

COUNCIL MEETING11TH APRIL 2016**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL****1 From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal & Recreation**

Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that it is healthy for the community at large and for future business rate revenues for the council if our smaller town centres are vibrant and growing? What is the council doing to support and develop successful local shops and businesses in its smaller town centres such as Penge & Beckenham?

2 From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services.

Can the Portfolio Holder describe the independent research undertaken by the Council which has led to the conclusion that the fostering allowances currently paid by the Council are generous as stated in the consultation letter dated 14 March 2016?

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

How can you justify that empty Affinity Sutton properties in Bromley are available to bid by people living outside the Borough, but not on the London Borough of Bromley housing bid system.

4 From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

When the London Borough of Bromley awarded the contract covering the organisation of elderly care packages to Variance, what processes were expected from them to advertise day care centres to potential service users?

5 From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Leader of the Council

What representations has he made with regard to the future of the Crown Post Office at Beckenham?

6. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Leader of the Council

What instructions has the Chief Executive given to his chief officers regarding the timely treatment of correspondence from members?

7. From Cllr Hannah Gray to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

What action is being taken to respond to inquiry number 310320? (This is regarding a tree surgery request at Corkscrew Hill Tennis Club, Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham BR4 9BA.)

8. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Is he absolutely certain that no member of current or previous council staff can be held responsible for inadequate checks on the employment status of people paid by this council as consultants (or under IR35 more generally) which have led to the Council now having to pay an unexpected £343,500 to HMRC?

Whilst the report in which information related to this question was provided was classified as Part Two, it was stated at the meeting that the reason for this was actually the subsequent material relating to the NHS and business rates.

We therefore believe that there is no legal reason why the repayment due (from Bromley council tax payers) to HMRC should not be in the public domain.

9. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

Do the London Borough of Bromley and Affinity Sutton have any plans to identify and convert appropriate empty properties to suit our residents who are on the waiting list for adapted properties? They understand that at present they have to wait for tenants to die and so vacate one of the few premises we have.

10. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Education

What evidence has he got that academy schools perform better than those under LEA control?

11. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

What is the policy regarding the cleaning of mandatory and advisory traffic signs on the borough roads?

12. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Leader of the Council

Has he read the recent "*London Plan Annual Monitoring Report 12, 2014-15*"?

13. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

When will weekend or evening street cleaning take place in those roads which are heavily parked during the day?

14. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Education

What estimate he has of the number of schools which will have converted to academies by September 1st 2016 and what that will represent as a proportion of the total maintained schools in the Borough?