

COUNCIL MEETING**13th October 2014****QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL****1. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

What was the result of the employment tribunal relating to changes to staff terms and conditions?

2. From Councillor Chris Pierce to the Portfolio holder for Public Protection and Safety

In relation to the recent placing of a considerable number of asylum seekers at the Mary Rose Inn Hotel in the heart of St Mary Cray village without the knowledge of LBB and local Councillors, can the Portfolio Holder please explain which agency placed the asylum seekers there and why LBB were not consulted, and further, to provide reassurances that no further such placements will take place in what is clearly such an unsuitable environment?

3. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

References were made at recent PDS committees to the fact that this Council “has a policy of not allowing any more care homes in the Borough because they cost too much”.

I am not aware of any government guidelines that allow the potential cost of care homes to be a justification for not allowing any more to be built. Nor would the Labour Group support such a decision purely on this basis.

Unless the Council has conducted the required Strategic Housing Market and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments, and has thereby ascertained that the needs of older people are being met, I believe that this policy would fall outside the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Can the Portfolio Holder for Care Services please assure me that Bromley Council is in compliance with requirements of the NPPF and all other relevant legislation, and that they are satisfied the Borough is and will be providing adequate care accommodation for its older residents?

4. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Safety

Can the portfolio holder please update members as to progress in the Waste4Fuel saga and does he feel that enough liaison and communication with residents has been undertaken?

5. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

What process will the Council go through to respond to the Bakerloo Line Extension consultation and what opportunity will all councillors have to input into the Council's response?

6. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Leader of the Council

What is the latest budget projection for each of the following four years and if he will make a statement?

7. From Councillor David Livett to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety

Will the portfolio holder set out the actions now planned by the Council and its partners to ensure the nuisance of waste and waste transfer at the Waste4Fuel site is brought to an early and final close?

8. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

How much was invested by Bromley Council last year in payday loan companies?

9. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Residents groups, Friends groups and Penge traders are trying hard to create a cleaner locality. What steps will the portfolio holder take over the current ineffectual street cleaning to ensure local people feel supported and that their own efforts are not in vain?

10. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Leader of the Council

Further to my written question at the last meeting regarding the proposed development of Crystal Palace by the Zhongrong International (Group) Ltd what response has he had to his letter of 9th July to the Chairman, whether the Draft Business Plan has been produced and the competition for the new building undertaken?

11. From Councillor David Livett to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Will the portfolio holder specify the value of the reserves held by the Council at 30 September (or if not available the most recently available date) that could be returned to the rate payers but which instead are being retained by the Council to defray future reductions in income or increases in costs?

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How much was paid to private landlords in housing benefit payments last year?

13. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett of the Portfolio Holder for Education

How many Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school have been issued in each of the past three school years, how many have been paid and how many of the parents or guardians have subsequently been taken to court for persistent failure to ensure their child attends school?

14. From Councillor David Livett to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Will the portfolio holder set out how the comparative risks to the public purse of its investments in commercial property, diversified growth funds and corporate bonds are measured and controlled by the Council?