

## COUNCIL MEETING

27th FEBRUARY 2013

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**1. From Councillor Tom Papworth of the Leader of the Council**

To ask the Leader to provide the following information:

A breakdown of the number of redundancies in the council broken down by year, starting in 2010/2011, and by department.

What services have been brought back in house and how many jobs did this create;

Details of redundancies by contractors which provide services in the borough;

The amount of money the council/agencies/contractors have spent on redundancy payments during the same time, broken down the same way.

The highest redundancy payment the Council or its agencies paid, and which department/service this member of staff worked for.

**Reply:**

[Please see attached Appendix 1.](#)

**2. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

Can he list the canvass returns from the Electoral Registration Office in percentages from each of the electoral wards in the borough for this year and last year?

**Reply:**

[Canvass Return Statistics 2012](#)

Ward	Total Properties	Responses received	Percentage
Bromley Common and Keston	6692	6581	98.3
Biggin Hill	4045	3993	98.7
Bickley	6261	6097	97.4

Bromley Town	7964	7713	96.8
Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	5934	5842	98.4
Copers Cope	8487	8187	96.5
Cray Valley East	6943	6713	96.7
Chislehurst	6464	6352	98.3
Clock House	7187	7010	97.5
Crystal Palace	6492	6102	94.0
Cray Valley West	6932	6772	97.7
Darwin	2142	2105	98.3
Farnborough and Crofton	6359	6290	98.9
Hayes and Coney Hall	6306	6262	99.3
Kelsey and Eden Park	6550	6451	98.5
Mottingham	4520	4390	97.1
Orpington	6535	6427	98.3
Penge	8001	7659	95.7
Plaistow and Sundridge	6890	6642	96.4
Petts Wood	5582	5546	99.4
Shortlands	4328	4227	97.6
West Wickham	5917	5853	98.9

[Canvass Return Statistic 2011](#)

Ward	Total Properties	Responses received	Percentage
Bromley Common and Keston	6618	6444	97.4
Biggin Hill	4045	4000	98.8
Bickley	6243	6144	98.4
Bromley Town	7957	7588	95.4
Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	5939	5893	99.2
Copers Cope	8472	8128	95.9
Cray Valley East	6942	6790	97.8
Chislehurst	6452	6304	97.7
Clock House	7192	6960	97.0
Crystal Palace	6452	5938	92.0
Cray Valley West	6932	6756	97.5
Darwin	2139	2086	97.5
Farnborough and Crofton	6362	6295	98.9
Hayes and Coney Hall	6307	6232	98.8
Kelsey and Eden	6554	6420	98.0

Park			
Mottingham	4519	4319	95.6
Orpington	6517	6331	97.1
Penge	7997	7557	94.5
Plaistow and Sundridge	6934	6654	96.0
Petts Wood	5581	5518	98.9
Shortlands	4330	4209	97.2
West Wickham	5921	5853	98.9

### **3. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Can he list the percentages of residents in each ward of the borough who are online?

#### **Reply**

The percentage of residents online is not a statistic that we have freely available at ward level. The Office for National Statistics publishes regular statistical bulletins about levels of internet access, but this is derived from their Opinions and Lifestyles Survey, and is based on households not individuals. As it is based on a sample it is not possible to break the data down to ward level.

Available online access is used as a factor in commercial tools like Acorn or Experian to produce their geo-demographic profiling. Licences to access this data run into several thousand pounds and although these rankings are available down to postcode it is suspected the online access element would be derived from sample surveys and this particular data set might be difficult to disaggregate from the overall demographic ranking of an area.

The Council had discussions with a research company about 3 years ago who were able to produce this sort of data, but at the time the cost was in the region of £10k for a detailed report and it was not considered economical to proceed.

### **4. From Councillor Peter Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

How many Council buildings are not DDA compliant?

#### **Reply:**

DDA audits have been carried out on all operational buildings and based on the audit findings, physical adaptations have been made to ensure that buildings open to the public are DDA compliant.

DDA audits have also been carried out at schools. Responsibility for DDA compliance at schools depends on the type of school. For those schools where the authority has responsibility, works have been carried out over time and continue to be carried out to improve accessibility.

All new capital build schemes are designed with full accessibility requirements built into the brief.

**5. From Councillor Russell Mellor of the Leader of the Council**

Further to my question to Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 can you provide the figures for the MG grades of staff with the relevant numbers in each grade for the two Civic years, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 together with the salary scales.

**Reply:**

As at 31 March 2011*		
Grade	Headcount	FTE
MB	6.00	6.00
MG1	3.00	3.00
MG2	12.00	11.58
MG3	16.00	16.00
MG4	23.00	23.00
MG5	54.00	53.80
MG6	122.00	118.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>236.00</b>	<b>232.13</b>

As at 31 March 2012*		
Grade	Headcount	FTE
MB	5.00	5.00
MG1	3.00	3.00
MG2	9.00	9.00
MG3	13.00	12.60
MG4	19.00	18.90
MG5	53.00	52.80
MG6	114.00	110.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>216.00</b>	<b>212.16</b>

As at 31 January 2013**		
Grade	Headcount	FTE
MB	5	5.00
MG1	2	2.00
MG2	8	8.00
MG3	11	10.80
MG4	19	18.80
MG5	48	47.80
MG6	97	95.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>187.48</b>

\*Headcount and FTE must be calculated as at a specific date. Therefore dates have been selected from the beginning and end of the respective years.

\*\*As we are not at the end of the 2012/2013 Civic Year the figures were calculated as at the 31 January 2013 as it is the end of the last full calendar month.

**6. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP of the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Further to my question on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007, how many sq feet of additional office accommodation have been purchased or leased since that date and how many sq feet have been sold or relinquished?

**Reply:**

**Acquired**

Burnhill Business Centre

891ft<sup>2</sup> (short term relocation to allow refurbishment works to permanent accommodation)

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**Sold/ Relinquished**

Burnhill Business Centre	891ft <sup>2</sup> (lease surrendered)
1906 Building, Tweedy Road (Old Town Hall)	16,930 ft <sup>2</sup> (under offer)
1939 Building, Widmore Road (Exchequer House)	20,703 ft <sup>2</sup> (under offer)
Ann Springman Hall	20,602 ft <sup>2</sup> (vacated and future options under consideration)
Joseph Lancaster Hall	21,356ft <sup>2</sup> (vacated and future options under consideration)
North Lodge	969 ft <sup>2</sup> (vacated and future options under consideration)
The Walnuts Offices	5027 ft <sup>2</sup> (converted to library use [new Orpington Library] during recent refurbishment works)

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**7. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP of the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Further to my question on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008 if he will provide the following information for each of the subsequent years 2008-9 to 2012-13;

- i) The total kWh Gas consumption and;
- ii) The total unit electricity consumption;
- iii) The total cost for each category?

**Reply:**

Attached (Appendix 2) is the information requested which relates to Bromley Civic Centre. The information is extracted from our energy supplier's software system. This reporting system has been in use for the last two years and therefore the information is not based on the same criteria that were used in compiling the response in 2008.

**8. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP of the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

What is the Council's policy in respect of staff found guilty of a criminal offence either by way of conviction or admission by way of police caution?

**Reply:**

The council gives individual consideration to each case of staff found guilty of a criminal offence and takes any appropriate action.

**9. From Councillor Katherine Bance MBE of the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

Can the Portfolio Holder advise if there any services currently provided at Beckenham Beacon that will not be provided by the new Clinical Commissioning Group at Beckenham Beacon.

**Reply:**

The future use of Beckenham Beacon is to be determined following the changes to healthcare locally resulting from both the implementation of the Report of the Trust's Special Administrator (TSA) into the failure of the South London Healthcare Trust, and the new role of the Clinical Commissioning Group as it succeeds the local PCT. Although the Council will certainly have an opportunity to make the wishes of residents known, service delivery is primarily a matter for the health economy. I would anticipate that both the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Care PDS, acting in its Statutory health scrutiny role, will be able to inform this debate.

**10. From Councillor Katherine Bance MBE of the Portfolio Holder for Education**

Would the portfolio holder provide a list of Bromley schools and the outcomes of their recent Ofsted since new inspection regime introduced in Sept 2012.

**Reply:**

School	New Ofsted Framework	Ofsted Judgements		
		Recent		Previous
Alexandra Infant		Outstanding	24/05/2011	Good
Alexandra Junior	√	Good	01/11/2012	Satisfactory
Bickley Primary		Good	20/05/2009	Good
Blenheim Primary	√	Requires Improvement	29/11/2012	Satisfactory
Bromley Road Infant		Satisfactory	29/02/2012	Satisfactory
Burnt Ash Primary		Satisfactory	18/01/2012	Good
Castlecombe Primary		Good	15/11/2011	Good
Chelsfield Primary		Good	11/09/2011	Good
Chislehurst Primary		Good	26/03/2009	Good
Churchfields Primary		Satisfactory	03/10/2011	Good
Clare House Primary		Good	10/05/2012	Satisfactory

School	New Ofsted Framework	Ofsted Judgements		
		Ofsted Judgement	Date	Overall Rating
Cudham Primary		IAL - 29.1.13 - school will not be re-inspected any earlier than summer 2014	18/11/2009	Good
Darrick Wood Junior	√	Good	04/10/2012	Satisfactory
Dorset Road Infant		Good	30/03/2011	Good
Downe Primary		Good	18/10/2011	Good
Edgebury Primary		Outstanding	27/01/2009	Good
Farnborough Primary	√	Outstanding	27/11/2012	Good
Gray's Farm Primary		Special Measures	27/06/2012	Satisfactory
Hawes Down Infant		Good	12/02/2009	Good
Hawes Down Junior	√	Requires Improvement	10/01/2013	Good
Highfields Infant		Outstanding	21/01/2008	Good
Highfield Junior		Outstanding	21/01/2009	Good
Holy Innocents Primary		Satisfactory	03/11/2011	Good
James Dixon Primary	√	Good	13/02/2013	Satisfactory
Keston Primary		Outstanding	03/06/2009	Good
Leesons Primary		Good	02/02/2012	Satisfactory
Malcolm Primary	√	Special Measures	09/10/2012	Satisfactory
Manor Oak Primary	√	Good	07/02/2013	Satisfactory
Marian Vian Primary		Good	21/06/2012	Outstanding
Mead Road Infant		Outstanding	05/03/2009	Outstanding
Midfield Primary		Good	10/11/2010	Satisfactory
Mottingham Primary		Good	12/05/2011	Satisfactory
Oak Lodge Primary		Satisfactory	15/11/2011	Good
Oaklands Primary		Good	09/12/2010	N/A
Parish Primary		Outstanding	03/11/2011	Good
Perry Hall Primary		Outstanding	22/11/2011	Good
Poverest Primary	√	Requires Improvement	17/01/2013	Satisfactory

## 11. From Councillor Katherine Bance MBE of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Can you advise what the future is for the former CAB office in Snowdon Close, Penge.

### Reply:

As agreed by the Executive in December 2011, the CAB is implementing new outreach services at various locations in Penge from 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Consideration is being given to potential future uses for the building at Snowdon Close, Penge and I am expecting a report to be submitted to me early in the spring setting out options for the future.

**12. From Councillor Fawthrop of the Chairman of the Development Control Committee (to be asked at every Council Meeting)**

What pre-application meetings have taken place since the last full Council Meeting between Council Officers and potential planning applicants? Can these be listed as follows:-

The name of the potential applicant, the site address being considered.

**Reply:**

There have been 20 non-householder and 16 householder meetings between 15<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.

As you are aware details of individual applicants and sites at present is exempt information and not disclosable in response to a Council Question.