COUNCIL MEETING

13th October 2014

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

When will the new medical centre/pharmacy in Oakfield Rd, Penge be opening?

2. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

How many complaints were received last year with regard to street cleaning in Penge and Cator ward?

3. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Education

How many pupils are still waiting to be offered a primary school place?

4. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal & Recreation

Are there plans to introduce a homework club and toddler Rhyme Tyme sessions at Anerley Library Hub?

5. From Cllr Katherine Bance to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Can you please provide statistics for the reports to the Council on rubbish dumped on High Street Penge for 2014 and indicate if this is higher, average or lower compared to other wards.

6. From Councillor Katherine Bance to the Portfolio Holder for Education

How will LBB ensure that all stakeholders have had the opportunity to consult on the plans to market test the outsourcing of SEN provision before it is on an agenda at PDS.

7. From Councillor Katherine Bance to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

Why are LBB discouraging new businesses by charging for information on the planning status of empty properties and please provide details of the charges?

8. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

How much housing benefit was paid during 2013/14 in respect of privately rented accommodation which was previously owned by the London Borough of Bromley? How many individual cases does this represent?

9. From Councillor Ian Dunn of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

What was the minimum balance in the Investment Portfolio in each month since January 2013? (based on the graph in paragraph 3.16 of paper FSD14057).

10. From Councillor Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

In accordance with Council policy, Penge toilets are to be closed and replaced with the Community Toilet Scheme. Will the portfolio holder reassure residents that this will not result in poor service by ensuring that:

- There is correct and conspicuous signage on the High Street as to location of the toilets
- The provision in Penge will be monitored and that any problems will be swiftly resolved.
- All staff in McDonalds, Wetherspoons and Sainsbury's are to be fully informed that the toilets are for public use and there is no obligation make purchases
- Any complaint of pressure put on the public to buy products would be taken to the franchiser by the council
- Space must be provided for potential queues
- Money must be ring-fenced to ensure the empty building will not become an
 eyesore and that graffiti, broken windows etc. will be dealt with as a matter of
 urgency.

11. From Councillor Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for the Resources

How many payments on account have been made to housing benefit claimants for each of the last 12 months and what is the percentage of payments on account of all claims for each of these months?

12. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee

Pursuant to Cllr Fawthrop's standard question at each council meeting: If he will show in table format how many:

- i. Non householder applications;
- ii. Householder applications;

have there been in each of the past three years and how many in each category, in each year, where the application has been recommended for approval, have been refused?

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

How many 'in year' admissions were there in each of the past three school years and how many in the current year to date?

14. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee

If he will show in table format the following information for current municipal year with regard to applications placed on Planning committee agendas:

- i. the number of applications;
- ii. the number recommended for permission and subsequently refused by committee;
- iii. the number recommended for refusal and subsequently approved by committee:
- iv. the number 'called in.'