

COUNCIL MEETING

9TH APRIL 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Noted all week ending 23/3/18 vehicle (school pick up) parking outside 115-117 Leasons Hill obstructing sight lines for school crossing person, would the Portfolio Holder install yellow zig zags (as per school side) or DYL markings to counter this persistent obstruction?

Reply:

Officers will discuss the operation of the School Crossing Patrol with the school in respect to the forthcoming changes to the school gate location. Consideration will certainly be given to adding parking controls where it will help improve safety.

2. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Could the Portfolio Holder (i) reinstate & post off heavily over run verge opposite 275 Chipperfield Road? & (ii) following use of cul de sac for grab lorry spoil removal by JDT contractors the edge of amenity green 238-242 Chipperfield Road has incurred severe over runs, could you contact for 'quality' reinstatement or charge them for LBB to carry out the necessary work?

Reply:

The Highways team are currently investigating these issues and will arrange for any necessary repairs to be undertaken. Options for protecting the verge by the use of bollards will also be considered to prevent similar damage in the future.

3. From Colin Willetts to the Environment Portfolio Holder

Would the Portfolio Holder address for reinstatement (i) 40 foot long 8 inches deep x 3 over runs on grass area outside 33 Lullingstone Crescent? (ii) reinstate grass area via a firm standing on grass area (adj sewer drain) opposite 3 The Green due to Veolia waste collection lorry causing over runs in this narrow cul de sac?

Reply:

- (i) Lullingstone Crescent – We were aware of this location, this damage was caused by a skip company working on behalf of Clarion Housing. The skip company was contacted and accepted full responsibility for the damage and have given assurances they will rectify it. We have been assured that the issue will be rectified by Friday 13th April 2018.
- (ii) 3 The Green –We were also aware of this location. At present we are unable to evidence who the perpetrator of the damage to the grass verge was. We will investigate further but if no fresh evidence is forthcoming we will have to absorb

the cost for remedial work within our GM budget. Please can you provide any information you have on the perpetrators.

4. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Environment Portfolio Holder

In 2017 and so far this year how many of the following have there been? Successful fly-tipping prosecutions, litter fines issued and clean up enforcement notices issued.

Reply:

- 180 Fines for littering
- 22 Fines issued for fly tipping
- 9 Successful prosecutions

5. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Leader of the Council

Is Bromley Council a member of the Local Government Association? If not then when was Bromley Council last a member and why was membership ceased?

Reply:

No.

1st April 2003.

To save money.

6. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder

How many Planning Officers are currently in employ (full-time-equivalent) and are there any vacancies?

Reply:

There are 61 planning officer staff (full-time-equivalent) and overall no net vacancies as we have temporary cover. This figure includes planning technical and support staff.

7. From Alison Davis to the Care Services Portfolio Holder

How many homeless Bromley families/people have been rehoused in the Medway towns in 2017 and so far in 2018.

Reply:

A total of 189 households have been rehoused into accommodation within the Medway Towns as follows, 154 households during 2017 and 35 households in 2018 year to date.

8. From Alison Davis to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Would the Portfolio Holder agree that if one person is disenfranchised by the Council's Voter ID project, it is one too many?

Reply:

The Bromley Pilot includes 29 acceptable types of ID and the ability to apply for a certificate of identity (if a person cannot satisfy the ID requirements), or a postal vote or to appoint a proxy. There is no reason that any individual should be disenfranchised unless they actively take steps to disenfranchise themselves. The Pilot provides reassurance around the integrity of the voting process and I am sure the questioner will agree that one person voting when they are not entitled to is one too many.

9. From Alison Davis to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Would the Portfolio Holder share the evidence and analysis that led to the selection of acceptable ID documents for the Councils Voter ID project?

Reply:

The Bromley Pilot includes 29 acceptable types of ID and the ability to apply for a certificate of identity, or a postal vote or to appoint a proxy. All pilots differ in the type of ID. Forms of identity were agreed with the Cabinet Office which are used for identity purposes for the Individual electoral registration process, Royal mail recovery, Money laundering regulations and which are routinely carried by many residents.

10. From Rich Wilsher to the Resources Portfolio Holder

Why were Young Persons Railcard and 16+ Oyster Card excluded from the list of acceptable Voter ID, whilst the Freedom Pass and 60+ Oyster Card was included?

Reply:

The Bromley pilot includes a wide choice of identity information which is available to young people including the Pass scheme card. The scheme also does not include the senior persons railcard. The Bromley pilot includes all the identity documents that a person needs to obtain e.g. a Young person's railcard plus another 25 forms of ID. The Equality Impact Assessment recognised issues with elderly voters and additional ID was included to address that.

11. From Rich Wilsher to the Resources Portfolio Holder

How much in pounds of the Council "Property investment fund" has been invested outside of the borough so far in 2018 and what were those investments?

Reply:

No investments have been purchased outside the borough so far in 2018.

12. From Rich Wilsher to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Holder

How much in pounds has the Council spent on legal costs and external consultants in regard to Bullers Wood School for Boys?

Reply:

The cost of a transport consultant was £8,366. The only other relevant costs are Legal fees where Counsel's fees are commercially sensitive and we do not propose to disclose the fees at this time.

13. From Ian Catchpole to the Environment Portfolio Holder

What plans do the council have to allow parking meters in Crofton Road, Farnborough High Street and Crescent Way to accept the new £1 coin? How many of the parking meters across Bromley accept the new £1 coin?

Reply:

All machines accept new £1 coins since April last year.