

**COUNCIL MEETING****1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017****QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC****(A) QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY****1. From Theo Sweeney to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

I reported a ticket machine (MC:4004 in Orpington High Street) in October 2016, as it was not accepting coins. I was assured that it would be fixed, yet 3 months later it is not. On January 27th 2017 the machine is still not accepting coins. People can book a ticket by phone, but this should be a choice, not forced onto people.

Can the Council explain why this machine has not been fixed?

**2. From Andrew Viner to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

What is the Council's policy with regard to the adoption of newly constructed residential roads in the borough, including those on major estates, and including those where new developments lead off un-adopted roads?

**3. From Dr Juliet Corbett to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Could you please provide figures for the amount of waste collected by Bromley Council which is successfully recycled as a percentage of the total collected, and what is rejected because it is unfit for recycling?

**4. From Jane Green to the Chairman of Development Control Committee.**

Can you confirm that Items 14 and 15 at the last Renewal and Recreation PDS listed 87 applications in 2013-2016 recommended for permission by officers but overturned and refused by committee which were subsequently allowed on appeal, plus those for which costs totalling £220,300 were awarded against the Council in the same three years?

**5. From Andy Richardson to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

Has the Portfolio Holder for Care Services any evidence that recent cuts of £10m in the Social Care Department has had a detrimental effect on Bromley Adult Social Care to help patients in our local hospitals quickly back to their homes and community?

**6. From Dr John Courtneidge to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

Please supply details as to how the 2016 Adult Social Care Precept was spent and how the same 2017 is to be spent; including details of any funds that were released, as a result of such Precepts, to General Funds, along with details as to how any such-released funds were spent.

**7. From Richard Gibbons to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

“Are cars the new tobacco?” posited the Journal of Public Health six years ago, concluding that “the public health community should advocate strongly for effective policies that reduce car use and increase active travel”. Given the level of car use in Bromley and rising health costs associated with inactivity, how has the Portfolio Holder responded to the warnings?

**8. From Andrew Viner to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Given that the Council's Road Safety Team is not responsible for private roads and offers no advice in respect of them, does the Council have any concerns regarding the safety of road users, including pedestrians, on un-adopted residential roads in the borough?

**9. From Dr Juliet Corbett to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Does the Council derive any income from recycled waste or what is the net cost involved in its collection?

**10. From Mrs Jane Green to the Chairman of Development Control Committee.**

Can you provide data in table format for the years 2013-2016 and broken down by committee, showing those applications with officers' recommendation for refusal but which were overturned and granted permission in committee?

**11. From Dr John Courtneidge to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

Please supply details of the number of LB Bromley households that have been in receipt of Council Tax Benefit/Support over the past ten years and are planned to be so served in the next three Financial Years, including the number of households in such receipt: analysed by Ward and Council Tax Band.

**12. From Richard Gibbons to the Education and Children's Services Portfolio Holder**

Less than 1 mile in 2016 - the proximity distance average of 45 Primary Schools in Bromley. Notwithstanding School Travel Plans, walk/scoot/cycle initiatives and sterling work of Road Safety Unit, what barriers prevent 20-30% children travelling to school by car from adopting active travel and/or public transport modes for their journey?

**13. From Dr Juliet Corbett to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Has the Council considered whether the adoption of "wheelie bins" for the collection of recyclables, paper and compostable waste, as well as better management of local recycling centres, would keep all materials clean and dry and increase the volume of waste successfully recycled?

**14. From Mrs Jane Green to the Chairman of Development Control Committee.**

As there is no right of appeal for third party objectors for permitted applications, residents have to accept the consequences of these overturned decisions. Why, contrary to the

2006 Planning Code of Conduct, are the reasons for overturning officers' recommendation for refusal by granting permission not always recorded in committee minutes?

**15. From Dr John Courtneidge to the Education and Children's Services Portfolio Holder**

Does the LB Bromley have a statutory duty to provide and plan the number of Infant, Junior, Primary, Secondary and any other school and college places within the LB Bromley; if so, is there at present and, over a five-year plan, any shortfall, and of what sizes, if any, in terms of numbers and by forms of entry, as compared to the present provision, of such provision?

**16. From Richard Gibbons to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

An inactivity crisis affecting the health of children and adults is highlighted in TfL's Healthy Streets for London document. Does the Portfolio Holder acknowledge the negative impacts of car use and will he embrace the Healthy Streets Approach prioritising walking, cycling and public transport to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and help create a healthier Bromley?

**(B) QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1. From Sam Webber to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

What progress has been made on reopening the Bell Hotel pub in Central Bromley either as a new venue or for community purposes whilst permanent paying tenants are sought? Could the Council update residents on talks with the freeholders and leaseholders of the building? It is shameful that this building in the centre of our town is boarded up and has been by my count since before the 2012 Bromley Town by-election when residents first raised this issue with me.

**2. From Sam Webber to the Education and Children's Services Portfolio Holder**

What contact have councillors or council staff had with the Home Office or other Government departments and agencies about taking in any unaccompanied refugee children under the so-called Dubs Amendment since it was accepted by the Government in 2016? If so how many will be rehoused by the borough?