

CARE SERVICES PDS COMMITTEE
13th September 2016

WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Written Questions to the Care Services Portfolio Holder received from Mrs Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group

1. With regard to an unanswered written question to the Portfolio Holder at 16th August 2016 Special Meeting relating to the Ofsted Report on Children's Services:

Please answer the following question which has not received an answer (even though it has the same status as a FOI request):

When, why, and by whom was the decision taken to delay/defer the appointment of a new Director of Children's Services for over a year?

Reply:

This question was asked and answered at the special Care Services Portfolio meeting on 16th August 2016. Copies of this answer are available to be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://cds.bromley.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=587&MId=5844&Ver=4>

2. With regard to Bromley Council 'Compromise Agreement' with Terry Parkin, previous Director of Children's Services, Education, Adult Care and Health:
- a) What was the date of this Agreement?
 - b) Did the £96,000 figure of 'compensation for loss of office' include any other elements as well as salary, eg pension entitlement?
 - c) Were any other benefits/allowances agreed separately from this figure?
 - d) Which Committees was this severance package scrutinised/approved by and when?

Reply:

Mr Parkin left LB Bromley in May 2015 by mutual consent. With regard to the compromise agreement, I cannot comment on this as I am bound by the terms of the compromise agreement between Mr Parkin and the Council.

3. With regard to public accountability of Bromley's Senior Management and Politicians to users, staff and the public regarding the Ofsted report:

Will Members of this Scrutiny Committee recommend that the Council hold a public meeting when the Improvement Plans required by Ofsted have been approved, with Senior Management and Council Leaders attending to answer questions from the public?

Reply:

Tonight's meeting of the Care Services PDS is focusing on ensuring that the Ofsted Improvement Action Plan is scrutinised in public. Members of the public were able to submit questions to this committee in the usual manner.