguration of the car park and bin/cycle storage.	Chelsfield And Pratts Bottom	21.02.2019	RESOLVED TO CONTEST APPEAL	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	Appeal Dismissed
18/05029/FULL1	5 Gleeson Drive Orpington BR6 9LJ	Demolition of existing garage and construction of a two storey, three bedroom dwelling to the rear of No.5 Gleeson Drive.	Chelsfield And Pratts Bottom	24.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress
18/02987/FULL6	Wengen Elmstead Lane Chislehurst BR7 5EQ	Increased height of single storey rear extension, new front porch and elevational alterations PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION	Chislehurst	07.01.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	Appeal Allowed

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18/04122/ADV	Queen Mary House Manor Park Road Chislehurst BR7 5PY	Nine non-illuminated railing mounted signs, four non-illuminated post mounted directional signs and four non-illuminated hanging signs with posts.	Chislehurst	24.01.2019	ADVERT CONSENT	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/04397/FULL1	14 Wimborne Avenue Chislehurst BR7 6RQ	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 no. two storey houses with basement garage (plot 2) and attached garage, hard and soft landscaping and formation of access onto Berens Way.	Chislehurst	11.02.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress
18/04550/FULL1	1 Marlowe Close Chislehurst BR7 6ND	Part demolition of existing garage and erection of detached two storey 2 bedroom dwelling on land to the rear of 1 Marlowe Close	Chislehurst	08.02.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress
18/05166/FULL6	241 Leeson's Hill Chislehurst BR7 6QJ	Demolition of existing garage and shed, construction of part one/two storey rear and side extensions, extension to raised patio, loft conversion to include addition of rooflights and elevational alterations.	Chislehurst	22.03.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
18/05285/FULL1	Haddon Beechcroft Chislehurst BR7 5DB	Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of two detached four bed roomed dwellings with accommodation in the roof space as a (Revisions to ref: 16/03482/FULL1 which was approved on 12.10.2016 to provide additional accommodation within the loft space).	Chislehurst	25.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	

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18/05484/LBC	The Cedars 82 Camden Park Road Chislehurst BR7 5HF	Demolition of coal bunker and construction of basement to rear with swimming pool LISTED BUILDING CONSENT	Chislehurst	18.04.2019	LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED	DELEGATED		
18/05477/FULL6	The Cedars 82 Camden Park Road Chislehurst BR7 5HF	Construction of basement to rear with swimming pool	Chislehurst	18.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
19/00124/FULL6	1 Denbigh Close Chislehurst BR7 5EB	First floor side extension to create additional bedroom with ensuite	Chislehurst	25.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00152/FULL6	156 Woodside Avenue Chislehurst BR7 6BS	First floor rear extension	Chislehurst	20.03.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Lodged
19/00327/FULL1	4 Elmlee Close Chislehurst BR7 5DU	Erection of detached two storey three bedroom dwelling.	Chislehurst	04.04.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		

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19/00705/FULL1	1 Riverwood Lane Chislehurst BR7 5QN	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of detached two storey 4 bedroom dwelling with integral garage, rear balcony and terracing.	Chislehurst	13.06.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00890/FULL6	Bywood Manor Park Chislehurst BR7 5QD	Demolition of existing detached garage and chimney stack and erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions, and elevational alterations	Chislehurst	13.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	
19/00966/FULL5	Coopers School Hawkwood Lane Chislehurst BR7 5PS	Removal of existing 6 no. antennas behind existing GRP cladding, installation of 3.5m high GRP cladding above existing GRP to accommodate 12 no. proposed antennas, 3 no. proposed dishes of 600mm and 3 no. equipment cabinets, and associated ancillary works	Chislehurst	13.06.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
19/01201/FULL6	11 Grove Vale Chislehurst BR7 5DS	Demolition of existing garage, part single/two storey side/rear extensions with rear Juliet balcony and side roof lantern.	Chislehurst	07.05.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
19/01582/FULL6	2 Denbigh Close Chislehurst BR7 5EB	Conversion of garage into a habitable space, and replacing window and door (RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION)	Chislehurst	02.07.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		

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18/04828/FULL1	13 Blakeney Avenue Beckenham BR3 1HH	Conversion of single family dwelling into 2 x 1 bedroom and 1 x 2 bedroom flats.	Clock House	24.01.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED			
18/03042/FULL1	Crusader Hall High Street Beckenham	Demolition of existing private clubhouse (Class D2) and redevelopment of site to provide a three storey apartment block comprising of 2 x1 bedroom apartments and 7 x 2 bedroom apartments together with the provision of cycle, refuse/ recycling storage, amenity space and associated pedestrian access.	Copers Cope	20.03.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	Appeal In Progress
18/04548/FULL1	Car Park Adjacent To St Marys Church High Street St Mary Cray Orpington	Erection of 7 two storey terraced 2 bedroom dwellings with accommodation in roof space and integral garages	Cray Valley East	01.05.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Lodged
19/00446/TELCOM	Land Opposite 27-33 Chelsfield Road Orpington	Installation of 15m high monopole supporting 6no. antennas together with ground based equipment comprising one cabinet and ancillary development thereto. 56 DAY CONSULTATION BY CTIL AND TELEFONICA UK LTD REGARDING THE NEED FOR APPROVAL OF SITING AND APPEARANCE	Cray Valley East	29.03.2019	PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED	DELEGATED		

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19/00052/FULL1	Grape And Grain 2 Anerley Hill Anerley London SE19 2AA	Refurbishment and extension of public house including extension, roof garden and upgraded facilities comprising a two storey upper level extension over the existing pub building and a three storey extension to the western side of the building turning the street side corner adjacent to No.3 Church Road.	Crystal Palace	29.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00651/FULL1	Land Adjacent To Rochester House 2 - 10 Belvedere Road Anerley London	Demolition of existing bin store fronting Belvedere Road and removal of 6 no. car parking spaces to the courtyard with erection of 4 bedroom three storey townhouse with associated car parking and replacement bin-store.	Crystal Palace	13.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	
18/03895/FULL1	Glen Haven Berrys Hill Berrys Green Westerham TN16 3AG	Demolition of existing bungalow and partial demolition of outbuildings and the erection of a 2 storey four bedroom chalet bungalow	Darwin	06.02.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/04688/FULL6	19 Standard Road Downe Orpington BR6 7HJ	Single storey side extension incorporating light lanterns	Darwin	07.03.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Allowed
18/05263/FULL1	Land Opposite Snag Farm Snag Lane Cudham Sevenoaks	Conversion of stable block to single storey three bedroom dwelling.	Darwin	25.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Lodged

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18/05466/FULL6	2 Buckston Browne Gardens Downe Orpington BR6 7FF	Single storey rear extension	Darwin	29.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00509/FULL1	Luxted Farm Luxted Road Downe Orpington BR6 7JT	4 dormer extensions and elevational alterations to include enlarged doors, glazed roof panels and alterations to windows	Darwin	13.06.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00594/FULL6	10 Hazelwood Road Cudham Sevenoaks TN14 7QU	Part one/two storey side/rear extension, and enlargement of roof to provide first floor accommodation including front and rear dormer extensions, and elevational alterations	Darwin	29.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	
19/00641/FULL6	Kinross North End Lane Downe Orpington BR6 7HQ	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey ground floor extension to the side, elevational alterations to provide roof over extended bungalow with habitable accommodation in the roof space.	Darwin	29.04.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress
19/00782/FULL1	7 Moselle Road Biggin Hill TN16 3HS	Demolition of existing bungalow and detached garage and construction of 2 detached three bedroom bungalows with additional vehicular access, associated parking, and cycle and refuse stores	Darwin	13.06.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	

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18/04998/FULL1	2 Church Road Farnborough Orpington BR6 7DB	Conversion of part of first floor to create 1no. bedroom flat, first floor rear extension and internal changes to the existing building including refuse/ cycle storage	Farnborough And Crofton	21.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
18/05093/FULL6	19 Pondfield Road Orpington BR6 8HJ	Part one/two storey rear extension and roof extensions including front, side and rear dormers	Farnborough And Crofton	30.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Dismissed
18/05327/FULL1	125 High Street Farnborough Orpington BR6 7AZ	Conversion of first floor from retail use (Class A1) to residential use (Class C3) comprising one 1-bedroom flat with associated elevational alterations to front and rear.	Farnborough And Crofton	13.03.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
19/01701/FULL1	2 Church Road Farnborough Orpington BR6 7DB	Erection of second floor roof extension and conversion of existing first floor to provide 2 apartments and associated works including car parking, refuse and cycle storage	Farnborough And Crofton	06.06.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Lodged
18/00747/PLUD	101 Birch Tree Avenue West Wickham BR4 9EQ	Proposed outbuilding. (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed)	Hayes And Coney Hall	07.02.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	

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19/01817/FULL1	33 Upper Elmers End Road Beckenham BR3 3QY	Change of use of part of site to hand car wash ancillary to the car dealership with construction of open sided canopy.	Kelsey And Eden Park	14.06.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/02786/FULL1	Eltham College Grove Park Road Mottingham London SE9 4QF	Temporary planning permission until June 2019 for the construction and use of a temporary spectator stand accommodating up to 366 seated spectators on land at College Meadows, Eltham College, Grove Park Road, Mottingham to provide weatherproof seating for visitors and members of the existing sporting fixtures and clubs held at Eltham College	Mottingham And Chislehurst North	06.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/04985/OUT	21 Lancing Road Orpington BR6 0QS	(Land rear of No. 21 Lancing Way, Orpington). Demolition of existing double garage and workshop, subdivision of plot, erection of two/three storey block comprising six 1-bedroom flats and one 2-bedroom flat with amended access on to Gravel Pit Way. (OUTLINE APPLICATION)	Orpington	21.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress
19/00620/OUT	14 Knoll Rise Orpington BR6 0DD	Outline planning application for the demolition of four existing houses (No. 14 to No. 20 Knoll Rise), erection of three new buildings ranging from three to four-storeys comprising 41 apartments with associated access, parking and amenity space	Orpington	13.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	

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18/02863/FULL1	61 Thayers Farm Road Beckenham BR3 4LY	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of three 4 bedroom detached dwellings with roofspace accommodation, associated vehicular access and parking, landscaping, cycle and refuse storage.	Penge And Cator	25.01.2019	RESOLVED TO CONTEST APPEAL	DELEGATED		Appeal Withdrawn
18/04612/FULL1	34 Hollingworth Road Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1AQ	Demolition of existing garage and sub-division of existing plot to create one new two-bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking and garden. New dividing fence.	Petts Wood And Knoll	02.04.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/04731/FULL6	75 Lynwood Grove Orpington BR6 0BQ	Demolition of existing side garage and extension, and rear extension. Two storey front/side extension and part two storey/single storey rear extension.	Petts Wood And Knoll	13.03.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/05042/FULL6	96 Petts Wood Road Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1LE	Single storey front, two storey side and single storey rear extensions	Petts Wood And Knoll	11.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/05053/FULL6	40 Manor Way Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1NW	Hip to gable loft conversion with rear dormer and front rooflights	Petts Wood And Knoll	30.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Allowed

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18/05356/FULL6	44 The Covert Petts Wood Orpington BR6 0BU	Proposed velux type roof window to front elevation (RETROSPECTIVE)	Petts Wood And Knoll	05.02.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal Dismissed
18/05257/PLUD	80 Crescent Drive Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1BD	Erection of a single storey, detached outbuilding to use as a garage and workshop/store together with hardstanding and vehicular access LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE (PROPOSED)	Petts Wood And Knoll	22.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/05522/FULL6	77 Lynwood Grove Orpington BR6 0BQ	Single storey front/side extension, first floor side and rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer and roof lights.	Petts Wood And Knoll	13.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
18/05579/FULL6	148 Petts Wood Road Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1LF	Loft conversion incorporating Juliet balcony, roof lights and dormer to side and rear.	Petts Wood And Knoll	21.02.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
18/05592/FULL6	10 Derwent Drive Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1EW	Single storey side extensions incorporating garage conversion, enlargement of existing porch entrance, and enlargement of roofspace incorporating extension to rear roof to provide first floor accommodation with rooflights to front and side and Juliet balcony to rear.	Petts Wood And Knoll	13.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	

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19/00034/PLUD	40 Manor Way Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1NW	Single storey rear extension and detached garden building LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE (PROPOSED)	Petts Wood And Knoll	21.02.2019	PERMISSION	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00426/FULL6	61 Towncourt Crescent Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1PH	Alterations to existing loft conversion to form rear dormer and 2 front rooflights.	Petts Wood And Knoll	02.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00711/FULL6	63 Towncourt Crescent Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1PH	Hip to gable extension to match attached property. Rear dormer with front roof lights.	Petts Wood And Knoll	02.04.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	DELEGATED		
19/00953/FULL1	75 Queensway Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1DQ	Detached two storey building with accommodation in roof space comprising 2 two bedroom maisonettes, with 2 car parking spaces on land to the rear of 75 Queensway	Petts Wood And Knoll	13.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00723/PLUD	80 Crescent Drive Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1BD	Erection of detached outbuilding together with hard standings LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE (PROPOSED)	Petts Wood And Knoll	20.05.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	

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19/00796/FULL6	53 St John's Road Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1HT	(Demolition of garage and rear dormer window. Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension incorporating porch, dormer windows and integral garage, and replacement hard surfacing to front. (Amended plans and description).	Petts Wood And Knoll	13.06.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/01206/FULL1	174 Petts Wood Road Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1LG	First floor rear extension and roof alterations including front rooflights and rear dormer, and conversion of upper floors of Nos.172-174 into 2 one bedroom flats	Petts Wood And Knoll	28.06.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/01176/ELUD	9 Knoll Rise Orpington BR6 0EJ	Ground floor infill extension to side, first floor infill extension to rear and elevational alterations (Existing Lawful Development Certificate)	Petts Wood And Knoll	01.07.2019	WITHDRAWN	COMMITTEE		
19/01595/FULL6	9 Princes Avenue Petts Wood Orpington BR5 1QP	Demolition of detached garage at rear and erection of part one/two storey side and rear extension with light lantern	Petts Wood And Knoll	28.06.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	Appeal Lodged
18/03191/RECON	Imani Court 49 Park Avenue Bromley BR1 4EG	Removal of condition 13 (relating to Drawing No. PA-655-PD-SITE PLAN) of permission 17/01846/RECON allowed on appeal for the variation of conditions 3, 6, 8 and 9 (relating to soft landscaping, hard landscaping, waste and recycling facilities and cycle storage respectively) of permission 14/02727 allowed on appeal for the	Plaistow And Sundridge	06.02.2019	REFUSED	COMMITTEE	O - Overturned	

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		demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two/three storey building containing 3 no. 1 bed flats and 5 no. 2 bed flats with associated parking and landscaping						
18/05167/FULL2	Sundridge Park Nursery Station Approach Plaistow Lane Bromley BR1 3JE	Change of use from A1 retail to a hand car wash with new canopy	Plaistow And Sundridge	11.03.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		Appeal In Progress
19/01705/FULL1	39 Park Avenue Bromley BR1 4EG	Demolition of existing building and single storey garage. Construction of block of 7 flats (2 Bedroom /4Person apartments) together with external cycle store and refuse enclosure.	Plaistow And Sundridge	21.06.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/04977/FULL6	23 Bushey Way Beckenham BR3 6TA	Single storey and part two storey rear extension, two storey side extension and loft conversion.	Shortlands	07.02.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		
18/05460/FULL1	Land Adjacent St Marys Church Hall St Marys Avenue Shortlands Bromley	Replacement of existing 12m telecommunications monopole with proposed 15m high telecommunication mast, with 2 no. additional equipment cabinets (equipment cabinets to be sited on other side of the road).	Shortlands	25.01.2019	REFUSED	DELEGATED		

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19/00406/FULL6	23 Bushey Way Beckenham BR3 6TA	2.24m high garden fence	Shortlands	20.05.2019	PERMISSION GRANTED	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/00756/TELCOM	Land Rear Of 109 Hayes Way Hayes Lane Beckenham	Replacement of existing 12.5m high telecommunications mast with proposed 12.5m high telecommunications mast with additional equipment cabinets (land to side of 2 Brabourne Rise/Rear of 109 Hayes Way) (56 day consultation by Telefonica UK Ltd and Vodafone Ltd regarding the need for approval of siting and appearance of telecommunications apparatus).	Shortlands	02.04.2019	NOTREQ	COMMITTEE	A - Accepted	
19/01753/FULL6	23 Bushey Way Beckenham BR3 6TA	Single storey rear, part two storey rear and two storey side extension	Shortlands	10.06.2019	REFUSED			

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