

ORAL QUESTIONS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY

Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee—29th June 2017

Oral questions have been received from Councillor Nicholas Bennett:

Cllrs Tom Philpott and Hannah Gray, as members of the Committee will ask them on Cllr Bennett's behalf:

QUESTIONS:

1. What information does the Portfolio Holder have concerning the number of knife robberies in each ward in each month since March 2017?

ANSWER TO QUESTION ONE IN TABLE FORM:

		March	April	May	June		Total
PY01	Bickley	1	1				2
PY02	Biggin Hill		1				1
PY03	Bromley Common & Keston		2		1		3
PY04	Bromley Town	6	4	4	1		15
PY05	Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom						
PY06	Chislehurst		1				1
PY07	Clockhouse		1				1
PY08	Copers Cope		1	1	1		3
PY09	Cray Valley East	2		1			3
PY10	Cray Valley West						
PY11	Crystal Palace	1	1	2	3		7
PY12	Darwin						
PY13	Farnborough & Crofton						
PY14	Hayes & Coney Hall	1					1
PY15	Kelsey & Eden Park		4				4
PY16	Mott' & Chislehurst North		1				1
PY17	Orpington			1			1
PY18	Penge & Cator	1			2		3
PY19	Petts Wood & Sundridge				1		1
PY20	Plaistow & Sundridge						
PY21	Shortlands			1			1
PY22	West Wickham						
PG41	Triangle		1	1			2
		12	18	11	9		50

2. What information does the Portfolio Holder have concerning the number of persons arrested and charged with the following offences since March 1st 2017?

- i. knife related robberies
- ii. possession of a bladed article

ANSWER TO QUESTION 2 IN TABLE FORM:

	Robbery	Robbery with knife	Possession offensive weapon	Points & Blades		Total
Charged	15	6	10	9		40
Community Resolution	1	0	1	0		2
Youth Caution	0	0	3	2		5
Adult Caution	0	0	4	0		4
Total	16	6	18	11		51

3. What discussions has the Portfolio Holder had with the Borough Commander about knife crime since March 1st 2017?

ANSWERS TO QUESTION 3:

Q3: Since concerns were raised around knife crime in West Wickham in April, Cllr Lymer met with the Borough Police Commander promptly on April 13th, to highlight these concerns and to agree a joint work plan between the Police and the local authority. A community engagement day was held on Friday 23rd June in St Francis Hall, West Wickham. Bromley Council Road Safety Team remain committed to supporting local police teams in bike marking events to help keep young people safe. Local authority officers have been in regular contact with community representatives and have supported the community with advice on the production of staying safe guidance for young people, being distributed through schools. The Police and the local authority will be attending a further meeting in early July to agree how best the local authority, Ward Security, local police and residents can work together to help counter the seasonal spike in crime during the summer holidays. Conversations regarding knife crime are ongoing as part of routine meetings held regularly between Cllr Lymer, the Executive Director for Environment, and the Borough Commander.

Q3-Supplementary Question:

Can more be done to break down any barriers that may currently exist between schools and the Police?

Q3-Supplementary Answer:

More integration and communication is required between schools and the Police. It is the case that at the moment this is dis-jointed. The Deputy Borough Police Commander as Chairman of the Gangs Team is working to resolve this.