

**COUNCIL MEETING****9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018****QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ORAL REPLY****1. From Cllr Russell Mellor to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

Whilst I thank Councillor Morgan for his written reply to my oral question at the last Council meeting, may I enquire as to number of 56 day prior applications which have been received in the last four years and the number which were determined by a planning Committee?

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

What do you consider are the main functions of the Internal Audit Department in a Commissioning Authority?

**3. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Care Services Portfolio Holder**

Could you please explain the delays in awarding the nursing care beds contract which was only agreed at last week's Executive?

**4. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

Government is being urged to bring forward the ban on petrol and diesel cars, at the same time as superfast charging points are becoming available and there are already funding schemes for the installation of on street charging points. As the Portfolio Holder is aware, demand is growing for electric charging points in areas where many houses do not have off street parking, such as my own ward of Clock House. What will he do to ensure that my residents and those in similar areas in other wards are able to take advantage of this new technology?

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

What research has been conducted into the effectiveness and economic viability of establishing a Material Recovery Facility to enable co-mingled waste collection as opposed to separate waste collections?

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

What representations has he made to the Secretary of State to ensure that local authorities have a key role in determining the location of new schools in the borough?

**7. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

The report on Biggin Hill Memorial Museum presented to R&R PDS on 5th July 2017 and Executive on 19th July states at paragraph 3.4 that funding is in place to deliver THE SCHEME. At paragraph 3.19 it states that PHASE 1 delivers the BASIC SCHEME and that PHASE 2 will see the FULL SCHEME implemented with the delivery of the learning space and wall. It says no funding is identified for this phase.

Can you please -

- (i) Confirm that the full £2 million treasury grant only requires PHASE 1 to be completed and is not conditional on the full scheme being completed.
- (ii) Confirm that the local taxpayer will be required to contribute £1 million to the full scheme (all but £60k.)
- (iii) Indicate the latest funding position.

**8. From Cllr Russell Mellor to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder**

Can the Portfolio Holder advise me as to the number of planning applications in the last four years which have been called in by the applicant due to non-determination by the Council within the prescribed time?

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

Why did an article on stopping smoking appear on the front page of the Council's website shortly after an article appeared in the British Medical Association News, criticising the council for stopping its Smoking Cessation service?

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

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 the Executive agreed additional resource of £238k for Environment & Community Services 2017/18 to ensure frontline services had a sustainable level of staff to fulfil the corporate requirements for contract monitoring, business support and to deliver the expected standard of service in key areas. Of this money, £146k has been spent. Please explain on what exactly given that two posts in the Neighbourhood Team (West) have been vacant for 9 months?

**11. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder**

Since 1 October 2017, food hygiene inspections in Bromley have awarded ratings of two on 21 occasions, one on 31 occasions and zero on five occasions. How many of these inspections would have taken place had we not have increased staffing in the Food Safety Service as a result of the adverse report we received from the Food Standards Agency dated April 2017?

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

Has he seen the article in the Sunday Times of March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 entitled “Revealed: How the Met is ignoring the lessons of Holly, Jessica and Baby P”? Is he satisfied that there is full co-operation by the local police in the creation of pre-assessment check (PAC) requests on Merlin? How many such requests have been made in each year since 2010?

**13. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder**

How much of the extra £60million allocated by the Mayor of London to protect frontline policing will be spent in the borough?

**14. From Cllr Tony Owen to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

When was St John's Road, Orpington last resurfaced? What communication took place with the gas authorities before this was done? What did they say?

**15. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Environment Portfolio Holder**

What are the options under consideration for the repair of the Betts Park gates?

**16. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder**

What action is being taken in response to the recent increases in gang and other violent incidents taking place in the north of the Borough?

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

What use has the Council made of the provisions in the Crime and Policing Act 2014 to counter anti-social behaviour?

**18. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

When will accommodation on this site (the Civic Centre) which has lain empty for the best part of ten years be brought back into use?