

## COUNCIL MEETING

26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

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

**1. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP to the Portfolio Holder for Education, Children and Families**

What progress is being made in investigating my suggestion that the care services and education bus fleets be combined and the schedules be aligned to as to use the same vehicles for both services?

**2. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Education, Children and Families**

If he will list the number and percentage of children above the age of 7 in each school receiving free school meals?

**3. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett to the Portfolio Holder for Education, Children and Families**

If he will give the number of male teachers in each school and the percentage that represents for the primary and secondary sectors overall?

**4. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment**

What is the backlog for tree pruning in the borough?

**5. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Portfolio Holder for Education, Children and Families**

As it is not on the agenda for this week, when will a report on future school funding be going to committee?

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

What long term support is available for people who have been subjected to sexual abuse?

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

Please provide the number of applications to Bromley's Council Tax Hardship Fund, the number accepted and the total sum paid in each of 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Please describe the way in which the Hardship Fund is publicised to residents who have difficulties paying their Council Tax.

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

Please provide the cost of defending the Freedom of Information application by a former Civil Enforcement Officer to obtain the Internal Audit report into the Council's former parking enforcement contractor, including the cost of appealing against the decision of the Information Commissioner on how much of the report could be provided to the applicant, dated 19 September 2016.

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

Please provide a summary of the policies the Council has in place to monitor the compliance of our contractors with health & safety legislation and any specific health & safety requirements in our contracts with them.

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

Please provide details of how many default penalties have been given for street cleaning by ward and by year, from May 2014 to May 2017.

**11. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Education & Children's Services**

Was the £495,419 transferred from reserves to the CSC recruitment & retention fund included in previous sums allocated to work necessary post-OFSTED inspection or should it be considered as a further additional corrective expenditure?

The Executive has just agreed to spend £915k on "Step up to Social Work", a scheme designed to support recruitment of social workers, and one supported by this Council since 2011. How much has been spent to date on this scheme and how exactly has its effectiveness and value for money been evaluated given the serious problems this council has had recruiting and retaining social workers?

**12. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

A recent FOI question revealed that the average increase in gross spend on temporary accommodation in London since 2010 is 53%. (Details here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-39305950> )

For Bromley, the increase over the same period is 1197% - the highest in London and 360% higher than Wandsworth who experienced the second highest increase. Please provide a full explanation for this astonishing statistic.

**13. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection**

Over the last few months we have seen over 200 killings of cats and foxes that appear be the victims of the 'Croydon cat killer'. What action is LBB Is taking with our local police and neighbouring local authorities to put an end to this horrendous spree?

**14. From Cllr Richard Williams to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**

Please explain why on-street parking did not deliver the budgeted -for income stream in 2016-17.

As we have experienced delays in delivering both consultations and decisions on various parking proposals in Crystal Palace ward, is your team of officers under-resourced?

**15. From Cllr Kevin Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection**

Given the recent incident in Penge involving a machete, what additional steps are being taken to stop the escalation of gang related violence in Penge?