

COUNCIL MEETING

20th FEBRUARY 2012

ORAL QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

From Alma Haq, Chair of the Central Beckenham Residents' Association, of the Leader of the Council

TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

In the last 5 financial years from April 2006 to March 2011, what has been the Council's total spending (including TfL and Section 106 funds spent) in terms of (i) capital works, and (ii) revenue, on town centre improvements in each of the 3 main towns in the Borough:

- (a) Bromley Town Centre;
- (b) Orpington Town Centre; and
- (c) Beckenham Town Centre?

Reply:

Councillor Carr gave the following information:

| Town Centre Improvement - April 2006 to March 2011 | | | |
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| | Bromley | Orpington | Beckenham |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Revenue | 218 | 7 | 0 |
| Capital (incl TfL & S106) | 2,084 | 4,145 | 220 |
| Total spend | 2,302 | 4,152 | 220 |

So far as revenue costs were concerned whilst no spend was shown for Beckenham Town Centre it did not take into account staff costs and the benefits the Town Centre Managers bought to those areas. The Leader offered to pass on these details after the meeting.

Supplementary Question:

Ms Haq stated that as a resident of Beckenham and a representative of the Residents Association why was so little being spent on Beckenham and would like to be reassured that Bromley was committed to spending on Beckenham and in particular the Town Centre.

Reply:

Councillor Carr responded that Bromley Council was totally committed to Beckenham Town Centre and invited Ms Haq and her resident's association members to stay for the rest of the meeting as she may hear things that would please her Committee. He emphasised that the Council was committed to Beckenham and had submitted substantial bids in the past for funding. There were also a list of priorities in the Building a Better Bromley agenda around vibrant/thriving Town Centres. Beckenham along with Orpington, Bromley Town Centre, West Wickham and all the others were high priorities for this administration at the moment.