

**COUNCIL MEETING****8<sup>th</sup> December 2014****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL****1. From Cllr Russell Mellor to the Chairman of the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee**

HM Government undertook to grant Scotland powers to determine their own taxation levels during the devolution referendum. In view of the fact that two of our Pension Fund Managers are located in Scotland, can you advise me of any adverse effects our funds would suffer as a result of the change in the tax regime, particularly cross border investments.

**2. From Cllr Russell Mellor to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment.**

Can the Portfolio holder advise me as to the number of claims entered against the Council for injuries sustained by Residents due to accidents caused by damaged pavements?

In addition, can the Portfolio holder advise me of the number of claims, which have been settled together with the total amount of costs paid?

**3. From Cllr Simon Fawthrop to the Portfolio Holder for Education**

In each of the last 4 years how many (in numbers) of Bromley's looked after Children were entered into entrance exams for selective schools?

- a) 2010
- b) 2011
- c) 2012
- d) 2013

**4. From Cllr Simon Fawthrop to the Portfolio Holder for Education**

In each of the last 4 years how many looked after children (in numbers) were successful in gaining a place at a Russell Group University?

- a) 2010
- b) 2011
- c) 2012
- d) 2013

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

Will the Portfolio Holder provide a schedule of street cleaning for Clock House Ward?

**6. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

Please advise the annual revenue and cost of operation for each of the Borough's car parks in the Penge and Cator ward. Which of those are full to capacity on a regular basis?

**7. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Education**

With the forecast cut to education and youth budget from city hall of up to 90% will Bromley Council be in a position to support our current youth services and continue to support any maintained schools we may still have responsibility for?

**8. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

There is a GLA survey ongoing called "Join the Dots". What has been the Borough's involvement in this and what impact might its final report and recommendations have on plans for the communities of Penge, Anerley and Crystal Palace? Has there been any financial cost to the Borough?

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

Will the Portfolio Holder provide a schedule of street cleaning for Penge & Cator Ward?

**10. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

To what extent will the Council consider and evaluate the environmental performance of those contractors who may enter future tendering processes? What progress has been made and is expected in relation to compliance with ISO 14001?

**11. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Will the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of current Council Tax Support claimants, broken down by working age / pensioner, Council Tax band and whether they are liable for the full charge or eligible for 25% discount?

**12. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Will the Portfolio holder provide statistics on how much housing benefit was paid during 2013/14 to each Housing Association and to private landlords? How many individual cases do each of these represent?

**13. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of the Council**

The November meeting of E&R PDS had been scheduled for several weeks previously to receive a report on the future of Anerley Town Hall.

The report was not published until a matter of hours before the meeting at which it was to be discussed. The report incorrectly stated that local members had been consulted.

I am grateful to Cllr Carr for his intervention which postponed this extremely important discussion and decision about the future of the building and the community and business activities it facilitates.

However, what action can be taken to ensure that in future, reports and other documents are made available to members in good time and that local members are in fact consulted where appropriate?

**14. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

In relation to Anerley Town Hall, could you please provide details of both those works identified and those works carried out since 2005 in terms of the planned programme, reactive maintenance and cyclical maintenance programmes?

**15. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

Will the Portfolio Holder provide a schedule of street cleaning for Crystal Palace Ward?

**16. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

Will he give priority to clearing leaves in and around primary schools, ie, the state of Malcolm Rd in Penge on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November?

**17. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

When will all the bins at 120 Oakfield Rd, Penge be emptied as one has not been emptied for nearly a year?

**18. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

When will the trees adjacent to Homebase in Oakfield Rd be pruned?

**19. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

If he will provide the following information in table format for each London Borough and for Sevenoaks, and Tatsfield District Councils and Dartford Borough Council for latest period for which statistics are available;

- i. number of planning committees in each authority;
- ii. whether the committees meet in the evening or daytime;
- iii. the number of applications received annually;
- iv. percentage of applications dealt with by committee;
- v. the percentage of the authority area in the Green Belt?

**20. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

If he will list the number of 'call ins' by ward for each of the past three years (including the current year), and the number called in and refused and the number subsequently allowed on appeal?

**21. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation**

If he will give for the past three years (including the current year) the number and percentage of applications refused by -

- (a) delegated authority
- (b) by committee

and the number and percentage in each category which were subsequently allowed on appeal?

**22. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

Please give a timeline listing all communication (emails, letters and phone calls) relating to the following planning applications from initial application through to appeal decisions.

- (a) 18 Oatfield Road, Orpington
- (b) 2 Queensway, Petts Wood