

COUNCIL MEETING

12th DECEMBER 2016

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

If he will list in table format the following information for each of the past three years;

1. Each planning application which has gone to appeal;
2. whether the original application was recommended for approval or refusal;
3. whether the application was refused by committee or under delegated powers;
4. the outcome of the appeal;
5. if costs were awarded in full or in part;
6. the sum awarded?

2. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

If he will make a statement of the progress made across the council in commissioning services since 2014?

3. From Cllr Michael Rutherford to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

What is the proposed timetable for compulsory purchase orders (if required) for opportunity site G and when will residents be informed of the process?

4. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

When a service is contracted out, why are e mails not automatically forwarded to the contractor?

5. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Chairman of Development Control Committee

Given the vast number of planning enforcement cases outstanding, when will more resources be allocated to this service?

6. From Cllr Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

Given the increasing numbers of people across all parts of the borough presenting with problematic alcohol abuse, what support is available for the children of those affected?

7. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal & Recreation

Can the Portfolio Holder provide the number of residential units for which planning permission was given in 2015/16 and for as much of 2016/17 as information is available, broken down by number of bedrooms? Can he also provide this information for affordable homes, also broken down by number of bedrooms?

8. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

In February 2016, the Council agreed a schedule of 64 savings options (cuts). Can the Portfolio Holder please provide the schedule of forecast savings (cuts), with the addition of the forecast outturn savings (cuts) for 2016/17 and the forecast outturn full year savings (cuts) for each line?

9. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Can the Portfolio Holder please provide the number of mobile phone masts on Council Property and the annual income from these?

10. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Can the Portfolio Holder please provide the number of working age claimants who received Council Tax Support, the percentage these residents were required to pay, the collection percentage for these residents and the general collection percentage for Council Tax for financial years 2013/14, 14/15, 15/16 and 16/17, with the figures for 2016/17 being for year to date? Please also provide the number of claimants who were charged for arrears in 2015/16 and the total amount they were charged?

11. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment.

There are problems across the Borough with the environment around supermarkets, for example wire cages being left on pavements for long periods of time. What pressure can the Council put on supermarket operators to ensure that these problems are minimised.

12. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment.

Please provide a ward breakdown of Fix My Street notifications, including the nature of the complaint and the time taken to resolve it for the last year.

13. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Leader of the Council

A constituent of mine asked -

“I've seen some recent Biggin Hill Airport publicity that indicates that the Noise Monitoring and Track Keeping System will be signed off this autumn and introduced during the spring or summer of next year.”

Do you have any information where the equipment will be (or has been) located and to what extent LBB have been involved in its commissioning?

There were also quite specific promises that the data from the monitors would be accessible by residents and about what sort of data would be available. Will LBB be involved in testing this user interface and how will residents be made aware that they can use it? What will happen if it doesn't fulfil all the promises that were made? Will the interface be up and running before LBB gives the go-ahead for the extended hours?'

Who is currently the lead council officer for Biggin Hill matters?