

## **Questions from Members for Oral Response--ECS PDS—17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### Question 1 from Councillor Ian Dunn.

Given the recent settlement between TfL and the Government, can the Portfolio Holder provide an update on the future of the Traffic and Road Safety Team.

### Answer to Question 1:

I am pleased to say that TfL has confirmed funding for Bromley to continue delivery of its Local Implementation Plan (LIP3) in this financial year. There will be no change to the structure of the Traffic and Road Safety team who are picking up this ongoing work after delivering an array of emergency response projects.

### Supplementary Question from Councillor Dunn:

Staff have been subject to a great deal of uncertainty in the last four months or so. Your answer still leaves uncertainty for 2021 and beyond. Why can't you give staff the certainty that Bromley will be able to fund their salaries if it becomes impossible for TfL to do so, which will enable them to continue to work on road safety schemes for our residents.

### Answer to Supplementary Question:

You are aware of our budget position. You are asking me to give budget commitments for the next financial year; that will be something that comes later--this will be part of the next budget round. Normally, we would have a reasonable certainty, and it will be highly likely that LIP funding will continue, but at this stage we cannot be sure.

### Question 2 from Councillor Dunn:

Please provide an update on the status of the road schemes covered included in our Tranche 2 bids. If no decision on these schemes has been made, please provide an indication of when we expect to get the results.

### Answer to Question 2:

The DfT has yet to release information about Tranche 2 bids. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, the DfT published a press release--implying a decision will be reported back soon. However, the press release also implied that there may be extra conditions linked to the schemes.

Supplementary Question:

About Tranche 2, could you say what we can do differently from what we did in Tranche 1 to try and ensure that we get a larger proportion of the funding pot for schemes in Bromley.

Answer to Supplementary Question:

The answer I think is no. The same set of schemes were submitted as in Tranche 1 and these were pre filtered by TfL; (TfL had applied a filter back in August), and so these schemes were put forward. It may well be that other boroughs will have second thoughts, and think that they may not be able to deliver certain schemes--and then we may be able to put further projects forward. At the moment the DfT is the body deciding which schemes are going to be funded. We are putting forward Bromley priority schemes in the sense of schemes that we want to do in our borough. We are not going to put forward schemes that we do not want just in order to win more money.