

COUNCIL MEETING

16TH JULY 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Cllr Simon Fawthrop to the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder

For a written reply in tabular format please - can he list by Ward the number of Green Garden Waste bins currently in circulation and a similar figure for the previous year.

i.e.

	2017	2018
Biggin Hill	200	210

Reply:

(See Appendix 1 below)

Total number of Customers is: 26,420

Total number of Containers is: 27,152

This is a live snapshot in time of the number of customer / container on 07.06.2018 as a live database. As it's a live database a direct comparison figure with 2017 is not possible. As a comparator, in 2017 there were 25,723 Green Garden Waste Bins in circulation, representing 6% growth.

2. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder

Please provide details of all default notices issued to Kier between 2014 and 2018 in relation to Crystal Palace ward.

Reply:

The table below (see Appendix 2) summarises the applied default notices issued to the service provider during the period requested. The table is caveated, as there was a period in 2015 whereby the system used to record client inspections experienced data corruption following a system platform change. However, the values applied contractually were retained, with 194 total defaults applied.

3. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Portfolio Holder

Please provide details of how much has been spent by the council in terms of pension liabilities on contracts awarded since 2010.

Reply:

No variation to contract as a result of the 2016 triennial valuation. It is important to note that these costs can reduce as well as increase as a result of future actuarial valuations. A sum of £33k p.a has been paid to contractors to cover the cost of providing a pension bond.

No payments have been made by the Council with regard to pension liabilities. A sum of £203k was set aside in an earmarked reserve in 2017/18 (full-year effect of £347k from 2018/19) to mitigate against the risk of any future liabilities that may arise relating to the TFM, Libraries and ISD contracts.

4. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio Holder

Can you please advise the number of mobile and fixed CCTV units Bromley has at its disposal and how many of those were purchased recently?

We have two hotspots where the police would like CCTVs returned because the problems had stopped whilst the CCTVs were in place but theft and ASB have returned in those areas.

Reply:

The number of cameras deployed will be dependent on the number of cameras (both mobile and fixed) that require repair, as they are taken out of service as and when technical issues arise, or are decommissioned due to being deemed beyond repair.

On average 2 mobile cameras are purchased each year.

There is a waiting list for the deployment of mobile cameras. Helen Andrews in Community Safety manages the deployment of mobile CCTV cameras as well as the waiting list. The Police are aware of this system, and they submit requests as and when area issues arise. Ordinarily, specific briefs are submitted with these requests (e.g. to gather evidence of ASB), however, due to the demand for this resource, they cannot be deployed on an indefinite basis.

5. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Holder

At a recent public meeting I was challenged about the lack of information available about activities in Bromley for children/youths. LBB website that lists activities does not appear to be kept updated. Whose responsibility is it to update this? Is the website outdated now as an information tool for young people? Are there any plans to modernise the system to engage better with our young people.

Reply:

The Bromley.gov.uk website is maintained by Liberata, this contract is managed by the Head of Customer Services. Departments are responsible for providing updates through to both to ensure that information is kept up to date. It's worth noting however that until August 2018 there is a 'content freeze' in place because of systems upgrade. A corporate project is also underway to look at all content to improve the website.

In regards to engagement with Young People. Through the Bromley Youth Support Programme the Council provides a range of information and signposting about the activities that are available across the borough. The 'Young Bromley' section includes links to out of school activities, a directory of local organisations, details of the borough's four Youth Hubs and information regarding young people's organised activities – see www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200104/young_bromley. This sits alongside the general Events list on the Council website, see www.bromley.gov.uk/events.

Furthermore the Bromley Youth Activities Facebook page provides further information on targeted events and activities, see www.facebook.com/BromleyYouthActivities.

The Council previously had a dedicated website; however, this was decommissioned and the information was included within the Council website.

6. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio Holder

How many residents from our housing waiting list have been permanently housed in Bromley in the past 12 months. How many of those placed were housed in mobility specifically adapted properties in Bromley?

Reply:

During the last financial year 487 households were permanently rehoused through the housing register. Of these 2 were fully adapted and 19 were partially adapted.

7. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Portfolio Holder

Please provide the number of electors per ward, with postal voters shown separately, as of the initial issue of the 17/18 register and the register used on polling day.

Reply:

The following table sets out the information requested - see [Appendix 3](#) below.

8. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Holder

What response has been made by the Council to the Government's questionnaire on Home Education?

Reply:

The questionnaire has been completed and submitted. (Copy attached as [Appendix 4.](#))

9. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio Holder

What design advice is given to applicants seeking to provide high density housing in Town Centres so as not to undermine the quality of life for existing residents and users?

Reply:

Applicants for planning permission are advised to comply with the Council's Planning Policies including those relevant to design. In addition they are advised to adhere to Supplementary Planning Guidance. The relevant policies are contained in the UDP/Local Plan, Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan and the London Plan. The Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance includes General Design Principles and Residential Design Guidance.

10. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett to the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder

What action is proposed to tackle the outbreak of fly posted advertising stickers on shop fronts in West Wickham and Bromley Town Centres?

Reply:

The cleansing of flyposting is operated on request when reported by residents or business owners. The cleansing service manager has instructed the service provider to review the area and remove public facing fly posting incidents. In terms of potential enforcement of these occurrences, the Street Enforcement team can be contacted with their details of the incident and the details of what is written on the sticker. A Street Enforcement officer will then be assigned to investigate the complaint to determine if sufficient information is available to pursue a viable prosecution. If there is sufficient evidence, a statement from the shop owner or witness will be required confirming that permission was not given by them to those persons / company putting these stickers in their shopfronts and evidence will be assembled for court action.