

COUNCIL MEETING**22 FEBRUARY 2016****QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL****1. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

Why does 16/00192/FULL1, an application to put chairs and tables outside 5 Station Square Petts Wood, appear on the planning list?

2. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

The Executive on 10th February approved recommendations contained in Report DR16/023 (Agenda Item 10) regarding works necessary to minimise what had been identified as a high risk of legionella at various Council properties, including Astley & Bertha James Day Centres, Melvin Hall and Duke's Youth Centre. Given that the "Risk Assessment and Water Hygiene Survey Reports" carried out at these properties identified a high risk of infection from legionella, is the Portfolio Holder confident that there will not be an outbreak of the disease at any of these centres and that their continued use is safe for the public?

When will the necessary works be carried out to these centres?

Given that the total cost of repairs to these properties is £152k, can the Portfolio Holder assure members that funding to support the existing uses of each of these four buildings is accounted for in the four year budget plans being proposed later this evening?

3. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

Due to pressure on the supply of affordable homes, rising demand, and benefit cuts the London Borough of Bromley is on record as having the biggest increase in court evictions from rented properties outside central London, with an increase of 308% last year. Does the Portfolio Holder agree that the London Borough of Bromley does not seem to support a significant boost to housing supply as required by the National Planning Policy Framework, but is content to meet minimum requirements, and does not seek to address the needs of the people being affected by the evictions?

This leaves more of our vulnerable residents facing eviction and spending exceptionally long periods in temporary housing, with many of them being forced out of our Borough.

(4) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Resources Portfolio Holder

What has been the cumulative percentage pay rise for Bromley staff since local pay and conditions was introduced and what would have been the cumulative percentage rise had Bromley adhered to the National Pay and Conditions?

(5) From Cllr Lydia Buttinger to the Environment Portfolio Holder

How does the Council propose to support the Big Lunch and Queens 90th Birthday celebrations this year?

(6) From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

What is the rent that each of the day centres for senior citizens pay each year?

(7) From Cllr Tony Owen to the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee

What do you see as the future of Bromley Council's pension fund?

(8) From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Holder

What action is the Council taking to commemorate the life and achievements of the late David Bowie and in particular his connections with the Borough?

(9) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Environment Portfolio Holder

If he will make a statement on the latest position regarding the plans by TfL for the extension of the Bakerloo Line from the Elephant and Castle and the Council's proposal for transport links from Bromley to east London.

(10) From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

Who was actually consulted on the proposal to charge clients of day centres £15 a day in transport costs?

(11) From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee

(i) How many Member appeal hearing decisions (including non-employment appeal hearings) have reversed a decision by a Chief Officer in the past 10 years?

(ii) How many employment cases have been lost by the Council at Employment Tribunals in the same period?

(12) From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

What is he going to do to stop day centres from closing?