

**COUNCIL MEETING****11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017****QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL****1. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services**

Do you have a good reason why this Council should not follow the example of neighbours such as Lewisham and Croydon who are building their own social housing, thereby providing much needed homes for local families and also reducing the costs to the Council of providing temporary accommodation?

**2. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Leader of the Council**

What are you going to do to ensure that this Council complies with the needs of Londoners, as identified by the Mayor of London, and doubles the number of new homes built annually in the Borough from 641 to 1,424?

**3. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Safety**

The Borough Fire Commander has stated that, whilst there are no Council-owned tower blocks that put Bromley residents at risk by having cladding similar to Grenfell Towers, there are numerous other residential blocks that do. What steps is this Council taking to protect these residents?

**4. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

If he will make a statement on the progress being made to convert all schools to academies?

**5. From Councillor Tony Owen to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

What plans do you have to introduce a basement planning policy?

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

Why is Bromley being described as fantastic in publicity material that was put out for the public meeting re the budget for 2018/19?

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

Do you feel that this Council is providing or facilitating sufficient sheltered housing and care home places to meet the needs of our growing elderly population?

**8. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Safety**

Given the recent FSA audit of Bromley's food hygiene service which found the Council was not complying with statutory minimum staffing, and that the Council now has to find £125k to fund new posts, will she agree that this Labour group was correct in 2015 when we opposed cuts to this budget back in 2015?

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

We only find out about gaps and vacancies in our Neighbourhood Team when we try to contact previously helpful officers and discover they have left. This contributes to the poor contract management and lack of monitoring. Please provide an update on staffing in the West Neighbourhood Team including vacancies and what recruitment is taking place.

**10. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

If he will support a joint letter with me to the Prime Minister asking her to ensure that the Government honour their manifesto promise to remove the 50% cap on admissions to Faith Schools?

**11. From Councillor Tony Owen to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

How much has LBB paid to Cushman & Wakefield?

**12. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Why does it take the Council two weeks to remove a burnt out motorbike from the footway?

**13. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Leader of the Council**

In the spirit of the motion passed at the September Council meeting confirming our commitment to the maximum possible levels of openness and transparency at all times, can the Leader provide the membership of the "Extended Cabinet" and where I can find the minutes of its meetings?

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

Requests for 20 mph zones are the subject of regular emails from residents, and information is being provided to the Portfolio Holder on the benefits of this policy. For example, research by Transport for London found that 20 mph zones reduced the frequency of road user casualties within the zones by about 45% and reduced the frequency of fatal or serious casualties by about 57%. Surely prevention is infinitely preferable to waiting for serious accidents to push up the numbers of killed and seriously injured, and only then taking action? Please provide the number of primary and secondary schools in the borough which do not have 20 mph zones outside them at present?

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

Why was this Council one of only three in London to not take the opportunity to have the responsibility for enforcement of 21 moving vehicle offences transferred from the police to the Council? Do you accept that because of reductions to their funding, the police do not have the capacity to enforce these offences and that drivers in the Borough are free to commit these offences without risk of penalty? Is this not also a 'missed' income stream for the Council?

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

What action does the Council take to support bus and rail users?

**17. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Will he ensure that the leaf clearance schedule for 2017/18 is available on the Bromley Website?