

EXECUTIVE

12TH SEPTEMBER 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Colin Willetts to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

We have received complaints from Poverest Primary School parents that the rear lower play area KS 1&2 is flooded by an ongoing water leak, could the Council ascertain the source and whose responsibility to repair the leak?

Reply:

The Council has received complaints of a water leak and these have been assessed by both the school and the Council's facilities management provider. The leaks appear to be from the ground water drainage system as opposed to the water supply. However, to date although drains have been cleared and localised surveys carried out the source of issue has not been identified. The Council has therefore commissioned a comprehensive drain survey for the whole of the school and adult education site. The survey of the adult education site has been completed and the school survey is currently underway. Once the findings of the surveys are known and the source has been identified action to resolve the leak and responsibility will be agreed.

2. From Colin Willetts to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Following your comments to the News Shopper (25/7/18) you stated 'it would not have effected any result across the Borough', however, (i) would you have proceeded with the scheme if the Council had to bear the £200,000 cost? (ii) does the Council intend to repeat this trial in 2022?

Reply:

(i) The Cabinet Office made it clear from the start of the process that it would pay the additional costs of the Voter ID Pilots, so the question is academic.

(ii) It is too early to speculate on what the Council may or may not chose to do in 2022, and we do not know what election rules will be in force at that time.

3. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Please will the Council publish in separate tables by all the polling districts in each ward the number of postal votes cast in the May 2018 local elections and the local elections in 2014?

Reply:

This information falls within the remit of the General Purposes and Licencing Committee which will be considering a report on the on the 2018 Elections at Bromley at their next meeting later this month. I understand this will include information we can lawfully share on postal votes.

4. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How many residents in the borough currently claim universal credit and how many will be in receipt of universal credit when the roll out of universal credit is completed and when is the roll out due to be completed?

Reply:

Universal Credit is administered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP); it is therefore only possible to provide information that is in the public domain.

DWP figures advise that in July 2018 the provisional number of people receiving Universal Credit in the Bromley postcode area was 720.

It is also not possible to advise as to the number of people who will be in receipt of Universal Credit once the roll-out is completed. The number is dependent on several factors, including changes to the economic climate and the Authority's demographics.

The transfer of claimants from "legacy benefits" to Universal Credit is currently due to be completed by March 2023.