

HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

15th October 2014

Minute 42: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

From Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group

(1) ACCESSIBILITY OF AGENDA DOCUMENTS UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010, AND GOOD PRACTICE.

- (a) Has the Council adopted a Policy &/or Protocols to maximise the accessibility of Agenda information to members of the public?
- (b) Does it have any responsibility to do so?
- (c) If so, who is the Nominated Officer?
- (d) If a policy/protocol exists, what is its title, and where is it found?

Reply:

The Council does not have a specific policy/protocol document. In common with all other Councils, Bromley is required to publish agenda papers for its meetings at least five clear working days before the meeting (this excludes the day of the meeting and the day of publication). Paper copies are made available at the Civic Centre and the Central Library, and all agendas are published on the Council and Democracy pages of the Council website. Advance notice of meetings is given in local libraries and on the website. In addition, agenda papers are posted out to various interested third parties. The Council always complies with and exceeds the legal requirements in this area.

(2) TIME ALLOWED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SCRUTINISE THE AGENDA PAPERS, RESEARCH, AND FORMULATE PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

Often, the time allowed for this is less than a day, and, makes it impossible for many people, especially those who are visually impaired, to even read through the Agenda before the 5pm deadline for submission of Questions.

Will the Committee take steps to improve this unsatisfactory situation?

Reply:

The deadline for submitting questions (which applies to Members of the Council as well as to the public) is 5pm four days before each meeting. This was agreed by all Members of the Council to allow sufficient time for the answers to questions to be prepared and agreed before the meeting. This allows a minimum of two days between the latest publication time and the deadline for submission of questions.

It should be noted that questions need to be relevant to the responsibilities of the meeting concerned, but not necessarily directly related to the content of particular reports.

We do try to publish agendas promptly as soon as all the reports are ready, rather than waiting until the legal deadline. However, it is accepted that publication of the agenda for this current meeting was delayed until fairly close to the deadline, reducing the time available to ask questions about details in the reports, particularly for people who are not able to look at the agenda on-line. We will review our deadlines to ensure that in future agendas are published several days before the legal deadline.

(3) PROVISION OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN BROMLEY AND PATTERNS OF INEQUALITY. (Ref. CCPG Public Questions to 9th April 2014 HSSC item 4 Minutes, Appendix A, p. 12-14).

2013 Data was provided by school, but not by ward, as requested.

To reveal patterns of deprivation, will the Council provide the July 2014 data by school and ward, rather than requiring the questioners to ascertain the addresses of 95 schools, and attempt to identify which ward they are in?

Reply:

The data for July 2014 is set out below. It is not meaningful to present this data by the ward in which the school is situated. This is primarily because the characteristics of the school population contains pupil data from outside the immediate area of the school and so will not reflect the true demographic for that area.

Therefore, set out in a separate table is the number of children receiving free school meals by the ward in which they reside, as at January 2013. This data will not be updated again until 2015.

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Eligible on Census Day</u>	<u>Pupils on Roll</u>
<u>Primary</u>		
Alexandra Junior School	40	253
Alexandra Infant School	25	197
Balgowan Primary School	29	653
Bromley Road Infant School	65	247
Churchfields Primary School	52	378
Hawes Down Juniors	11	269
Hawes Down Infant School	8	222
Hillside Primary School	135	356
Marian Vian Primary School	34	618
Gray's Farm Primary School	133	442

Oak Lodge Primary School	42	626
Stewart Fleming Primary School	84	413
Wickham Common Primary School	17	422
Worsley Bridge Junior School	44	251
Burnt Ash Primary School	124	422
Harris Primary Academy Kent House	130	432
Pickhurst Infants' School	26	361
Pickhurst Junior School	42	518
Princes Plain Primary School	104	542
Southborough Primary School	82	430
Harris Primary Academy Crystal Palace	106	344
Valley Primary School	70	476
Mead Road Infant School	9	85
Red Hill Primary	122	689
St John's CE Primary School	58	262
Mottingham Primary School	129	334
Castlecombe Primary School	72	263
Dorset Road Infant School	20	72
Chelsfield Primary School	16	92
Crofton Infant School	41	557
Darrick Wood Junior School	29	385
Darrick Wood Infant School	25	350
Downe Primary School	11	83
Farnborough Primary School	20	219
Green Street Green Primary	24	440
Pratts Bottom Primary School	6	72
St. Mary Cray Primary School	87	199
The Highway Primary School	33	217
Warren Road Primary School	33	842
James Dixon Primary School	128	425
Leesons Primary School	73	210
Midfield Primary School	72	326
Edgebury Primary School	13	225
Scotts Park Primary School	42	467
Oaklands Primary School	82	466
Clare House Primary School	9	272
Perry Hall Primary School	43	424
Poverest Primary School	70	204
Bickley Primary	24	390
Manor Oak Primary School	58	204
Keston C.E. Primary School	15	251
Parish C.E. Primary School	57	521
St George's CE Primary	33	306
Unicorn Primary	15	341

Cudham CE Primary School	15	103
St Paul's Cray CE Primary	94	242
St Mark's C.E. Primary School	35	425
Chislehurst (CofE) Primary	4	211
St Joseph's R.C.Primary School	14	206
St Vincent's Catholic Primary	21	226
St Philomena's RC Primary	24	207
St.Anthony's R.C Primary	35	168
St Peter & St Paul R.C.	35	211
St James' RC Primary School	3	218
Blenheim Primary	90	217
Biggin Hill Primary School	28	386
Crofton Junior School	55	701
Holy Innocents Catholic Primary	20	211
St Mary's Catholic Primary	10	424
Highfield Infant School	8	271
Highfield Junior School	19	383
Hayes Primary School	28	651
Raglan Primary School	24	438
Tubbenden Primary School	47	650
Primary total	3481	25614
<u>Secondary</u>		
Harris Beckenham	190	866
Harris Bromley	222	892
Bishop Justus	130	1128
Bullers Wood School	105	1508
Coopers Technology College	159	1363
Langley Park School for Boys	49	1675
Ravens Wood School	67	1507
Newstead Wood School	19	1039
Kemnal Technology College	140	888
Hayes School	56	1643
Beaverwood School for Girls	134	1279
Charles Darwin	115	1282
St Olave's Grammar School	7	955
Langley Park Girls School	55	1636
The Ravensbourne School	205	1500
Darrick Wood School	94	1681
The Priory School	214	1102
Secondary total	1961	21944
<u>Special</u>		
Glebe School	44	142
Marjorie McClure School	40	98

Burwood School	22	43
Riverside School	74	206
Special total	180	489
Totals	5622	48047

**Pupils Attending Bromley Schools
Eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)
by Ward of Residence
(Based on School Census return January 2013)**

Ward	Number eligible for FSM on 14/01/2013	All Pupils	% Eligible
Bickley	99	1617	6%
Biggin Hill	117	1386	8%
Bromley Common and Keston	316	2437	13%
Bromley Town	192	2159	9%
Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	96	1991	5%
Chislehurst	105	1346	8%
Clock House	156	1692	9%
Copers Cope	160	1066	15%
Cray Valley East	525	2374	22%
Cray Valley West	576	2872	20%
Crystal Palace	313	1028	30%
Darwin	41	586	7%
Farnborough and Crofton	136	2302	6%
Hayes and Coney Hall	107	2712	4%
Kelsey and Eden Park	122	2293	5%
Mottingham and Chislehurst North	385	1451	27%
Orpington	280	2117	13%
Penge and Cator	453	1859	24%
Petts Wood and Knoll	56	1617	3%
Plaistow and Sundridge	238	1876	13%
Shortlands	49	1358	4%
West Wickham	59	2455	2%
Out of Borough Ward	876	7139	12%
Grand Total	5457	47733	11%