

COUNCIL MEETING

10TH DECEMBER 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ORAL REPLY

1. From Byrom Mark Lees to the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder

When are Bromley Council going to recognise that roads are not simply about getting motorised vehicles from A to B as quickly as possible, but are byways for everyone to feel confident that they can traverse safely in a variety of ways. Will Bromley therefore consider imposing a default speed limit of 20mph across the Borough?

2. From Dylan Evans to the Portfolio Holder for Education, Children and Families

In this year's Make Your Mark campaign, young people in Bromley voted knife crime, mental health and ending period poverty as the issues they considered most important. What are the Council's plans for the coming year on addressing these important issues for young people?

3. From Vicki Hunt to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Other than the school entrance on Bishop's Avenue to Bickley Primary and La Fontaine schools, how many school entrances in the Borough do NOT have zigzag yellow lines to warn motorists they cannot park, wait or stop?

4. From Nelson Pallister to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much unused contingency money in the last 3 completed years has been used to increase the Council's reserves and what was the total value of the reserves (total assets owned by the Council) at the end of each of the years?

5. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Parents with children at the Unicorn school have been campaigning for a weatherproof path from where the lollipop lady stands at the junction of South Eden Park Road with Cresswell Drive across the grass to Eden Park Avenue between the two football pitches exiting by the side of St Johns Church. Discussions and site visits have taken place with staff of Idverde, and in June 2017 Idverde indicated that funding for the project had been secured. However, since then Idverde have told the parents that funding is no longer available. Would the Portfolio Holder please advise the estimated cost of the path, whether there were any reasons apart from cost for not proceeding with the path and whether there are plans to revisit this decision?

6. From Laura Vogel to the Leader of the Council

Could the Council please inform the chamber of any Brexit analysis that it has undertaken, or received, to assess the impact of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union on 29th March 2018 on the London Borough of Bromley?

I would like to know the Council's understanding of how the Government's deal, or lack of a deal, is anticipated to affect council finances, staffing, services, investments.

7. From Dylan Evans to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

Several secondary schools in Bromley do not currently have access to in school counsellors, who can provide help for students with mental health issues, especially around the time of exams. Does the council have any plans to review funding for local agencies, such as Bromley Y, who provide this?

8. From Nelson Pallister to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

What is the local authority plan towards reaching families with children/young people with disabilities within the BAME community in Bromley who struggle with their caring roles and do not have the necessary support?

9. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

During the recent by-election in Kelsey and Eden Park, the Liberal Democrats were refused access to the Langley Estate in South Eden Park Road in order to distribute election material. The residents' association were asked but replied by email "we do not want Lib Dem deliveries here". The Conservative candidate who lives on the estate and who is active on the residents' association was allowed to distribute leaflets, but we believe that other political parties were also refused permission. Does the Council have any by-laws or best practice advice for residents associations in private estates regarding the distribution of election material during an election period to ensure that all parties with candidates are allowed to leaflet without censorship?

10. From Nelson Pallister to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health

Why are commissioned projects targetted at upskilling and engaging people with learning disabilities in the borough not being renewed?

11. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

The Council produces a free magazine "Safer Bromley News" that is distributed across the borough. What were the publication dates in 2017 and 2018, and what is the publication schedule for 2019?