

COUNCIL MEETING14th APRIL 2014**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC****(A) Questions for Oral reply**

- (1) From John D Bailey, UK Independence Party Candidate for the Bromley Common & Keston Ward, to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Can the Council say how many empty residential properties, and how many empty commercial properties there are in the Borough of Bromley at this time? Have the Council any plans to fine property owners (as in Islington) who allow properties to remain empty beyond say, three months?

(B) Questions for Written Reply

- (2) From Martin Curry to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Some time ago, the pedestrian crossing markings were removed from Juglans Rd. The PHYSICAL crossing features, gap in barrier and embossed paving stones were NOT removed. The entrance to Juglans road is much wider than the road itself so cars sweep in, in many cases ignoring the road markings. This is a danger to pedestrians. Will you please either restore the crossing and/or ADD a traffic island to the middle of the crossing?"

- (3) From Michael McHale to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

The Council publishes "A list of categories of Council Tax discounts and exemptions" on it's own web site of which item T refers to an "unoccupied dwelling which forms part of a property" is entitled to exemption. Why has this exemption not be granted to 5 Elm Grove, Orpington?

- (4) From Colin Willetts, Governor, Kemnal Technology College to the Leader of the Council**

Dear Leader, thank you for your reply 2/4/14, if the owner of the land incorporating the Waste4Fuel transfer station were to offer the land 'gratis' to the Council/EA on the understanding the site would be cleared by either/both EA/LBB would the Council accept this offer?

(5) From Angela Wilkins, Crystal Palace Ward resident, to the Leader of the Council

(As residents of Crystal Palace ward, we welcome the potential of investment that might bring jobs and economic regeneration to the north of the Borough. We feel however that, given the potential scale of the proposals from ZhongRong Group, the public consultations undertaken to date have failed both in terms of their penetration of the local community and in the very scant level of information provided to the public.)

What safeguards are Bromley Council proposing to ensure that any disposal of land at Crystal Palace Park is genuinely in the public interest, is at a true market rate, and via a process that is transparent and fully compliant with current legislation?

(6) From Angela Wilkins, Crystal Palace Ward resident, to the Leader of the Council

What plans are in place for a true and comprehensive public consultation once the developer's plans are more developed and informed?

(7) From Richard Williams, Crystal Palace Ward resident, to the Leader of the Council

What guarantees can the Council give as regards crucially important traffic and environmental impact assessments and when will they be undertaken?

(8) From Richard Williams, Crystal Palace Ward resident, to the Leader of the Council

Is there any truth in the rumour that the Council and the Mayor of London are attempting to secure a change in the law via the Queen's Speech this autumn to allow for the sale of land in the park?

(9) From Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

BROMLEY WELFARE FUND PAYMENTS

- (a) What was the allocation for 2013/14 for the Fund?
- (b) What is the allocation for 2014/15?
- (c) What was the total monies paid out?
- (d) Who has the Contract to administer the Fund?
- (e) What is the annual value of the Contract?
- (f) Is the cost of the administration taken from the fund allocation ?

(10) From Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group, to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

- (a) How many applications for “General Living Expenses” were received, and how many were approved?
- (b) What was the total funding for the G.L.E. category?
- (c) Are vulnerable residents in poverty allowed to make more than one application?
- (d) How is the scheme monitored?
- (e) How are residents made aware of the scheme, and where is it advertised?

(11) From Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group, to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

BROMLEY BOROUGH FOODBANK – CHARGING OF A £8,400 P.A. COMMERCIAL RENT BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE USE OF THE DISUSED SHOP AT 111 COTMANDENE CRESCENT AS A FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

- (a) Why does the Council not take into account the differences between the operation of the Foodbank, and other charities, which derive an income by using shops to sell donated goods, or receive payment from the Council under contracts, to provide essential services?
- (b) Please explain the justification for this decision.