

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.00 pm on 28 February 2022

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Russell Mellor**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Tony Owen**

Councillors

Gareth Allatt	Hannah Gray	Chris Pierce
Vanessa Allen	Will Harmer	Neil Reddin FCCA
Graham Arthur	Colin Hitchins	Will Rowlands
Kathy Bance MBE	Samaris Huntington-	Michael Rutherford
Yvonne Bear	Thresher	Richard Scoates
Nicholas Bennett MA J.P.	William Huntington-	Colin Smith
Kim Botting FRSA	Thresher	Diane Smith
Mike Botting	Simon Jeal	Gary Stevens
Katy Boughey	David Jefferys	Melanie Stevens
Mark Brock	Charles Joel	Harry Stranger
David Cartwright QFSM	Kevin Kennedy-Brooks	Kieran Terry
Aisha Cuthbert	Josh King	Ryan Thomson
Ian Dunn	Kate Lymer	Michael Tickner
Judi Ellis	Christopher Marlow	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Robert Evans	Robert Mcilveen	Michael Turner
Simon Fawthrop	Alexa Michael	Stephen Wells
Peter Fortune	Peter Morgan	Angela Wilkins
Kira Gabbert	Angela Page	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Russell Mellor

308 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Julian Benington, Nicky Dykes, Christine Harris, Keith Onslow and Suraj Sharma. Cllr Kieran Terry gave apologies for his late arrival.

309 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

(Cllr Angela Page subsequently declared an interest in minute 317 – Appointment of External Auditor, as an employee of the Local Government Association.)

310 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 December 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2021 be confirmed.

311 Petitions
Report CSD22030

The Council considered three petitions.

(A) Orpington Town Centre

Mr Jeff Slee presented the petition, which called on the Council to reject the Areli planning application for the Walnuts Centre and to consult widely on the future of Orpington town centre. Councillor Alexa Michael, Chairman of Development Control Committee, responded to the petition.

A motion to take no further action on the petition, to acknowledge its contents and that Development Control Committee will take these into account when it determines the planning application in due course, was moved by Councillor Alexa Michael, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Bear and **CARRIED**.

(B) Road Safety at Chislehurst War Memorial Junction

Ms Sarah Gill-Schmitz presented the petition, which called for road safety measures to be implemented at the Chislehurst War Memorial Junction. Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services, responded to the petition.

A motion to instruct the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder to bring a deliverable proposal to Environment and Community Services PDS Committee within six months was moved by Councillor Ian Dunn and seconded by Councillor Simon Jeal.

The following Members voted in support of the motion –

Councillors Vanessa Allen, Kathy Bance, Ian Dunn, Simon Jeal, Kevin Kennedy-Brooks, Josh King, Ryan Thomson and Angela Wilkins.

The following Members voted against the motion –

Councillors Gareth Allatt, Graham Arthur, Yvonne Bear, Nicholas Bennett, Kim Botting, Mike Botting, Mark Brock, David Cartwright, Aisha Cuthbert, Judi Ellis, Robert Evans, Simon Fawthrop, Peter Fortune, Kira Gabbert, Hannah Gray, Will Harmer, Christine Harris, Colin Hitchins, Samaris Huntington-Thresher, William Huntington-Thresher, David Jefferys, Charles Joel, Kate Lymer, Christopher Marlow, Robert Mcilveen, Alexa Michael, Peter Morgan, Angela Page, Chris Pierce, Neil Reddin, Will Rowlands, Michael Rutherford, Richard Scoates, Colin Smith, Diane Smith, Gary Stevens, Melanie Stevens, Harry Stranger, Michael Tickner, Pauline Tunnicliffe, Michael Turner and Stephen Wells.

The following Members abstained –

Councillors Katy Boughey, Russell Mellor, Tony Owen and Kieran Terry.

The motion was **LOST**.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Huntington-Thresher and seconded by Councillor Will Harmer -

“In light of the Council’s current investigations on crossings in the area, no additional action is proposed other than to provide an update to the Environment and community Services PDS Committee later this year.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

(C) Climate Emergency

Mr Jamie Devine presented the petition. Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services, responded to the petition.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Huntington-Thresher and seconded by Councillor Will Harmer -

“In light of the Council’s current commitment to reach net-zero and to provide annual updates to the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee on our progress towards net-zero, no additional action is required.”

The motion was **CARRIED**.

312 Questions

Twelve 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.

Thirty six 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.

Fifteen 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.

Fifteen 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.

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

Statements were due to be made by Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services, and from Councillor Peter Morgan, Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing, but in view of the late hour they both stated that they would consider providing written statements instead.

**314 2022/23 Council Tax
Report CSD22023**

The Director of Finance confirmed that there were no changes to the levy amounts that were presented to the Executive at its meeting on 10th February 2022 (recommendation 2.1(e)). The GLA Precept amounts that were presented to the Executive on 10th February 2022 (recommendations 2.2 and 5) had now been confirmed as final following agreement of the Mayoral Budget for 2022/23 on 24th February 2022.

Councillor Michael Rutherford, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith, moved acceptance of the recommendations made by the Executive, subject to the following amendment -

The following change be made to the recommended budget for 2022/23:

“Amended Recommendation (2.1):

(b) Approves the draft revenue budgets for 2022/23 to include the following updated change:

- (i) Council is requested to agree that a sum of £1m be set aside as a Platinum Jubilee Parks earmarked reserve, funded from underspends.
- (ii) Members are asked to note that the utilisation of the reserve will be reported to the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder with the agreement of the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Portfolio Holder.”

The recommendations, as amended, were **CARRIED** as follows –

That Council -

(1) (a) Approves the schools budget of £92.411m which matches the estimated level of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) after academy recoupment;

(b) Approves the draft revenue budgets for 2022/23 to include the following updated change:

(i) Agrees that a sum of £1m be set aside as a Platinum Jubilee Parks earmarked reserve, funded from underspends.

(ii) Notes that the utilisation of the reserve will be reported to the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder with the agreement of the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Portfolio Holder.

(c) Agrees that Chief Officers identify alternative savings/mitigation within their departmental budgets where it is not possible to realise any savings/mitigation reported to the previous meeting of the Executive held on 12th January 2022;

(d) Approves a revised Central Contingency sum of £18,231k (see Section 6, Recommendation 7 and Recommendation 2.1e of the report);

(e) Approves the following provisions for levies for inclusion in the budget for 2022/23:

	£'000
London Pensions Fund Authority	448
London Boroughs Grant Committee	247
Environment Agency (flood defence etc.)	235
Lee Valley Regional Park	321
Total	1,251

The reduction of £65k in the 2022/23 levy amounts is offset by a £65k increase in the 2022/23 Central Contingency as a provision towards meeting inflation cost pressures.

(f) Notes the latest position on the GLA precept, as above, which will be finalised in the overall Council Tax figure to be reported to full Council (see section 12);

(g) Sets a 1% increase in Adult Social Care Precept with a nil increase in Bromley's General Council Tax, compared with 2021/22 (1.99% general increase plus 3% Adult Social Care Precept) and note that, based upon their consultation exercise, the GLA are currently assuming a 8.8% increase in the GLA precept;

(h) Approves the revised draft 2022/23 revenue budgets to reflect the changes detailed above;

(i) Approves the approach to reserves outlined by the Director of Finance (see Appendix 4 to the report);

(2) Council Tax 2022/23 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Subject to (1) (a) to (i) above, if the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Increase £	Increase % (note #)
Bromley (general)	1,178.15	1,178.15	-	-
Bromley (ASC precept)	149.71	162.98	13.27	1.00
Bromley (total)	1,327.86	1,341.13	13.27	1.00
GLA *	363.66	395.59	31.93	8.8
Total	1,691.52	1,736.72	45.20	2.67

* The GLA Precept may need to be amended once the actual GLA budget is set.

(#) in line with the 2022/23 Council Tax Referendum Principles, the % increase applied is based on an authority's "relevant basic amount of Council Tax" (£1,341.13 for Bromley) – see paragraph 6 below. Any further changes arising from these Principles will be reported directly to Council on 28th February 2022.

(3) (1) It be noted that the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 is 133,347 'Band D' equivalent properties.

(2) It is calculated that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/2023 is £178,835k.

(3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):

(a) £573,590k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.

(b) £394,755k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates or the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

(c) £178,835k being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the

Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.

- (d) **£1,341.13 being the amount at 3(c) above, divided by (1) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.**

(4) **Notes that the Greater London Authority (GLA) has issued a precept to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below (NB. the GLA precept figure may need to be amended once the actual GLA budget is set).**

(5) **That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2022/23 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.**

Valuation Bands	London Borough of Bromley £	Greater London Authority £	Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements £
A	894.09	263.73	1,157.82
B	1,043.10	307.68	1,350.78
C	1,192.12	351.64	1,543.76
D	1,341.13	395.59	1,736.72
E	1,639.16	483.50	2,122.66
F	1,937.19	571.41	2,508.59
G	2,235.22	659.32	2,894.54
H	2,682.26	791.18	3,473.44

(6) **That the Council hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2022/23, which reflects a 1% increase (Adult Social Care Precept increase of 1%), is not excessive. The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2022/23 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England from 2022/23. Any further changes arising from these Principles will be reported directly to Council on 28th February 2022. The Council is required to determine whether its relevant basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

(7) **Notes that the Government have provided additional core funding as part of its Local Government Finance Settlement 22/23 of £771k which reflects additional inflation compensation to Councils for core funding through business rates income. Given the continuing inflation pressures, highlighted in the report, it is proposed that these monies be**

set aside within the 2022/23 Central Contingency as a provision towards meeting further inflation cost pressures across services. This will increase the Draft 2022/23 Central Contingency Sum by £771k.

The following Members voted in favour of the motion -

Councillors Gareth Allatt, Graham Arthur, Yvonne Bear, Nicholas Bennett, Kim Botting, Mike Botting, Katy Boughey, Mark Brock, David Cartwright, Aisha Cuthbert, Judi Ellis, Robert Evans, Simon Fawthrop, Peter Fortune, Hannah Gray, Will Harmer, Colin Hitchins, Colin Hitchins, Samaris Huntington-Thresher, William Huntington-Thresher, David Jefferys, Charles Joel, Kate Lymer, Christopher Marlow, Robert Mcilveen, Alexa Michael, Peter Morgan, Tony Owen, Angela Page, Chris Pierce, Neil Reddin, Will Rowlands, Michael Rutherford, Richard Scoates, Colin Smith, Diane Smith, Gary Stevens, Melanie Stevens, Harry Stranger, Kieran Terry, Michael Tickner, Pauline Tunnicliffe, and Stephen Wells.

No Members voted against the motion.

The following Members abstained -

The Mayor, Councillor Russell Mellor, and Councillors Vanessa Allen, Kathy Bance, Ian Dunn, Simon Jeal, Kevin Kennedy-Brooks, Josh King, Ryan Thomson, Michael Turner and Angela Wilkins.

(During consideration of this item the Mayor informed Members under Council Procedure Rule 8 that the meeting had been in progress for three hours. Members agreed to continue the meeting to deal with all the business on the agenda.)

315 Capital Programme Monitoring Q3 2021/22 and Capital Strategy 2022 - 2023
Report CSD22024

A motion to approve that the new scheme proposals listed in paragraphs 3.15 to 3.22 of the report to the Executive be included in the Capital Programme was moved by Councillor Michael Rutherford, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

316 Treasury Management - Annual Investment Strategy 2022/23 and Quarter 3 Performance 2021/22
Report CSD22025

A motion to note the performance report and revised Treasury Management and Prudential Codes and to adopt the Treasury Management Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23 including the prudential indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy statement was moved by Councillor Michael Rutherford, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

317 Appointment of External Auditor
Report CSD22026

A motion to approve the proposal to become an “opted in” authority with Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd for the appointment of its external auditor for the five year period for 2023/24 onwards was moved by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, seconded by Councillor Michael Turner and **CARRIED**.

318 2022/23 Pay Award
Report CSD22027

A motion to approve the following was moved by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, seconded by Councillor Michael Turner and **CARRIED**.

(i) A flat 2.25% pay increase for all staff (excluding teachers who are covered by a separate statutory pay negotiating process)

(ii) An additional £100k towards Merited Rewards for 2022/23, bringing the total to £300k for rewarding staff for exceptional performance.

(iii) That the Trade Unions’ pay claim for staff be rejected (see paragraph 3.8 and the appendices of the report.)

(iv) To note that, as in the previous years since coming out of the nationally/regionally negotiated frameworks, Bromley staff will receive the 2022/23 pay increase in time for the April pay.

319 Pay Policy Statement 2022
Report CSD22012

A motion to approve the 2022/23 Pay Policy Statement was moved by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, seconded by Councillor Michael Turner and **CARRIED**.

320 Members Allowances Scheme 2022/23
Report CSD22029

A motion to approve the Members Allowances Scheme 2022/23 with allowances retained at the 2021/22 levels and with the addition of an allowance for attendance at Appeals Sub-Committee meetings, and to agree the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowances for 2022/23 at the same levels as for 2021/22 was moved by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, seconded by councillor Michael Turner and **CARRIED**.

321 Planning Service Improvements
Report CSD22031

A motion to approve (i) changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report (relating to call-in); (ii) changes to the Local Planning Protocol set out in paragraphs 3.8-3.12 of the report

(recommendations from Standards Committee); and (iii) changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers set out in paragraph 3.14 of the report (relating to a shortened timeframe of seven days for call-in of non-material amendment applications and details pursuant to conditions) were moved by Councillor Alexa Michael, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Bear and **CARRIED**.

322 Recommendations from the Standards Committee
Report CSD22015

A motion to approve the following recommendations from the Standards Committee was moved by Councillor Nicholas Bennett, seconded by Councillor Vanessa Allen and **CARRIED**.

(1) That the following wording should be used for declarations at quasi-judicial meetings in the interest of openness and transparency:

“I know X purely as a Councillor” or “I know X socially and I have not discussed this matter with them” or “I know X socially and have discussed with them but have not made any commitment”.

(2) That the Procedure for Handling Code of Conduct Complaints be amended to reflect that in cases where the conduct of a councillor, whilst falling short of the high standards of conduct expected, has been judged not to have amounted to a breach of the Code of Conduct, the Monitoring Officer is encouraged to give informal words of advice.

(3) That in the rare instances of disagreement between the Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person, the Standards Committee or a Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee should consider a report from the Monitoring Officer which outlines the view of both the Monitoring Officer and the Independent Person.

(4) That the Monitoring Officer establish an induction process for Independent Persons.

323 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.

(A) Her Majesty the Queen – Platinum Jubilee

The following motion was moved by Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP and seconded by Cllr Christopher Marlow -

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

The Mayor and councillors meeting on February 28th 2022 send on behalf of the Council and the people of the London Borough of Bromley their loyal greetings and best wishes to Her Majesty on the historic occasion of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. We thank Your Majesty for your devoted service

to the United Kingdom and Commonwealth for seventy years and pray for your good health in the coming years.”

The motion was **CARRIED**.

(B) Ade Adetosoye CBE

The following motion was moved by Cllr Kieran Terry and seconded by Cllr Aisha Cuthbert -

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

324 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor thanked Members who attended the charity dinner at Ming’s Restaurant, and who also those who had sent in nominations for the Mayor of Bromley awards. The Mayor had hosted the Holocaust Memorial Service on 27th January, which had been a very moving experience.

The Reception for voluntary workers would be taking place on 23rd March. The Mayor reminded Members of the following events –

- A Wine Tasting Evening on 7th April;
- His final Council meeting as Mayor on Monday 11th April, which would be followed by a Reception for all Councillors;
- A Thanksgiving Church Service on Sunday 24th April.

Invitations would be sent out by the Mayor’s Office nearer the time.

The Meeting ended at 10.57 pm

Mayor

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28th February 2022

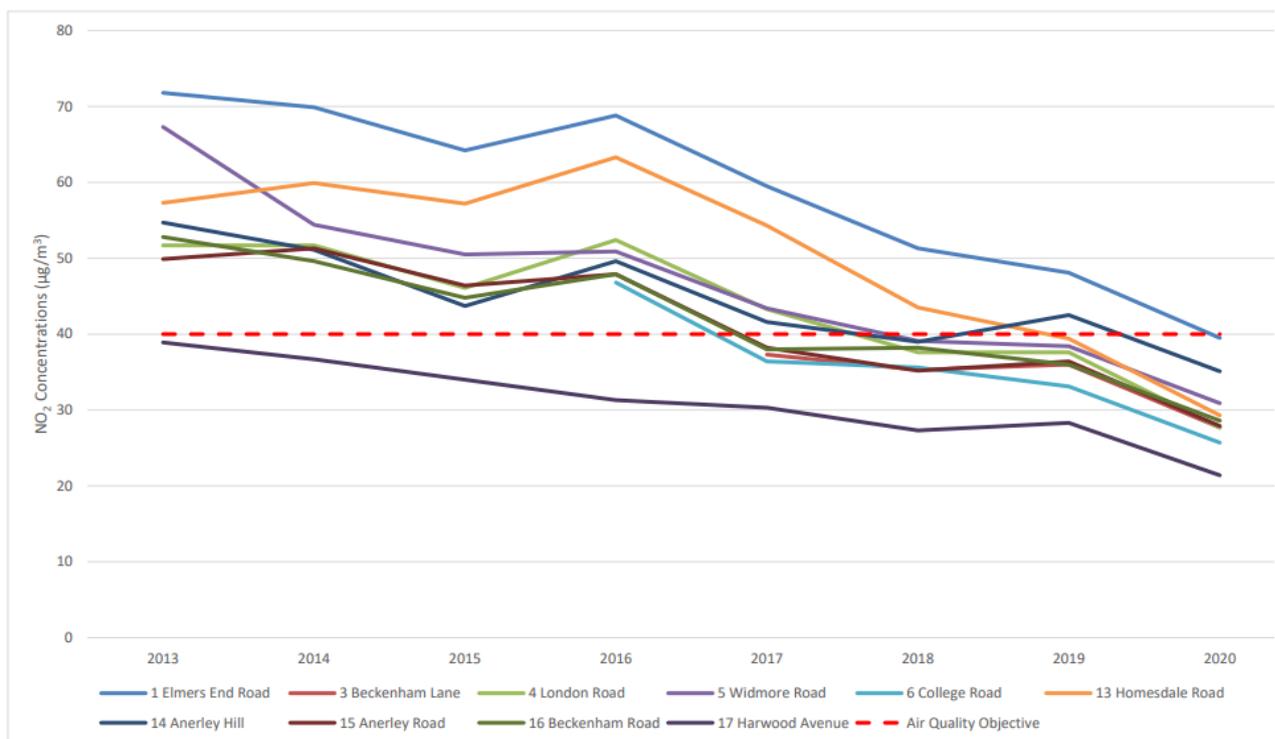
Questions from Members of the Public for Oral Reply

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

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

Reply:

The information on trends in local air quality are presented in Bromley's Annual Status Report. The latest version of which is available on the Council's website.



Annual mean NO₂ concentrations at non-automatic monitoring sites are shown below. The graph shows the gradual decline of air pollution due to NO₂ over time.

The 2020 Annual Status Report shows that the annual mean NO₂ objective of 40 µg m⁻³ was not exceeded at any monitoring point in the borough in 2020.

The lowest annual mean NO₂ concentration in 2020, of 21.4 µg m⁻³, was seen at Harwood Avenue. The highest annual mean NO₂ concentration in 2020, of 39.5 µg m⁻³, was seen at Elmers End Road. Elmers End Road has been the location where LBB has measured the Borough's highest NO₂ concentrations in recent years.

In relation to Particulate Matter (PM10 & PM2.5), the following data shows the trend in the concentration of these pollutants over time, as measured at the Borough's automatic monitoring station. As can be seen there has been a significant decrease over time – it has halved over that time.

PM10 (µg m-3)

Valid data capture 2020 % ^(b)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
98	33.3	30.1	29.5	16.8	16.5	18.8	15.8

PM2.5 (µg m-3)

Valid data capture 2020 % ^(b)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
56	-	-	15.5	-	-	-	8.5

PM2.5 monitoring was re-instated in Bromley 2020, and moving forward further results will be available. Between 2016, when the percentage was 15.5, and now that has reduced to 8.5, so that is another halving.

Supplementary Question from Cllr Ryan Thomson:

How many air quality devices does Bromley actually own and how many monitoring points are there across Bromley?

Reply:

The graph that you will be shown shows ten monitoring points. There are non-automatic monitoring points elsewhere. I can provide full numbers by email.

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

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

Reply:

With regards to 'No fault' evictions, it would be impossible to estimate whether there would be any direct savings. The vast majority of applications from tenants in the private sector relate to grounds for eviction, rather than no fault evictions.

There is always a fine balance in ensuring tenants' rights are protected and at the same time ensuring that measures do not dissuade potential landlords from letting properties. There is thus the risk that some landlords may not be willing to continue to let properties, particularly to those tenants without a track record in renting accommodation being deemed as high risk.

Supplementary Question:

Does the Portfolio Holder support the proposals in the Levelling Up White Paper to abolish no fault evictions, and can the Councillor tell us what he has done to review data on the private rented sector as described in the Housing Strategy of 2019?

Reply:

That is two questions, which one would you prefer I answer? To answer the second, we have no rights to go trampling over people's private properties, we cannot, as a matter of course, go and check. However, whenever we get complaints we take them very seriously indeed and do go and inspect where we think it is absolutely necessary.

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

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

Reply:

The consultation on the Orpington SPD has not yet commenced. It is likely to start in early March 2022. The 12-week period will apply from that date when the consultation starts.

Supplementary Question:

Will the Supplementary Planning Guidance be included in the decision on the Areli development and for all further planning applications in the Orpington area?

Reply:

Once the Orpington SPD has been finalised, which will not be done until after the consultation, as we have to take the replies into account, then it will become a document. It does not over-ride the Local Plan but it informs the decisions.

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

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

Reply:

I do have a full reply prepared, but in view of the Mayor's request for brevity the short answer is yes.

Supplementary Question:

Given the healthy streets scorecard for 2021 and that Bromley has the fourth highest cycling casualties rate out of thirty three London local authorities, and was well

above the average, what are Bromley Council planning to do to reduce the danger for cyclists on Bromley's roads?

Reply:

Bromley has had a long programme of introducing cycle schemes across the borough. This experimental scheme was introduced in recognition of the fact that public transport was going to have reduced capacity following lockdown. That has now changed. We have gathered a huge amount of useful data from this and we can now see the use of this route and the feedback from the route was also very bad in the sense that 40% liked the scheme we had put in and 60% did not. That will be very useful in terms of developing our future schemes in that area for cycling. We have a long track record of implementing cycle schemes across the borough and we will continue to do so. You will have seen from a previous agenda item just how important road safety is to this borough.

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

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

Reply:

A report to Development Control Committee, Renewal, Recreation and Housing Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee and Executive in early 2020 set out the intention to prepare this produce a Supplementary Planning Document to guide development in Orpington Town Centre. This proposed approach was finally agreed in April 2020. A consultation exercise to inform the SPD was conducted between 15 July and 5 October 2020, seeking views on the future of Orpington Town Centre and what the proposed SPD should focus on. The consultation set out a number of key themes and related questions to focus representations. The consultation was conducted using Commonplace, an online consultation portal which includes the option of providing feedback using a mapping tool as well as via written response.

Supplementary Question:

A recent poll has shown 75% of people objecting to the Areli proposals do not know of the existence of the Orpington Town Centre SDP or its associated consultation process. What measures are the Council taking to ensure genuine public engagement with this consultation?

Reply:

We shall be using all the measures that we usually use. It will be on the website, and people need to go to that. We are hoping that the ward Councillors will also publicise it through their publications and surgeries. After that, we are open to suggestions as to what we do. It will be publicised in the local newspapers and if there are any other ideas we will follow these.

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

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

Reply:

None.

Supplementary Question from Cllr Kathy Bance:

This Council closed Anerley Library when it moved Penge Library to a new facility. Can you confirm that Anerley is in the borough of Bromley?

Reply:

Of course, and I think that was prior to 2015, hence my earlier answer.

7. From Alisa Igoe to the Leader of the Council

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

Reply:

I don’t believe so personally, especially given that the Council’s Hardship fund for 2021/22 remains significantly underspent with just one month of the civic year to go, despite being doubled in size in 2021/22 from £100k to £200k per year.

I believe that the Council’s early launch of the Household Support Fund back in November, one of the first Boroughs in London to do so, and our ability to expeditiously process the grant at a time of year renowned for staffing shortages not least linked to Covid, is thanks in very large part to the streamlined distribution processes we had set in place for previous generous Government Covid grant schemes, as well as our ability to cross reference back to previous recipients already identified as requiring the funds on offer.

Supplementary Question:

The Hardship fund is the Welfare Fund? Is that a different fund? Does the Hardship Fund allow people who have been in accommodation for more than six weeks to apply, and does it allow immigrants to apply who have no recourse to public funds?

Reply:

That is not related to the Hardship fund, which is what the question was based on.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Simon Jeal:

How many questions were received after the closure of the Household Support Fund, and were those applications referred to the Hardship Fund?

Reply:

The Hardship Fund is not specific to this question. The total number of applications received I believe from memory was 1,846, or thereabouts, of which about 500 have not been paid and some 1,320 have been paid.

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

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

Reply:

The guidance in the draft SPD is not informed by the Areli application. It has been developed independently by the Council's policy and urban design officers, with consideration of the national, London-wide and local planning framework, including the emerging emphasis on design quality in national policy. You should note that the SPD does not relate solely to the Walnuts site it applies to the whole of the wider Town Centre and surrounding area.

Supplementary Question:

In terms of the draft SPD, why does the Planning Department and the Regeneration Board use the height of Orpington College as a benchmark for future development? I would have thought that one of the key lessons learnt from this type of 1970s high-rise residential block is that they are divisive and segregate the community. This is why many London Councils have gone through a regeneration programme to replace them with much more suitable four to five storey blocks instead.

Reply:

I do not think the officers have come at this with any pre-conceived thoughts or ideas or policies. That is why we are going to have a consultation and we look forward to hearing from you and everybody else what their ideas are, particularly in respect of height and density. It is still an open question and nothing is pre-conceived.

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

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

Reply:

We are unsure which Regeneration Board you are referring to. The Orpington Town Centre Development Board brings together stakeholders in the town centre, it is not a decision-making forum or a steering group, it primarily serves to share information.

The Council has not consulted as there is not a scheme that the Council currently has an agreed interest in to consult on. This is a scheme that has been developed by Areli and now that they have submitted a planning application residents are being consulted in the usual way.

Supplementary Question:

Given that there has been such a massive interest in the Areli proposal, I understand over three thousand residents have made comments to date, would you agree that any consultation on the SPD if you got anywhere less than five hundred it would be a failure on your part, and you need to make sure that you get a significant number of residents consulted on the SPD.

Reply:

I desire to get as many responses on the consultation as we possibly can and we will be doing everything we possibly can to promote the idea and encourage people to reply. I am hoping that the three or four thousand who have commented about Areli will also comment about the SPD, but it will be a wider consultation than just the Walnuts scheme.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Simon Fawthrop:

There have been over three thousand public comments in relation to what is effectively the Orpington West part of the SPD. Rather than getting those people to bureaucratically write in again, will the Portfolio Holder accept that those comments can be used to inform the SPD?

Reply:

I can see no reason, other than sheer bureaucracy, why that should not be the case and I will encourage the Planning Department to do exactly that.

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

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

Reply:

The Council is always keen to hear from residents about their ideas to help facilitate cycling, whether that is requesting additional cycle parking or suggesting cycle routes. Cycle parking is easier to deliver as the limited road-space in most of the Borough can limit where cycle routes can be introduced, but we will always consider both aspects, not to mention the cycle training on offer to riders of all levels of experience.

Bike hangars are installed in locations where there is a demand for cycle parking and insufficient storage space in private dwellings. To request a bike hangar please complete the online traffic request form on the website.

There are already 48 bike parking places at Beckenham Junction, but if you have suggestions as to how bike storage might be improved, then please let the Council know so we can liaise with Network Rail and Southeastern as appropriate.

Cycle routes to Beckenham Junction have been improved in recent years and the Council is looking to make further improvements in the Beckenham area over coming years.

Supplementary Question:

Could the Portfolio Holder send me data by ward showing the number of bike hangars in each ward, and also would he join me in coming to Beckenham Junction Train station to look at the bike storage facilities because they are not lockable and they get damaged when people are away in town. I think the Council could use its influence to good effect with South East Rail to improve the bike storage facilities not only at Beckenham Junction but at all railways stations throughout the borough.

Reply:

I can certainly provide you with information on bike hangars – you will not be surprised to know that they predominate in areas with higher density housing. I can certainly meet at Beckenham Junction Station. The land is owned by either Network Rail or Southeastern, so we have to do it in conjunction with them. We have introduced that in certain places. There tends to be a charge associated with it so there has to be an understanding that it will be viable for those locations. Indeed, there is a charge related to bike hangars.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Simon Jeal:

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm how many new cycle lanes have been implemented in BR3 over the past four years?

Reply:

I will answer by email.

(At this point the time allowed for questions expired – the remaining questions received written replies.)

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

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

Reply:

The Carbon Management Team works with our domestic energy efficiency and advice partners to assist residents in saving money on their fuel bills, how they can improve their Energy Performance Certificate (EPC), and LBB can provide an assumed EPC assessment if none exists. The Council has access to housing stock software for assumed EPCs across the borough to enable a targeted outreach approach.

The Council was successful in a tri-borough application for a 6-month MEES intelligence gathering officer which will eventually inform a business case for additional resources for enforcement. Consultation on the recruitment process is on-going. It should be noted that the Council's approach is to first inform, guide and educate property owners and landlords of their responsibilities regarding their properties' energy performance, with monetary fines being a last resort.

12. From Alisa Igoe to the Leader of the Council

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

Reply:

Ms Ginsberg emailed me on Saturday 18th December to detail the case of an individual and their family known to her organisation who she advised had been allocated to Bromley by the Home Office, but for whom no notice had been provided to receive and furnish a dwelling for them.

I set the necessary wheels in motion for her over the course of the weekend with the relevant Home Office, Council and Clarion officers, resulting in a further message from Ms Ginsberg on Tuesday 21st December thanking me for my assistance and confirming that the matter was now moving forward to her satisfaction.

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28th February 2022

Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply

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

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

Reply:

The last Annual Inspection of benches at St Martins Hill Open Space was carried out on 9th February 2021 when the benches were found to be in low-risk condition. It was agreed they would require a sanding and paint refurbishment in the next Forward Working Programme. The follow up 2022 Infrastructure Survey for all parks and open spaces is currently being undertaken (Feb – March '22) has identified broken and missing slats and appropriate repairs will be raised with contractors upon completion of the 2022 inspection.

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

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

Reply:

The assertion that the recycling and waste collection service is not a frontline service is simply not true. It is a much valued universal service, including for the most vulnerable, with Bromley continuing to be one of London's leading recycling boroughs, precisely because residents know how to use the various services having read about it in Environment Matters. It is this communications success that has saved Bromley council taxpayers £multi-millions over the years in reduced waste disposal costs. The Council has around 70k email addresses, which is a phenomenal figure, with impressive read statistics to match but this still leaves around 50% of households not covered. Of course we have considered this, including at PDS committee, but the whole point is it is more efficient to distribute to

everyone or is it being suggested those that don't have printers or access to the internet should be excluded? The total cost per household per edition is actually 39p, which is excellent value, which includes print, distribution and production etc. and is incidentally, available on our website. The real point which is overlooked is that responding to a few percent of residents who are not following the council's recycling guidance is actually extremely expensive in staff time and this is where considerable savings have been achieved thanks to this ongoing investment of communicating with much valued residents.

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

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

Reply:

The experience the Council has from the various parts of the Borough where 20mph limits have been installed in the past is that we receive very many complaints about speeding, despite the lower limit. Research commissioned by the DfT showed that following the introduction of signed-only 20mph limits the median speed fell by just under 1mph and found no significant change in collisions and casualties.

In light of the lack of evidence that introducing widespread 20mph limits is the most effective approach, Bromley has no plans to introduce such area-wide 20mph zones. Bromley prefers to direct the available funding in the most cost effective way to allow active travel to be a viable travel option for residents. For example, in light of evidence that drivers respond better to warnings or regulations where they can see the reason for them, part time advisory 20 limits are being introduced around schools in the Borough, on a case-by-case basis.

The Council supports active travel through improving walking and cycling routes, adding new crossing places, and supporting school travel plans. Bromley has more schools with Gold accredited travel plans than any other London borough.

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

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

Reply:

During the first 6 months of 2021/22, the Council's household waste was treated as follows:

- Reuse, recycling and composting (a, c and e) = 48.7%
- Energy recovery including Refuse Derived Fuel (b) = 51.0%
- Landfill (d) = 0.3%

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

We have been living in Nightingale Road, Petts Wood, for 2 years and we have experienced extremely bad fly tipping and dumping on the private service road which runs behind the parade of shops on Queensway. We have spent last weekend clearing it all up and filled 25 big rubbish bags. What can be done to prevent this from happening again as after a few days more bottles, rubbish and waste have appeared once again?

Reply:

Responsibility for the clearance of waste/litter rests with the landowner for removal. It is encouraging to see residents actively clearing accumulations within their local area.

To aid the efforts made by members of public Bromley Council will provide further assistance to combat this concern.

An Environmental Audit will be undertaken by the Council in this area. From this initial inspection the Council will organise for Officers to visit commercial premises, providing guidance on adequate waste storage and measures that the business can take to prevent littering and fly tipping.

The Council will also investigate the provision for household waste in this area and work with residents to ensure that they are aware of how to access council waste services including the kerbside collection service and bulky item collections.

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

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

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

Reply:

It is extremely likely that if this planning application is approved, Planning conditions would prevent the housing being lived in, and therefore the completion of sales, prior to the full completion of the leisure centre. Therefore, the risk of the development coming forward and the leisure centre not being delivered is very unlikely. The Council always undertakes financial due diligence prior to entering into formal agreements, and this case will be no different if the Council progresses with a land deal.

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

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

Reply:

The cost of refurbishing the existing leisure centre to a new standard is c£10m. The costs of building a new leisure centre as part of the Areli development is c£21m and this has been scrutinised by the Council's specialist consultants working on our behalf. It is very unlikely that Areli would be able to access the funding to give this sum to the Council upfront, however any land agreements (if the Council pursues this) would look to mitigate risk in other ways, e.g. input into the construction contract.

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

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

Reply:

The transfer of Housing Stock from Bromley Council to Broomleigh Housing Association took place on 6 April 1992. It comprised 14,000 units, with a gross transfer value of £116.9m and a net transfer value (after set-up costs) of £110.8m.

The transfer value received was accounted for as a capital receipt and this balance was utilised to support the Council's capital programme to address many of the Council's priorities of spend as well as reduce the financial burden to council tax payers by being debt free due to this funding available.

It is important to note that the residents of the housing stock had their housing need met through the new social care provider and any further homelessness costs reflect additional demands on the housing service.

9. From Peter Barnett to the Leader of the Council

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

Reply:

A White Paper on its own doesn't do anything for anyone – a White Paper is a statement of intent. It is there for discussion in advance of a Bill being laid.

Bromley along with all 31 other London Boroughs including Socialist and LD led Councils will be feeding in to that discussion our unified view that 'levelling up' can only be fairly undertaken on a nationwide basis and I expect that our collective point of view will carry the day.

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

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

Reply:

We do not hold an exact date for how long this land has been vacant. The site is currently privately owned undeveloped green space. We do have an empty homes programme; this currently focuses on bringing empty homes and existing vacant brownfield sites back into use. It would currently appear that the site has recently been sold and as such contact will be made to see if we can establish the current site owners plans for this site.

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

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

Reply:

A record low number of people have been killed or seriously injured on the Borough's roads in 2020, which saw a 28% reduction in Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) casualties, from 107 to 77 casualties. This welcome reduction is perhaps partly explained by the effects of the 'lockdown' but is obviously very good news and something to build on. The record low numbers also follow the long-term downward decline over the last 10-15 years of recorded KSIs in Bromley. The numbers of KSI casualties have reduced by 69 or 47.5% from 2010 when compared with 2020, one of the highest reductions in London. Casualty data for 2020 also shows that Bromley has one of the lowest casualty rates in London, with 95 KSI per billion vehicle miles.

With limited resources even for an absolute priority such as improving road safety and reducing those killed and seriously injured (KSI) on the Borough's roads, prioritisation of remedial schemes takes place approximately annually to deliver the greatest benefit and quickest reductions of KSIs. The Council continues to investigate road collisions and maintain a rolling programme to identify, prioritise and implement casualty reduction schemes and continue to prioritise collision hotspots for remedial action as part of its annual LIP programme, especially those where KSIs have occurred.

Currently, to prioritise investment, Bromley examined a list of locations where there have been 5 or more personal injury collisions within a 50-metre radius, over the last 3 years of available data. The collisions at these locations are analysed to identify if there are any common patterns between the collisions and if so whether there are any measures which could be implemented to prevent similar collisions occurring in the future. Where there are limited funds available to carry out interventions, schemes must be prioritised using a cost-benefit analysis, with a higher weighting given to collisions that led to serious or fatal injuries

Bromley does not manage the A21 or the majority of the A232, these routes are managed by TfL and Bromley cannot change them. TfL therefore needs to manage them with regard to road safety. TfL manage them in-line with the Mayor's priorities. Bromley notes that from January 2019 to date (i.e. just over the last 3 years), over 45% of the fatalities in the borough have been on the TfL managed roads. We do call upon TfL to invest in their roads in Bromley to improve the overall road safety in our borough. Bromley concentrates on managing our roads as we can make a difference there.

There are no locations on Bromley Council's managed roads where multiple fatal collisions have occurred in the last three years and fatal collisions are therefore not a good predictor on their own of where future collisions might occur – there is no pattern to the fatalities. There is a location on a TfL managed road, the A21, where multiple fatal collisions have occurred in the last three years. TfL needs to conduct their own analysis.

The most recent research undertaken by the council shows that the borough managed locations with the highest number of casualties in a cluster are the following junctions: Hayes Lane / Wickham Way / Stone Park Ave roundabout, Croydon Road (Penge) near the junction with Evelina Road, Southend Road (Beckenham) at the junction with Foxgrove Road / Park Road and Penge High Street near the junction with Oakfield Road.

A scheme to reduce the number of collisions in Copers Cope ward at the junction of Foxgrove Road and Park Road is being developed, with the trial closure of Park Road being the first step to trying to make this a safer location.

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

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

Reply:

The Council encourages staff to be able to walk or cycle to work by providing showers and lockers for their staff, as well as secure bike storage and cycle training.

Although the Council is currently offering free parking for staff as a temporary Covid response, the normal position is to charge all but essential car users to be able to park at the Civic Centre.

The Council's move to hybrid working will result in fewer home/work trips by car (although that will also mean fewer bus, train, walking and cycling journeys).

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

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

Reply:

The Council's Net Zero Action Plan only relates to the Council's own organisational emissions, largely arising from the energy used for our buildings and street lighting. The Council's Environment and community Services PDS Committee consisting of Councillors from all political groupings on the Council scrutinises the Action Plan and progress annually. Councillors represent residents and areas from across the borough and bring their knowledge of the whole Council area to inform their scrutiny function. Therefore, it is not deemed necessary to directly involve residents in helping to design and implement plans to reduce these specific emissions, as they are involved indirectly.

Further information can be found in the NZAP Year 2 (2020/21) Annual Performance Report via the Council's website.

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

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

Reply:

The Council will generally consider any energy efficiency scheme deemed suitable and of benefit to Bromley's residents.

Residents can register directly for the Solar Together scheme via <https://solartogether.co.uk/london/home>

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

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

Reply:

Over £3m has been invested in cycling and walking infrastructure over the past three years, with the Council's Traffic and Road Safety Teams promoting their use to adults and via schools. The targets are published each year in the Portfolio Plan and progress towards the targets is reported to the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee on a regular basis. These reports are publicly available.

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

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

Reply:

No, this is not a joint venture, and additionally the Council has come to no agreement with Areli.

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

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

Reply:

No. Comments on a specific planning application are not directly relevant to the SPD; the SPD applies to the wider Town Centre and surrounding area and has been produced by the Council independently of the Areli planning application. Residents are welcome to submit comments on the draft SPD during the SPD consultation period.

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

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

camera to Foxgrove Road, Copers Cope Road or Worsley Bridge Road where speeding is occurring?

Reply:

Speed cameras are not installed by the Council, they are managed and enforced by the Police. Speed cameras historically have been installed by the Police at locations of a speed related fatal collision. We are looking for the Police to improve speed enforcement and as part of that to review locations of some speed cameras such as the camera in Albemarle Road.

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

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

Reply:

Waitrose Beckenham Branch have permitted the Council to use their car park to house one of our recycling bring bank sites for many years. But due to a branch re-fit and refurbishment in July 2021 they asked the Council to permanently remove the recycling banks from this location. The Council has to date been unable to organise an alternative location to place the recycling banks but will continue to look.

Most residents (99%) continue to use the household recycling collection schemes to recycle the same items that can be deposited in these banks. Additional recycling containers for household recycling can be ordered free of charge via our website. For residents living in flats above shops in Beckenham high Street, who do not currently have a recycling service from their home, the nearest recycling site is in St Georges Car Park.

The Council piloted a 'flats above shops' recycling collection scheme in 2020/21 in two areas of the borough. Unfortunately, the results of the pilot indicated that it was not environmentally or financially viable to implement a borough-wide flats above shops scheme.

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

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

Reply:

Borough wide emissions are addressed as part of the Council's air quality action plan, which is available on the Bromley website. Air quality is the aspect of emissions

where local emissions effect the local environment. Just shifting carbon emissions across the borough boundary may give the impression of an achievement but would not change the overall environment in the Borough. If the product, electricity or service consumed in the borough has the same carbon footprint but the emissions are out of the borough no net benefit will be experienced by borough residents. The Council will work with the Government to achieve the targets set out in COP26 to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero as soon as practicable. As part of that strategy, the Council will sign-post residents to information, grants/loans and changes that they can make to truly reduce their carbon footprint not just in borough emissions.

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

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

Reply:

The Council recognises the impact of not addressing carbon reductions including the associated financial risks which are highly complex in nature to accurately calculate and would require specialist knowledge due to the wide-ranging variability. However it is the UK's carbon emissions that will drive the financial risk, Bromley will work with the Government to achieve the targets set out in COP26 to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero as soon as practicable. As part of that strategy, the Council will sign-post residents to information, grants/loans and changes that they can make to truly reduce their carbon footprint not just in borough emissions.

Some of the carbon reduction projects to help reduce borough-wide emissions were outlined in a report presented at the January ECS PDS Committee meeting.

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

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

Reply:

We are aware of the work of the London Assembly Planning and Regeneration Committee, chaired by Andrew Boff, advocating for further guidance on tall buildings to ensure that they are appropriate for their location and surroundings. The Council would support provision of such guidance, which would allow the impacts of tall

buildings to be scrutinised in more detail and should ensure that local character and amenity is more strongly protected.

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

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

Reply:

The Statutory Nuisance & ASB team in the Public Protection Division can assess, and rectify where necessary, when installed lights cause nuisance glare to other properties.

LBB does not have a dark skies protection commitment in the current Local Plan. There is a tension between protecting dark skies and creating well-lit and safe public spaces and streets, particularly when having regard to the agendas for reducing street crime, violence against women and girls and the borough's development targets.

If LBB is advised of the addresses of the office blocks that remain internally lit through the night, sustainability officers could contact the building managers and businesses with advice on decreasing energy use and associated costs, and their environmental and climate change responsibilities.

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

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

Reply:

This location has been recorded under planting season 22/23 which runs from November to March.

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

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

Reply:

The trees have been pruned twice in the past 10 years. They are not part of a cyclical crown reduction programme. Any repeat pruning is undertaken ad-hoc to

mitigate against observed defects in accordance with our Tree Management Strategy.

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

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

Reply:

Street cleaning schedules are published on the Council's website. For Prospect Place, footways are cleaned on a weekly basis and the carriageway once a month. Weekly cleaning of footways is a medium level of service.

The Council regularly reviews street cleaning frequencies across the borough and such reviews take residents reports about litter into account along with several other factors. Residents are encouraged to report concerns via our reporting channels (such as the through the 'Report It' page on the Bromley website) as this will be passed through to the street cleaning service provider for rectification and allow formal records of incidents in the area. The Council will also alert the local officer of this concern so that they may monitor in the coming period.

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

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

Reply:

See [Appendix 1](#).

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

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

Reply:

The Council has been allocated £1,867,882 from the Household Support Fund for the period 6th October 2021 to 31st March 2022. There is an element within this Fund which allows for support with the cost of utilities; currently £250,640 has been allocated for this. Grants are allocated to households according to need and members of the public or their advocates have been able to self-refer for assistance.

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

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

Reply:

I can confirm that the park gates off Rafford Way have been opened since 18th January 2022.

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

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

Reply:

We can confirm that these are LED lanterns which were installed in 2015, there are no plans to update them during the current conversion programme.

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

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

Reply:

The consultation on the Orpington Town Centre SPD is likely to start in early March 2022.

Consultation on the Bromley Town Centre SPD is likely to take place in summer 2022.

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

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

Reply:

There have been 102 complaints reported and investigated between 01/01/21 - 31/12/21. The Public Protection database does not permit the extraction of data on

the many and varied remedies applied to differing issues brought to our attention. All cases are investigated in accordance with the approved housing enforcement policy.

1.5 FTEs address single household occupation properties.

2 FTEs address HMO licensing which also has a HHSRS component. There are +300 HMOs licensed in the borough.

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

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

Reply:

There are two defibrillators located within in the Civic Centre site. One defibrillator is located in Main Reception and the other is located in the Attendants Lodge. Both of these are maintained by the Council. There is a defibrillator in Central Library, and the contractor for libraries is responsible for routine maintenance. Furthermore, there is also a defibrillator, for LBB officer use, in the Central Depot. A project is currently being undertaken to audit the location of defibrillators across LBB sites, and identify any locations which may require a defibrillator being installed.

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

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

Reply:

During the last two years this has not been considered, however the Council is open to having discussions with Historic England.

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

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

Reply:

Parking across or very near to driveways is a common occurrence and can cause considerable difficulties. Unfortunately, it would not be practical to introduce "At any time" waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at the many locations throughout the Borough where this occurs. Parking is a very emotive subject with spaces at a premium all over the Borough and as such we try to install parking restrictions sparingly and do not do so to protect driveways.

Residents can request a white bar is marked across a driveway and more information about this is available on the Council's website.

If an actual obstruction of a driveway occurs, you can contact our Parking Team to directly request parking enforcement, either by calling 0300 303 8662 or completing the online form -

http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200072/parking/586/request_parking_enforcement

They can then arrange for a nearby Civil Enforcement Officer to visit and issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if applicable.

You may also be interested in a service aimed at residents who are regularly inconvenienced by vehicles parked in this manner. You can register your address giving your authorisation for routine parking enforcement of the dropped kerb outside your property. You should be aware however that after registering and authorising this type of enforcement, any vehicle parked in front of your dropped kerb may be issued with a PCN, including those owned by you or your visitors.

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

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

Reply:

An assessment of the full wheelchair accessibility of the proposed development has not been made. Planning policies are not prescriptive on disabled access; however Part M of the Building Regulations would apply to the new development.

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

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

Total number of approaches 2955

Breakdown of approaches by reason	Month of approach												Total
	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	
I am being evicted / asked to leave where I am staying	39	41	77	74	95	73	79	87	49	69	93	83	859
I am experiencing violence or harassment	14	17	32	28	23	33	34	26	28	31	44	40	350
I can't afford my home	6	7	8	15	13	12	8	10	2	12	17	19	129
I currently have nowhere to live	70	75	80	93	61	66	58	72	52	48	45	69	790
My home does not meet my medical needs	5	4	10	12	7	6	7	12	6	10	17	13	109
My home is being repossessed	1	1	4	1	2	5	4	3	1	5	10	8	45
My home is in an unfit state to live in	4	2	6	2	5	7	4	11	8	6	7	6	68
My home is overcrowded	8	12	16	17	20	18	11	11	9	23	22	22	198
My tenancy is ending	6	6	11	2	14	6	10	9	9	8	9	12	102
Relationship breakdown	18	21	22	20	27	15	16	25	15	32	19	25	255
The location of my home is unsuitable	4	1	4	5	3	2	1	5	8	4	4	13	50
Total	175	187	270	269	270	245	238	271	187	245	287	310	2955

of which, total progressing to a homelessness assessor 1559

Breakdown of assessments by duty owed	Month of approach												Total
	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	
No duty owed	4	2	8	9	11	6	2	8	9	11	9	8	87
Prevention Duty owed	35	36	63	55	66	59	54	63	34	55	47	51	618
Relief Duty owed	72	77	78	81	59	59	66	80	52	72	70	85	851
Main Duty owed (legacy case)			1					2					3
Total	111	115	150	145	136	124	122	153	95	138	126	144	1559

of which, total deemed homeless 594

Breakdown of homeless decisions by type	Month of approach												Total
	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	
Homeless + no priority need	7	9	9	3	3	5	3	3	1	6	1	1	51
Homeless + priority need + unintentionally homeless - s193(2) duty	46	42	39	56	48	36	50	69	33	42	36	42	541
Homeless + priority need + unintentionally homeless + no local connection - referred to another Local Authority			48	61	51	41	53	72	34	48	35	44	584
Total	53	51	48	61	51	41	53	72	34	48	35	44	594

of which, placed on housing reg: 248

Breakdown of housing register status, by bed size	Month of approach						Total
	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	6 Bed	
Active	99	114	26	5	3	1	248
Cancelled	35	42	5	5			87
CBL Offer Accepted	2						2
Ext CBL Offer Made	13	9	5				27
Pending	4						4
Re-housed	20	11	1				32
Total	173	176	37	10	3	1	400

Source: Data tables above are based on locally held systems, refreshed on 16 February 2022.

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Council

28th February 2022

Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply

1. From Cllr Mike Botting to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Can the Portfolio Holder please tell me how many trees have been planted in the Borough in the last year and how many does the Council anticipate in planting in the next year?

Reply:

I can provide you with details on the numbers for Street Trees and Park Trees.

In 21/22 we will plant 1,452 trees. In the coming three years, we will plant 1,250 trees plus at least the number lost in the previous year. In other words, we will plant them in the season after they are lost. Woodlands are best managed by allowing natural regeneration, and individual trees are not counted in the same way as Street Trees and Park Trees.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Kathy Bance:

I understand that most of Bromley's ash trees are sick and are likely to be felled. Will replacing those trees be in addition to the numbers of trees that you have given?

Reply:

As I said, it will be 1,250 plus at least the number of trees lost either through health reasons or through storms in the previous year. So, by implication, in the season 2022/23 we will plant any lost through health reasons plus any lost through storms.

2. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Following the survey of residents of Surrey, Sussex, North and Kent Roads and the High Street, West Wickham in June 2021 as to whether they would support a residents parking scheme and one-way system when is it proposed to implement the scheme?

Reply:

Once finalised the resulting scheme will be programmed and, subject to the workload of the contractor, will be installed as soon as possible and barring unforeseen circumstances this will be before the end of the calendar year.

Supplementary Question:

Can the Portfolio Holder ensure that when we install the new scheme we repair the roads as well?

Reply:

The road resurfacing programme will be coming to the March PDS, which will highlight those in priority need. Just before the March PDS, you can ask the relevant officer and he will be able to show photographic evidence of why the road was or was not included in the programme.

3. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How many fly tipping incidents were recorded in the London Borough of Bromley in the most recent financial year available and how do we compare to other London Boroughs?

Reply:

Fly tipping incidents are reported to DEFRA as part of the national waste data return. The latest figures cover 2020/21.

31 Local Authorities report as London Authorities, the attached graph details return made by all authorities. Bromley suffered from 3,575 incidents which is the seventh lowest total in London and less than 1% of the total return for London.

Barking and Dagenham	3494
Barnet	4218
Bexley	5684
Brent	33467
Bromley	3575
Camden	36696
City of London	2112
Croydon	22719
Ealing	13090
Enfield	7289
Greenwich	4376
Hackney	13609
Hammersmith and Fulham	16828
Haringey	21950
Harrow	7622
Havering	3242
Hillingdon	9323
Hounslow	30902
Islington	1982
Kensington and Chelsea	8043
Kingston upon Thames	2205
Lambeth	5040
Lewisham	4294
Merton	15857
Newham	20765
Redbridge	26053
Richmond upon Thames	2981
Southwark	21386
Sutton	4487
Tower Hamlets	7537
Waltham Forest	8606
Wandsworth	3924
Westminster	11478

Supplementary Question:

I have been meeting with various residents in Chislehurst recently and most of them are very happy with the Council's responses to fly tipping reports. Can the Portfolio Holder please tell me what is the typical turn-around time for a fly-tipping report made by a resident?

Reply:

I'm sorry I do not have that to hand, but depending on the type of material and the volume of material on average it is probably a day to two days.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks:

What residents really want to know is what is the difference in fly-tipping incidents in the borough over the last few years?

Reply:

I do not have those figures to hand but they are part of the scorecard that the PDS Committee receives. I am sure that Cllr Dunn could provide you with that, but if not, I will ensure that you get an answer.

4. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

As the Council is still paying for a “man in a van” because the UPS switch protecting the Council’s network & systems has still not been repaired, what does he expect to be the final bill for this night watchman service since its implementation?

Reply:

The Council’s operations are accessed by both staff and residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via various on line portals the Council uses and serviced via the Council’s on site servers. These servers need an uninterrupted power supply to ensure that they can operate. The UPS switch protecting the Council’s network & systems has now been replaced and equipment has been installed to provide an early warning system in the event of power failure so that on site staff can ensure full operability as a safeguard. The watch service will now be dispensed with. To date this has cost the Council £140K, however it should also be borne in mind that this service has not only ensured that the Council’s operations have continued to be maintained but also ensured that there has been no power loss to the Covid Vaccination Centre which has been housed at the Civic Centre since the beginning of 2021, thus ensuring refrigerated vaccination doses are stored correctly and appointments are maintained.

Supplementary Question:

Would he like to recalculate that because my understanding is, based on the answer given by Cllr Arthur, where we were told a short while ago (Cllr Bance asked the question) that the monthly cost of this was £7,200 and according to an Audit report the man in the van has been there since October 2019. I calculate the cost to be £201,600.

Reply:

That figure was provided to me only last week by officers, but certainly I will ask them to validate it and get back to you.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Ryan Thomson:

It is good news that this issue has been resolved and the switch repaired. I was curious to know what was the delay in terms of it taking since 2019 to resolve – what was the hold up in getting it repaired?

Reply:

There have been a variety of technical issues. Certainly it was originally fixed last autumn and there were some follow-on problems. There was a previous question that I answered that it was closer to being finished than it was because of these failures. It was incredibly important that the vaccination centre did not lose its power – if we had lost power we would have lost a whole load of vaccines so we were super cautious with it.

5. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

Can the Portfolio Holder please explain why the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board only publishes Executive Summaries of its Safeguarding Adult Reviews, while many other Safeguarding Adult Boards publish the full document, sometimes with names redacted?

Reply:

As Members should be aware, and has been confirmed by the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board, there is no statutory requirement to publish Safeguarding Adults Reviews. LBB has a Safeguarding Adults Committee which agrees on any publication arrangements on conclusion of a safeguarding review and when all linked multi-agency investigations have been completed. The decision will be made on a case by case basis taking into account the terms of reference of the review and the views of the individuals affected and their families.

Supplementary Question:

The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board website has a single report from Bromley – that is a four page summary which tells us very little. It also has summaries from other authorities, including one which is ninety six pages long with eighteen individual learning points. Why is it we are showing other authorities reports but not our own?

Reply:

I can confirm that this authority is not out of kilter with other London boroughs. Lewisham, Lambeth, Croydon, they all produce executive summaries and so we are not out of kilter with other boroughs.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Simon Jeal:

What use do the Adult Safeguarding Team and the Board make of the full reports published by other boroughs?

Reply:

We use those as learning opportunities. The report, even the executive summary, will have action plans and things that we need to implement to make sure that our vulnerable people are protected and that we learn, multi-agency, across the board, the lessons that are learnt.

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

On 25th January organisations were informed that applications for the Bromley household support fund had closed early and those submitted could take up to six weeks to process. Would you agree this shows many residents across the borough are struggling with the current cost of living crisis, more support is needed and that six weeks is too long for a family to wait to be able to buy food or pay their energy bills?

Reply:

I don't believe so personally, especially given that the Council's Hardship Fund for 2021/22 remains significantly underspent with just one month of the financial year to go, despite being doubled in size in 2021/22 from £100k to £200k per year.

I believe that the Council's early launch of the Household Support Fund back in November, one of the first Boroughs in London to do so, and our ability to expeditiously process the grant at a time of year renowned for staffing shortages across all industries, even before Covid-related problems added to the concerns, is thanks in very large part to the streamlined distribution processes we set in place for previous generous Government Covid grant schemes, as well as our ability to cross reference back to previous recipients already identified as requiring assistance.

Supplementary Question:

Could he confirm what the average processing time was for the applications and how many remain unprocessed?

Reply:

I will have to get back to you on the average time, but I can confirm that none are unprocessed. There, I believe, about fifty waiting for residents to return potentially necessary paperwork.

7. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Enforcement

The local StreetSafe survey ended in July with the objective of compiling the data and identifying locations which would benefit from either CCTV or additional lighting. Is Bromley Council committed to ring fencing funds for areas identified in Bromley?

Reply:

Although I have not been able to find details of the surveys set out in your question, I am aware of the Police's on-going StreetSafe initiative where members of the public can report online areas where they feel unsafe. We are still waiting to hear when this data will be made available from the Police to the local authority. Whilst there is no current commitment for ring-fenced funds for CCTV, the Council does have seven re-deployable cameras which can be placed in emerging crime hotspots.

Supplementary Question:

There is a typo because the survey ended in February, not July – that is the local survey which is part of our tri-borough. If there are locations identified in Bromley will there be ring-fenced money to consult, because this whole consultation depends on the Police then liaising with their Councils and other third parties to fund the initiatives for CCTV and or lighting.

Reply:

At the moment, there are no plans for, and no commitment to ring-fenced funds, but once we do have further data there may be a need to look at things further. At this moment in time it is very difficult to comment on that.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Angela Wilkins

Are those seven CCTV cameras deployed at the moment, and if so where are they deployed to?

Reply:

There are fourteen overall, of which seven are deployed, but there are seven available on request via the Police to be put into crime hotspots.

8. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

Given Bromley's relatively low performance on the Healthy Streets Scorecard for London and the decision to sever the Albemarle Road segregated cycle lane, what alternative provision for cycling is going to be made?

Reply:

The percentage of trips made by bike in Bromley is lower than in many inner London boroughs but is mid-table when compared to all outer London boroughs and higher than in some nearby boroughs such as Croydon, Bexley and Sutton.

Cycle routes have been introduced in a number of locations in Bromley over the last couple of years, including the pop-up cycle lane in Albemarle Road, which is now being modified in light of feedback from public consultation. The Council is looking at ways to continue the cycle route in Shortlands and Beckenham, to hopefully meet up with the cycle route that is nearing completion between Kent House Station and Lower Sydenham.

With regard to the Healthy Streets Scorecard, Bromley does not ascribe to their system of scoring. For example it is not clear to us that all or possibly any Low Traffic Neighbourhoods are necessarily healthy, particularly considering the scheme trialled by Croydon near to Crystal Palace.

Supplementary Question:

Is the Portfolio Holder aware of negative comments by cyclists about the suitability and maintenance of the cycle lane in Albemarle Road and was this cycle lane designed in consultation with user groups and other expert groups such as Sustrans?

Reply:

That specific scheme was a result of the lockdown and was introduced quickly. The route, rather than that particular implementation, was part of the Shortlands Villages Scheme which Sustrans were fully involved in.

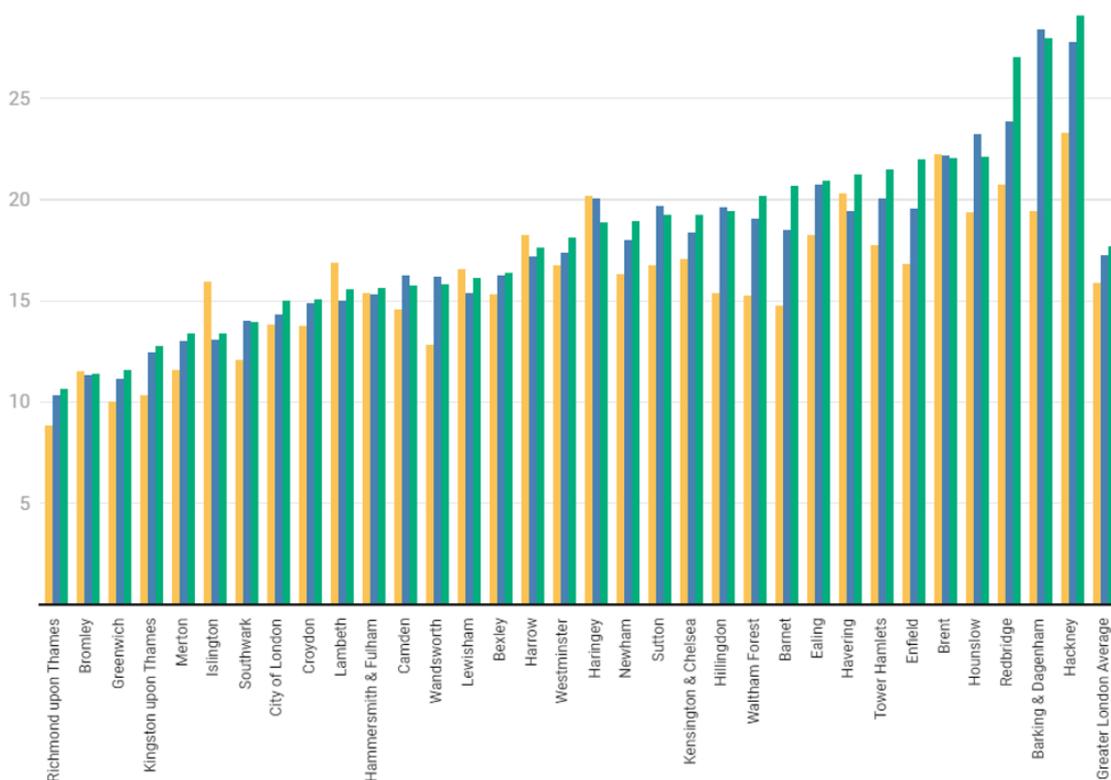
Additional supplementary question from Councillor Kieran Terry:

In his question Councillor King references the Healthy Streets Scorecard. Is the Portfolio Holder aware of this graph from the Healthy Streets Scorecard that shows on the critical performance measure of average annual pedestrian serious and fatal casualties per hundred thousand, Bromley is the second safest in London and that we are safer than any Labour run borough in London?

Road collision pedestrian casualties, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Scorecard data, by London borough

Average annual pedestrian serious and fatal casualties per 100,000 daily walking stages for each borough and London average, comparing 2019, 2020 and 2021 Scorecard data. [View all results](#)

Year 2019 Year 2020 Year 2021



Annual average is the total number of pedestrians killed and seriously injured over three year period 2015-2017, 2016-2018 and 2017-2019 divided by three.

Reply:

We do not subscribe to the whole scoring system, but it is quite noticeable just how well we do perform in a system that seems to be stacked against us.

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

Do you think the Planning Inspectorate should be challenged for allowing a linked detached house to be downgraded to a semi-detached house by the neighbour converting the linked garage into an adjoining habitable room?

Reply:

If you are referring to the appeal at 11 Kennedy Close in Petts Wood I agree that this was a very odd decision by the Planning Inspector to allow this appeal and I do share your concerns about any future precedents. However, it is only possible to challenge appeal decisions on procedural grounds and not because of a differing view on a decision made. Officers would be happy to review any specific decision to see if there are any procedural issues, however genuine procedural mistakes are uncommon, the cost of challenge is high and outcomes unpredictable. A successful challenge would only lead to a redetermination of the appeal which could potentially result in the same outcome depending on the points raised.

Supplementary Question:

Can I say how incredibly helpful the Chairman has always been, visiting the Houses of Parliament in her own time and generally looking after the interests of people in this borough. Could the Legal Team of this Council, if they are not prepared to mount a challenge please explain to my constituent and his Ukrainian wife why you cannot buy a detached house in the UK with any certainty that that is how it remains?

Reply:

I will be happy to speak to the Legal Team to see how I can take this forward.

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

What was the money terms and % increase in the Mayoral precept for the following periods?

2001-2 to 2008-9 by levied by Mayor Livingstone

2009-10 to 2016-17 levied by Mayor Johnson

2017-18 to 2022-23 levied by Mayor Khan

Reply:

The answer is being provided in tabular form. If I was to summarise, I would say that under Ken Livingstone there were very large increases in the GLA's council tax. If I was to summarise for Boris Johnston's time as Mayor of London I would say entirely either zero or negative tax changes, and under Mayor Sadiq Khan I would say very high increases, currently a 43% increase since he took office only a few years ago.

	GLA (%)	GLA (£)	Mayor
2001/02	22.7	150.88	Livingstone
2002/03	15.2	173.88	Livingstone
2003/04	30.8	227.4	Livingstone
2004/05	6.1	241.33	Livingstone
2005/06	5.5	254.62	Livingstone
2006/07	13.3	288.61	Livingstone
2007/08	5.3	303.88	Livingstone
2008/09	2	309.82	Livingstone
2009/10	0	309.82	Johnson
2010/11	0	309.82	Johnson
2011/12	0	309.82	Johnson
2012/13	-1	306.72	Johnson
2013/14	-1.2	303.00	Johnson
2014/15	-1.3	299.00	Johnson
2015/16	-1.3	295.00	Johnson
2016/17	-6.4	276.00	Johnson
2017/18	1.5	280.02	Khan
2018/19	5.1	294.23	Khan
2019/20	8.9	320.51	Khan
2020/21	3.6	332.07	Khan
2021/22	9.5	363.66	Khan
2022/23	8.8	395.59	Khan

Supplementary Question:

Councillor Rutherford was a little bit coy about the figures for Ken Livingstone – it was over 100% in eight years, and under the present Mayor 43%. Under Mayor Johnson it fell, by 10% - what conclusions does he draw.

Reply:

I would draw the conclusion that you get lower taxes under the Conservatives.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Peter Fortune

Is the Portfolio Holder aware that last week the London Assembly met to discuss the Mayor's £19bn budget and the suggestion in there to be an 8.8% council tax

increase for the Mayor's precept? Is he aware that of the 25 member committee 14 members voted against that 8.8% increase and only 11 members voted for and sadly those were the 11 members who represented the Labour party. Does he agree with me that it is no longer fair that the cost of Khan is passed on to hard working Bromley residents?

Reply:

Yes, I do agree.

11. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

In July 2019, the Council moved a motion to be net carbon neutral (in terms of its direct activities) by 2029, one of the most ambitious targets for any London Borough. How is the Council performing to date on this and are we still on track to meet it?

Reply:

You will have already heard this answer as I supplied it as part of the response to the petition.

In year 2 (2020/21) of the Net Zero Action Plan, the Council's emissions totalled 3,985 tCO₂e, equivalent to a 45% reduction against the 2018/19 baseline and a reduction of 39.5% on year 1 (2019/20).

Further information can be found in the NZAP Year 2 Annual Performance Report, available on the Council's website.

Supplementary Question:

Will the Portfolio Holder agree with me that the very strong target and our very strong performance against it is testament to the hard work that this Council is putting in to protecting our environment and contrary to many people's beliefs, saving the environment does not need to cost the earth?

Reply:

I agree.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Simon Jeal:

I wish to ask the Portfolio Holder to what extent he believes the reductions may have been attributed to the pandemic and to the restrictions under lockdown around transport?

Reply:

There will obviously be some attributed to the amount of working from home. If the country is moving towards more of a hybrid working environment then we would expect there to be an overall benefit. Yes, but it is not all down to that.

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

“Levelling up” is a favourite mantra of the current government. What plans does he have for levelling up in Bromley?

Reply:

We have been levelling up locally for years to the benefit of Bromley residents as the impressive array awards won by various departments across the Council attests.

I will not list all of the awards in question, but there was one in 2017, 2 in 2018, one in 2019, three in 2020, five in 2021, there is one so far in 2022 with our contact tracing team also having been short-listed for Team of the Year at the Local Government Chronicle Awards.

Recently we have been rated locally as one of the ten nicest places to live in the country by Mr Gove’s team. This is how we are levelling up in Bromley, by making things better for everyone.

Specific to the Government’s more recent use of the term, and of direct benefit to residents living across a vast swathe of south London, very much including Cllr Wilkins’ own ward of Crystal Palace and nearby Penge and Cator, the current plan to level up was demonstrated by the Council’s recent bid to pay for the regeneration of Crystal Palace Park, a scheme for £18.5m, focussed on conserving and repairing the historic Italian terraces, creating new gardens, landscaping, improving access, enhancing natural habitat, building a cultural venue to adjoin the grade 2 listed subway and restoring the grade 1 dinosaurs. Although that bid has thus far proved elusive and unsuccessful we have been politely invited to bid again because it has excited officials at Westminster and we are increasingly confident that that bid will be granted when we apply again.

So that is a snapshot of what we are doing locally to not only level up but level up even further than we have already levelled.

Supplementary Question:

I obviously support the grant application for Crystal Palace Park; however my question is whether or not he will undertake personally to do some levelling up for me in a housing problem because the Portfolio Holder has tried to help a similar problem in Orpington with the support of Cllr Cuthbert and Cllr Tunnicliffe. I have a man living in a house on which a section 40 notice was put three years ago. This gentleman is still in there, I can list his problems. It is Hyde Housing, the property has not been treated for the damp that is endemic throughout and I learnt this weekend from my colleagues in Orpington that there is a very similar case to Cllr Morgan, Cllr Cuthbert and Cllr Tunnicliffe. If the Portfolio Holder cannot sort out the housing in this borough, and this is with no disrespect to Cllr Morgan as I know you

have tried very hard with this particular case, then I am hoping that the Leader will be able to help. Will the Leader undertake to solve these problems? We have two of them, one in my ward and one in Orpington, which three of your own councillors are trying to resolve for people living in appalling conditions in Hyde properties.

Reply:

I am confident that Cllr Morgan can solve any problem relating to housing if it is solvable. If Cllr Morgan can email Councillor Wilkins in the morning copying me in I will be happy to read whatever correspondence has gone on previously.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Nicholas Bennett:

Does the Leader agree that the best way to help levelling up for the people of Bromley is to keep personal taxation low so people keep more money in their own pockets to look after their own families?

Reply:

That is a quaint old-fashioned conservative notion and I certainly agree with it 100%.

(At this point the time allowed for questions expired – the remaining questions received written replies.)

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

Across the borough, how many trees have been removed by Council contractors in the past four years?

Reply:

Trees are only removed when absolutely necessary either due their own health or damage to buildings or facilities.

2018/19	383
2019/20	372
2020/21	663
2021/22	466 (01/04/21-14/02/22)
Total	1884

14. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

Bromley Parks signage reflects badly on Bromley's claim about the extent and value we place on our parks and this has been discussed many times on the Friends Forum. The latest advice was that this project would be picked up as part of the Parks' Strategy. Does Bromley Council have a plan to update the mainly, dated and random signage?

Reply:

Bromley Park's Satisfaction Surveys 2020 & 2021 revealed that Parks Signage was not a priority from the public's perspective. However, upgrading of Parks signage has been identified in the Open Space Strategy (2021-31) as a key objective. An Action Plan will be developed to include the designing of new signage in line with Corporate branding with the following objectives:

- Parks Invigoration: To include information around the biodiversity of open spaces and other sustainability information, encouraging and educating visitors to the borough to look after their natural world.
- Across Generations: Projects designed and led by young people who want to be more active in shaping the future of their communities.
- Community Renewal: Projects creating new opportunities for the people that live locally to contribute and/or to build skills and experiences.
- Our Shared Natural World: Projects initiating collective action in relation to the natural world locally - giving more people the opportunity to care for the planet at a local level.

15. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Leader of the Council

Given that it is nearly 60 years since the London Government Act created the London Boroughs, and the many disadvantages to Bromley of the current structure, is it time to campaign for something better?

Reply:

(To follow)

Council

28th February 2022

Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply

1. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Over the last two years how much have parking charges increased by in the borough?

Reply:

Parking Charges are reviewed every 4 years, with the last review being completed in 2019/20, a review is currently programmed to next take place in 2022/23.

2. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How does Bromley compare with other London Boroughs in terms of the number of families housed in temporary accommodation? Please provide a graph or table detailing these figures.

Reply:

See [Appendix 1](#).

3. From Cllr Kim Botting to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health

If the Council meets its externally imposed housing target and the new homes are spread evenly across the borough will there be sufficient GPs, Dentists and other Primary Care facilities in the Orpington Ward area? If there is predicted to be a shortfall what plans are in place to increase the capacity in the Orpington Ward area?

Reply:

The CCG has responsibility, delegated from NHS England, for commissioning local general practice (GP) services in Bromley. I have therefore been in contact with Dr Angela Bhan, Bromley Borough Director, SEL CCG and she has provided the following statement.

“We are aware of the externally imposed housing targets; they will pose some pressures and challenges across health services, not only in terms of premises, but also workforce.

The NHS in Bromley and Bromley Council are working together and with other partners to address these issues. The CCG team in Bromley has set up an Estates

Board, which is developing a strategy that reviews and considers how we meet the primary care needs of new residents, both currently and into the future. The Board has so far established eleven work streams which include

- maximising current health space, such as seeking out new premises or expanding current sites
- exploring Digital options for people to access primary care
- support Primary Care Networks (PCNs), which are groups of general practices working together, to use their estate flexibly to best effect

Most of our current GP sites have reached or are reaching full capacity, with some in need of improvement works or new sites. However, all GP practices in Bromley still have their lists open so new residents can register with them.

We have recently undertaken detailed local estate reviews and plans for all Bromley PCNs. We have a good understanding of all the pinch points in Bromley and where expansion or different estates' solutions may be needed. The detailed health planning exercise allows for growth from some of the larger proposed housing developments as well as other sources of population growth. Various short and long term solutions to the primary care capacity issues are being identified and worked through.

The broad outcome of the estates plans, including for the Orpington area, shows that we will need more general practice capacity over the coming years to meet the population's needs.

We recognise that we may not be able to find or build new GP premises nor extend existing ones, so we are reviewing other options, as have been already mentioned. Improvements such as digitalisation of records enables space to be freed up for conversion to clinical areas. In addition, PCNs are working more closely on sharing activities (clinical services) as well as hot desking for back office staff, etc.

We are in the process of making a formal response on the most recent large development proposed in Orpington town centre, which is due by 25th of February. We have had some discussions with Bromley Council officers and the developers. We will need to carefully manage accommodation of the potential number of new patients with local GP Practices, especially as up to 19% of the units might be senior living units. As stated, we are looking at a range of options to mitigate these challenges. We will require additional resources to help to expand and reconfigure the local health facilities and implement new ways of working."

4. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

Please provide the number of Safeguarding Adult Reviews the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board has produced in each calendar year for the last five years. Also, please provide the number of Safeguarding Adult Reviews which are currently in progress?

Reply:

Two Safeguarding Adult Reviews commenced in 2019, one completed in 2019 and the other completed in 2021.

Two are currently in progress and one is awaiting a decision regarding whether it should be progressed as a Safeguarding Adult Review.

5. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

Please provide the number of clients of the Adult Learning Disabilities Service, broken down by those receiving residential care, those in supported living, those living at home and others, as at the end of 2021. Please also provide the annual cost for each of the groups.

Reply:

The total number of adults with a Learning Disability receiving a service at the end of year 2021 was 739. Of those 305 were living in Supported Living at a total annual cost of £18,005k, 214 were living in Residential Care at a total annual cost of £16,501k and 220 were being supported at home or in other settings at a total annual cost of £10,120k.

6. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Mayor

Could you please confirm which councillors were invited to attend the Holocaust Memorial service on 27th January 2022? Also, please confirm which councillors attended the service?

Reply:

Due to the ongoing pandemic, and as there were a number of guests from the local Community, it was agreed that the invitations to Councillors would be limited.

In addition to myself and the Deputy Mayor, three Members were in attendance at the service – Councillors Kathy Bance MBE, Colin Smith and Diane Smith. A further nine Members were invited but did not attend – Councillors Mike Botting, Peter Fortune, William Huntington-Thresher, Kate Lymer, Peter Morgan, Angela Page, Michael Rutherford, Melanie Stevens and Angela Wilkins.

7. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

Is Bromley Council withdrawing the cheque-paying options for most services? As this raises some problems for some elderly and disabled people who do not use internet banking or have smart phones? If so, payment process will replace this system so that we do not ignore the Disability Discrimination Act?

Reply:

I have been advised that there is no plan to withdraw cheques as methods of payment.

8. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The recent fly tipping and the recycling for flats above shops pilots have closed. The statistics show a positive outcome but, our residents have seen no improvement. Is there a plan B to address either of these issues?

Reply:

The Your Waste is Your Responsibility Campaign is a long running campaign that aims to encourage businesses and residents to dispose of their waste responsibly. It is one of several actions detailed in the Council's Fly-tipping Action Plan.

The element of the campaign that is being referred to in this question is a face-to-face engagement exercise that took place in two areas of the borough, to ensure that residents are aware of all the services that can be accessed to dispose of waste responsibly. The early results were positive with just under a 70% decrease in fly-tipping incidents following the campaign in the areas targeted. The full results will be available in the next few weeks and once these have been reviewed, the next steps for the campaign will be developed. It is also worth noting that the campaign is just one of the actions within the Council's Fly-tipping Action Plan.

Unfortunately, information gathered from the flats above shops pilot indicated that it would not be financially or environmentally viable to provide a 'flats above shops' recycling service. However, the Council continues to investigate other ways of making it easier to recycle for people who live in flats above shops. In the meantime, residents can continue to use recycling sites across the borough.

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

Unlike a number of councils, Bromley does not provide funding for political groups to employ an assistant. However, six members of the Executive have "Executive Assistants" who currently each receive a special responsibility allowance of £3,746. Does he agree that it would be in the interests of democracy for the largest opposition party to have the option to make a similar appointment?

Reply:

No I don't.

An Executive Assistant's function is to assist an Executive Councillor in the execution of the work they undertake on behalf of Bromley's residents.

It is most emphatically not to fund work on behalf of any political party, whether it be the Conservative, Independent or Labour Group.

10. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much has been spent in each of the last ten years on maintenance of a) commercial properties purchased via the Investment & Growth Funds and b) other properties owned by the Council?

Reply:

The properties held within the Investment Fund were acquired between April 2012 and July 2017.

During that time the properties have been let on full repairing and insuring leases, meaning that any maintenance liabilities sat with the occupying tenants, and not the Council.

Therefore £0 has been spent in the last ten years on maintenance.

With regards to other properties owned by the Council, regrettably Finance colleagues can only reference the Council's repairs and maintenance expenditure from 2016/17 at this time. The expenditure for these years is detailed below:

16/17 £2.330m

17/18 £2.135m

18/19 £2.094m

19/20 £1.978m

20/21 £2.117m

21/22 £3.255m (projected)

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

How many people have joined the housing waiting list who were previous housing association tenants?

Reply:

The housing waiting list comprises of both general waiting list and housing association transfer lists for those housing association who have joined the allocation as a common register. This includes Clarion Housing Association. The housing legislation requires assessment of the last 5 years housing history and whilst this information is held and assessed on each individual case file, It is not possible to provide the information requested in a collated reportable format.

12. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

If he will set out in table format the % council tax increases for each London Borough for 2022-23?

Reply:

	2022-23			
	% General	% ASC Precept	Total	Rank
	(Band D)	(Band D)	(Band D)	(Band D)
	%	%	%	
Barking & Dagenham	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Barnet	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	3
Bexley	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Brent	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Bromley	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	3
Camden	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
City of London	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%	3
Croydon	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Ealing	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Enfield	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	3
Greenwich	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Hackney	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Hammersmith & Fulham	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2
Haringey	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Harrow	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Havering	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Hillingdon	0.90%	1.00%	1.90%	9
Hounslow	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Islington	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Kensington & Chelsea	0.99%	1.00%	1.99%	11
Kingston-upon-Thames	0.99%	1.00%	1.99%	11
Lambeth	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Lewisham	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Merton	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Newham	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Redbridge	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Richmond-upon-Thames	0.94%	1.00%	1.94%	10
Southwark	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Sutton	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13

Tower Hamlets	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	3
Waltham Forest	1.99%	1.00%	2.99%	13
Wandsworth	-1.00%	0.00%	-1.00%	1
Westminster	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	3

13. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

If he will set out in table format the debt for each London Borough for 2022-23, the percentage of each council tax bill which is for debt servicing and the money cost for a Band D council taxpayer?

Reply:

See [Appendix 2](#).

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

In the last 5 years how many how many flats (including conversions from offices) have been built or granted planning permission in Orpington? What is figure for houses with gardens?

Reply:

We do not have a breakdown of housing delivery to show how many flats or houses with gardens were delivered, nor do we have a specific breakdown of delivery for Orpington. The Government's live tables on net additional housing supply, specifically table 123, sets out total net additional housing delivery in Bromley between 2012/13 and 2020/21. This supply is broken down into different components of supply, including new build, conversions and housing delivered through permitted development rights. The live table can be accessed here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1035592/Live_Table_123.ods Individual years can be accessed by clicking the tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet.

15. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health

Following my wife's collapse at home with a perforated bowel, the ambulance service not being able to provide transport for the necessary emergency operation, no response from 13 calls to 111 and A&E not recognising an emergency if the person does not arrive by ambulance, do you have any plans to review the availability of local medical infrastructure?

Reply:

I am very sorry to hear about your recent experience of NHS Services.

As I believe you are aware I have been in contact with Dr Angela Bhan the Bromley Borough Board Director, SEL CCG , who will respond to us in due course with

regard to the concerns you have raised. These issues may with the agreement of the Chairman be something that the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee would like to consider.

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Appendix 2

13. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

If he will set out in table format the debt for each London Borough for 2022-23, the percentage of each council tax bill which is for debt servicing and the money cost for a Band D council taxpayer?

London Borough	21-22 Total Debt as at Q3 (£000s)	21-22 Council Tax Requirement (£000s)	21-22 Debt Servicing Budget (£000s)	Proportion of Debt Servicing to Council Tax Requirement %	Council Tax Band D £	*Illustrative Proportion of Council Tax Band D used for Debt Servicing %
Barking & Dagenham	1,025,294	68,789	13,544	19.7%	1,348.91	265.59
Barnet	588,380	198,050	14,097	7.1%	1,337.33	95.19
Bexley	223,440	121,228	7,973	6.6%	1,483.06	97.54
Brent	569,757	135,670	26,243	19.3%	1,378.26	266.60
Bromley	0	175,312	0	0.0%	1,327.86	0.00
Camden	329,436	109,157	0	0.0%	1,355.82	0.00
City of London	0	7,785	0	0.0%	952.91	0.00
Croydon	1,068,001	198,094	31,355	15.8%	1,524.49	241.30
Ealing	893,661	152,395	34,350	22.5%	1,300.99	293.24
Enfield	938,549	133,108	8,703	6.5%	1,431.81	93.62
Greenwich	432,359	105,768	21,238	20.1%	1,276.34	256.29
Hackney	73,050	89,219	0	0.0%	1,238.48	0.00
Hammersmith & Fulham	271,731	67,331	2,087	3.1%	831.96	25.79
Haringey	537,915	110,303	4,254	3.9%	1,441.04	55.58
Harrow	422,261	139,706	18,926	13.5%	1,598.71	216.58
Havering	315,234	135,107	2,383	1.8%	1,529.64	26.98
Hillingdon	244,088	126,539	2,354	1.9%	1,239.72	23.06
Hounslow	180,698	115,098	11,503	10.0%	1,338.57	133.78
Islington	268,275	99,229	5,041	5.1%	1,276.48	64.85
Kensington & Chelsea	234,239	93,832	4,153	4.4%	949.94	42.04
Kingston upon Thames	304,101	106,449	13,144	12.3%	1,692.81	209.02
Lambeth	671,658	136,143	34,632	25.4%	1,227.93	312.36
Lewisham	212,918	122,282	8,600	7.0%	1,379.96	97.05
Merton	109,010	99,861	6,316	6.3%	1,340.72	84.80
Newham	800,802	88,677	27,000	30.4%	1,103.67	336.04
Redbridge	290,227	128,708	17,048	13.2%	1,425.73	188.84
Richmond upon Thames	122,477	141,136	4,275	3.0%	1,595.00	48.31
Southwark	733,496	123,024	9,885	8.0%	1,164.14	93.54
Sutton	312,126	108,109	2,768	2.6%	1,492.91	38.22
Tower Hamlets	71,534	114,189	2,359	2.1%	1,113.27	23.00
Waltham Forest	247,385	115,011	13,206	11.5%	1,499.51	172.18
Wandsworth	60,206	65,554	4,124	6.3%	475.44	29.91
Westminster	200,720	62,398	4,748	7.6%	463.90	35.35

*Councils receive funding from council tax, government grants, fees and charges and various other sources of income which can be utilised to meet the cost of debt. The table above provides an 'illustrative' element assuming it was funded solely by council tax.

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