

## COUNCIL MEETING

26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**1. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Community Safety**

What action has been taken by the Police and Ward Security in the light of the reports of knife point robberies of bicycles in West Wickham, Hayes and other parts of the Borough?

**2. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Leader of the Council**

What discussions have been held with the Mayor's Office with regard to the future of Crystal Palace Park?

**3. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**

What is the total number and value of the Penalty Charge Notices identified as being issued as a result of malpractice or issued by Civil Enforcement Officers who did not have the right to work in this country, in the report by the Royal Borough of Greenwich into our former parking enforcement contractor?

**4. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**

Whilst there may be a 'de facto' contract, have you managed yet to find the Waste Services contract (the full contract as required to be kept under legal seal) which was identified as missing in a recent internal audit and which I asked about at the last full Council?

**5. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**

Further to the question asked at the April Council meeting, please provide information on where in the borough the additional £500k allocated for Environmental Initiatives in the 2017-18 budget is to be spent.

**6. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

How many electric car charging points there are in the Borough and if he will list their locations?

**7. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

What progress has been made on dementia hubs?

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

When Adecco came to the May E&R PDS, neither their contract manager nor the officer managing the contract could answer a question on whether compensation would be paid to the Council should Adecco not meet its targets. Can you please confirm the consequences of Adecco not meeting their targets?

**9. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**

Given that in excess of £1 million has been lost to this Council by poor management of the waste contract with Veolia, will he agree with me that the decision to try to save £60k by allowing Veolia to supervise the weighbridges was an extremely bad one?

**10. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Safety**

A recent News Shopper report highlighted once again the number of food outlets in the borough which have poor ratings for food hygiene, including 4 with zero rating and 68 on one star. In February the Food Standards Agency found over 70 places rated zero or one star, and a year ago 160 rated two stars or fewer. A well known local ice cream producer waited 18 months for an inspection which never happened and then moved premises. This highlights the need for:-

- inspections of new premises
- regular inspections of all premises
- follow up inspections where food standards are poor
- more inspectors

In view of the above can the citizens of Bromley look forward to recruitment of more inspectors in order to safeguard their health, deal with this long running problem, and also to help the businesses concerned to improve and thrive.

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

How many car clubs have been established in Bromley and what are their locations?

**12. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

What are the latest figures for homeless households in temporary accommodation?

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

There has been a worrying increase in reports of Bromley residents with care needs not be able to attend services due to cuts in benefits and increases in transport charges. How will the Portfolio holder ensure that no resident will be denied essential services due to financial restrictions?

**14. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal & Recreation**

This year, the Crystal Palace Overground Festival moved from Westow Park in LB Croydon to CP Park, delivering a much bigger event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June than in previous years.

The sun was shining, the music was playing, and the event was a huge success.

Will the Portfolio Holder join me in congratulating the organisers and the very many local volunteers who did an amazing job in bringing this festival into LB Bromley, so boosting our local economy and providing entertainment for many thousands of families?

**15. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

As part of the effort to combat global warming and climate change, fossil fuels should stay in the ground and not be exploited. The cost of global warming is often picked up locally, for example in the shape of damage by extreme weather such as storms.

Bromley is one of many local authorities investing in companies involved with seeking new fossil fuel resources. As it is possible and indeed almost mainstream nowadays to invest in and make returns from fossil free fuels, please would the Portfolio Holder look into the options and make the appropriate changes.