

COUNCIL MEETING**23rd FEBRUARY 2015****QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY****(1) From Colin Willetts, Secretary, Longbury Residents Association to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

I understand that Councillor Nathan will be using an interpreter during Council meetings, can you tell me the approximate cost per meeting & who will be paying for this service (assuming that LBB is legally obliged to provide this support)?

(2) From John Getgood, Chair, Penge Forum to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

The former Lodge in Penge Recreation Ground has been undergoing refurbishment by the new owner for at least 12 years. Residents have complained on several occasions about the waste of this local resource and the untidy state of the grounds surrounding the Lodge. The situation is clearly unsatisfactory.

Please can you tell me when council officers last visited the Lodge and discussed this situation with the owner?

(3) From John Getgood, Chair, Penge Forum to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

What action, for example, issuing an untidy site notice, would you support to bring this building (the former Lodge in Penge Recreation Ground) back into use at the earliest opportunity?

(4) From John Getgood, Chair, Penge Forum to the Portfolio Holder for Environment

We were promised that the new public park in Kings Hall Road, created following permission being granted for the construction of houses on the former Cyphers' Sports Ground, would be opened to the public last summer, following the installation of park furniture and notices.

We are pleased to see the tennis courts being well used but why has the work on the park not been completed and when do you expect to see members of the public enjoying Bromley's first new park in this area for many years?

(5) From Mrs Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

Proposal to 11th February 2015 Executive to close Bromley Museum and sell off the historic Priory building and part of the Priory Gardens. The decision to withdraw this report is welcome. The Blue Plaque erected by LBB in 1999 states:

“The Priory Gardens form part of the commemoration in 1946 by the Orpington Urban District Council to those who gave their lives in the Second World War”

Is this statement untrue?

(6) From Mrs Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

Following the Council’s decision to postpone consideration of the item for 3 months, and discuss with local groups, will the people of Orpington and the public be consulted on the final options for the use of the Priory, the future of its Museum collection and their contribution to Orpington Town Centre?

(7) From Mrs Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

When will the Equality Impact Assessment be published and when will a report covering the planning requirements for the sale of the Priory as a Grade 2 * listed building in a Grade 2 listed park in a Conservation Area be prepared by Bromley’s Heritage/Planning Section?