

COUNCIL MEETING**22 FEBRUARY 2016****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL****1. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Can the Portfolio Holder provide an updated timetable for the procurement of Parking Services based on the Gate Paper which went to the Environment PDS on 17 March 2015? Can the Portfolio Holder confirm that he will do everything possible to ensure this procurement remains on track to meet the required start date of 1 October 2016?

2. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a report on the power cut and subsequent IT outage which began on 4 February, explaining why it took until well into the following week for services to be fully restored?

3. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Education Portfolio Holder

The Secondary School Development Plan which was considered by the Education PDS in January shows that even with two new six form entry secondary schools in Bromley, there will be a deficit in secondary places in Bromley of over 300 in 2019/20. It also shows that 32% of primary school children in Clock House Ward transferred to an out of borough secondary school. What assurance can the Portfolio Holder give parents in Clock House and neighbouring wards that the Council is doing everything in its power to ensure that a site is found for a six form entry Beckenham Academy, so that it can be opened as soon as possible?

4. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Resources Portfolio Holder

For each of the following please provide a list of dates and times over the last year when IT systems have not been functioning properly for a period in excess of 2 hours:

1. council's email systems
2. planning portal
3. My Bromley service
4. Benefits Service

Please give an estimation of how many staff hours have been lost as a consequence of these failures.

Please give details of what compensation sums have or will be agreed with Capita.

5. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Resources Portfolio Holder

What penalties have or will be imposed on Liberata for failing over the last two years to meet contract KPIs for both their Customer Services and Benefits contracts?

What was the cost per annum of these two 'core' contracts at their commencement?

What is the cost of both 'core' (ie excluding additions and major variations) contracts for 2015/16?

6. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Holder

How many statutory duties does the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio have and how much of the 2016/17 Portfolio Budget relates to the fulfilment of these duties?

7. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Education Portfolio Holder

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

£125,000 was cut from the CAMHS budget in 2015/16 with the justification for this being the redesign of the service.

- How has this reduction in funding been absorbed and has it impacted on the day to day service for young people with mental health issues in Bromley?
- What was the average waiting time with CAMHS from referral to first appointment with a therapist/counsellor in 2015 and how does this compare to 2014?

9. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

How many statutory duties does the Care Services Portfolio have and how much of the 2016/17 Portfolio Budget relates to the fulfilment of these duties?

10. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Environment Portfolio Holder

How many statutory duties does the Environment Portfolio have and how much of the 2016/17 Portfolio Budget relates to the fulfilment of these duties?

11. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Holder

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12. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Holder

INTU was subject to an evacuation on 11 December 2015 following the discovery of a suspicious package in a car park. Furthermore there was a gang related affray in the centre on 26 December which caused panic amongst the public.

- Is there a time target for evacuation of INTU in such situations and if so, what is it?
- Is the portfolio holder satisfied INTU and associated retail outlets have robust evacuation procedures and security measures in place to protect the public in such situations?

13. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Resources Portfolio Holder

How many statutory duties does the Resources Portfolio have and how much of the 2016/17 Portfolio Budget relates to the fulfilment of these duties?

14. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Chairman of the Executive and Resources PDS Committee

If he will list the policy changes which been implemented as a result of recommendations from Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees since they were established in 2002?

15. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Leader of the Council

What statutory requirements does the Council have when an application is made by a lessee to amend a lease or one of the schedules?

16. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Environment Portfolio Holder

If he will list the date and location of fly tipping incidents in West Wickham ward in each of the past three years and the estimated cost of each removal?

17. From Cllr Colin Smith to the Resources Portfolio Holder

(i) Would the Portfolio Holder please detail the savings made to the Council's revenue budget on a year by year basis since 2010/11 to date, including this years proposed savings within the list?

(ii) Would the Portfolio Holder please advise us of the overall cumulative total of these savings over the same period?

18. From Cllr Colin Smith to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Would the Portfolio Holder please provide us with a year by year summary of the extra costs this Authority would have had to bear, had it passed the 'alternative budget' proposals of the Labour Party opposition since 2002/3 to date, summarising:

(i) The financial effect such action would have had on the current level of the Council's useable reserves, accruing the extra deficit incurred (or gained) each year at the 'Base Rate' of that time.

(ii) The financial effect such action would have had on the Council's current budget deficit, ahead of debating this evening's budget proposals.