

COUNCIL MEETING

7th December 2020

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Leader of the Council

Following the announcement of plans for H M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 whether he will consider modest grants to local groups who organise events to celebrate the occasion?

Reply:

Subject to the views of other Members, I would certainly be inclined to mark the occasion myself.

Forgoing the fees for temporary street closures to host street parties for applications received in time by a specified date, most certainly.

Ideas beyond that might be something worthy of considering on a case by case basis too.

2. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal Recreation and Housing

Pursuant to my question at the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee on November 9th what is the position regarding the construction of housing on the Station Road Car Park in West Wickham?

Reply:

A contract for site plans has just been commissioned, with detailed design options like to be ready for March 2021.

3. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning & Contract Management

Please provide a breakdown of the Council's use of Agency Staff, showing person days and net cost, by month from April 2019 to as recently as figures are available, broken down by Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, other EHCS, ECS and other. Please also show the number of employees in FTE with the same breakdown.

Reply:

Please see the attached document - [Appendix 1](#).

4. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

Please provide the total number of Planning Applications received for 2019 and 2020 (to date) broken down by ward, showing the number of normal Planning Applications, the number relating to Permitted Development and the number related to tree work.

Reply:

The information requested is provided below. Unfortunately it is not possible to provide a breakdown at ward level at this stage in respect of the wider planning applications– this issue had already been identified and work planned for further development on the IT system to enable such reports to be generated going forward.

2019:

Total planning applications received: 2921

Total planning applications received in first 3 quarters of calendar year: 2283

Total Tree applications received: 924

Permitted development applications 2019:

Bickley	11
Biggin Hill	7
Bromley Common and Keston	14
Bromley Town	24
Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	18
Chislehurst	12
Clock House	21
Copers Cope	24
Cray Valley East	9
Cray Valley West	22
Crystal Palace	4
Darwin	13
Farnborough & Crofton	9
Hayes & Coney Hall	8
Kelsey & Eden Park	31
Mottingham & Chislehurst North	8
Orpington	11
Penge & Cator	16
Petts Wood & Knoll	17
Plaistow & Sundridge	19
Shortlands	5
West Wickham	17
Total	320

2020:

Total planning applications received in first 3 quarters of calendar year: 2047

Total Tree applications received: (up to 03/12/2020): 1033

Permitted Development Applications 2020 (up to 03/12/2020)

Bickley	12
Biggin Hill	5
Bromley Common and Keston	18
Bromley Town	25
Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	11
Chislehurst	12
Clock House	23
Copers Cope	26
Cray Valley East	13
Cray Valley West	17
Crystal Palace	4
Darwin	12
Farnborough & Crofton	13
Hayes & Coney Hall	11
Kelsey & Eden Park	31
Mottingham & Chislehurst North	5
Orpington	17
Penge & Cator	27
Petts Wood & Knoll	11
Plaistow & Sundridge	15
Shortlands	7
West Wickham	16
Total	331

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

What is Bromley Council doing to ensure that all Grade 1 and Grade 2 listed buildings in the borough are properly maintained?

Reply:

Please see the attached document - [Appendix 2](#).

6. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

A resident submitted photos of Bromley trees that had not been adequately maintained. Can you confirm that all our trees have been inspected during this year despite Covid?

Reply:

Covid-19 did impact our tree planting programme. In relation to the submitted photos of young trees we have concluded a borough wide survey of all trees planted within the past 10 years. This has resulted in the creation of a works programme to resolve issues. In addition, we are updating our young tree maintenance and tree planting procedures to ensure better care is given while our trees establish in the future, which should avoid this particular issue reoccurring.

Regarding general tree inspections, this is a rolling process wherein we survey approximately one third of the borough's trees each year as set out in our Tree Management Strategy. This surveying is undertaken primarily in winter when other seasonal demands on the service abate. As the schedule year runs from April-March we will have a clearer picture in terms of performance in the new financial year.

Appendix 1 (Question 3)

Year	Date	Month	Group Name	Calc. Days	Hours	Ave. Daily Rate	Net Amount	VAT Amount	Gross Amount	Employee FTE as at last day of month
2019	4	April	1. Adult Social Care	1,072.36	7,721.00	223.45	239,623.30	47,924.76	287,548.06	191.92
2019	4	April	2. Childrens Social Care	1,414.41	10,183.75	306.60	433,651.40	86,730.23	520,381.63	326.39
2019	4	April	3. Other ECHS	279.38	2,011.50	487.57	136,215.09	27,243.02	163,458.11	336.18
2019	4	April	4. ECS	728.40	5,244.50	175.72	127,995.12	25,599.15	153,594.27	246.48
2019	4	April	5. Other	195.17	1,405.25	196.11	38,275.09	7,655.04	45,930.13	162.82
2019	5	May	1. Adult Social Care	1,358.13	9,778.50	221.48	300,799.84	60,160.03	360,959.87	194.46
2019	5	May	2. Childrens Social Care	1,727.19	12,435.75	298.58	515,708.11	103,141.72	618,849.83	331.42
2019	5	May	3. Other ECHS	408.26	2,939.50	414.87	169,377.28	33,875.53	203,252.81	340.88
2019	5	May	4. ECS	857.60	6,174.75	191.21	163,982.62	32,796.64	196,779.26	244.91
2019	5	May	5. Other	290.66	2,092.75	203.76	59,225.45	11,845.07	71,070.52	163.62
2019	6	June	1. Adult Social Care	1,109.20	7,986.25	227.48	252,317.10	50,463.50	302,780.60	194.86
2019	6	June	2. Childrens Social Care	1,352.29	9,736.50	289.93	392,068.64	78,413.72	470,482.36	333.14
2019	6	June	3. Other ECHS	285.10	2,052.75	380.08	108,363.70	21,672.81	130,036.51	343.17
2019	6	June	4. ECS	760.83	5,478.00	154.39	117,467.34	23,493.60	140,960.94	247.08
2019	6	June	5. Other	312.95	2,253.25	188.26	58,917.49	11,783.49	70,700.98	161.04
2019	7	July	1. Adult Social Care	1,115.63	8,032.50	220.98	246,530.01	49,306.04	295,836.05	192.61
2019	7	July	2. Childrens Social Care	1,318.68	9,494.50	295.42	389,559.97	77,911.97	467,471.94	333.95
2019	7	July	3. Other ECHS	339.20	2,442.25	309.09	104,842.81	20,968.56	125,811.37	347.55
2019	7	July	4. ECS	756.60	5,447.50	179.04	135,458.35	27,091.84	162,550.19	248.19
2019	7	July	5. Other	338.26	2,435.50	176.94	59,853.72	11,970.77	71,824.49	161.04
2019	8	August	1. Adult Social Care	1,181.56	8,507.25	220.11	260,077.05	52,015.45	312,092.50	195.11
2019	8	August	2. Childrens Social Care	1,653.02	11,901.75	292.63	483,719.60	96,743.91	580,463.51	339.89
2019	8	August	3. Other ECHS	348.40	2,508.50	274.84	95,754.82	19,150.94	114,905.76	345.25
2019	8	August	4. ECS	974.58	7,017.00	166.36	162,132.95	32,426.68	194,559.63	247.81
2019	8	August	5. Other	366.11	2,636.00	192.55	70,496.12	14,099.31	84,595.43	160.89
2019	9	September	1. Adult Social Care	886.46	6,382.50	223.10	197,771.66	39,554.34	237,326.00	208.43
2019	9	September	2. Childrens Social Care	1,201.32	8,649.50	283.23	340,248.58	68,049.69	408,298.27	349.62
2019	9	September	3. Other ECHS	269.24	1,938.50	316.01	85,082.06	17,016.42	102,098.48	338.26
2019	9	September	4. ECS	698.44	5,028.75	177.75	124,149.84	24,830.07	148,979.91	250.21
2019	9	September	5. Other	234.97	1,691.75	198.00	46,522.23	9,304.53	55,826.76	161.14
2019	10	October	1. Adult Social Care	803.58	5,785.75	219.71	176,555.55	35,311.13	211,866.68	212.42
2019	10	October	2. Childrens Social Care	1,078.75	7,767.00	280.19	302,252.91	60,450.58	362,703.49	350.53
2019	10	October	3. Other ECHS	283.33	2,040.00	258.81	73,329.03	14,665.86	87,994.89	341.12
2019	10	October	4. ECS	856.81	6,169.00	177.04	151,685.63	30,337.32	182,022.95	248.63
2019	10	October	5. Other	251.74	1,812.50	223.46	56,254.16	11,250.89	67,505.05	157.84
2019	11	November	1. Adult Social Care	871.04	6,271.50	221.76	193,165.86	38,633.22	231,799.08	215.14
2019	11	November	2. Childrens Social Care	1,361.08	9,799.75	278.56	379,141.21	75,828.22	454,969.43	345.94
2019	11	November	3. Other ECHS	369.44	2,660.00	282.93	104,527.63	20,905.45	125,433.08	344.13
2019	11	November	4. ECS	1,054.06	7,589.25	179.23	188,921.00	37,784.39	226,705.39	249.42
2019	11	November	5. Other	407.95	2,937.25	212.43	86,662.01	17,332.46	103,994.47	162.52
2019	12	December	1. Adult Social Care	692.05	4,982.75	217.45	150,486.60	30,097.38	180,583.98	228.07
2019	12	December	2. Childrens Social Care	1,255.59	9,040.25	305.31	383,343.10	76,668.72	460,011.82	343.49
2019	12	December	3. Other ECHS	236.77	1,704.75	296.09	70,105.66	14,021.15	84,126.81	344.59
2019	12	December	4. ECS	822.64	5,923.00	210.86	173,463.09	34,692.68	208,155.77	241.48
2019	12	December	5. Other	341.11	2,456.00	281.70	96,091.54	19,218.33	115,309.87	166.14
2020	1	January	1. Adult Social Care	664.38	4,783.50	217.47	144,484.83	28,897.01	173,381.84	233.57
2020	1	January	2. Childrens Social Care	1,149.86	8,279.00	279.35	321,219.30	64,243.86	385,463.16	358.49
2020	1	January	3. Other ECHS	262.95	1,893.25	288.20	75,783.61	15,156.76	90,940.37	345.28
2020	1	January	4. ECS	806.88	5,809.50	188.85	152,377.34	30,475.63	182,852.97	244.12
2020	1	January	5. Other	367.64	2,647.00	224.66	82,593.69	16,518.83	99,112.52	162.42

2020	2	February	1. Adult Social Care	674.86	4,859.00	221.62	149,560.34	29,912.12	179,472.46	232.2
2020	2	February	2. Childrens Social Care	1,017.85	7,328.50	281.93	286,956.59	57,391.31	344,347.90	357.05
2020	2	February	3. Other ECHS	299.27	2,154.75	272.70	81,612.18	16,322.42	97,934.60	345.83
2020	2	February	4. ECS	801.74	5,772.50	188.87	151,427.20	30,285.54	181,712.74	243.12
2020	2	February	5. Other	373.92	2,692.25	229.55	85,833.36	17,166.68	103,000.04	164.25
2020	3	March	1. Adult Social Care	633.06	4,558.00	219.84	139,173.15	27,834.67	167,007.82	233.48
2020	3	March	2. Childrens Social Care	1,019.58	7,341.00	279.44	284,910.93	56,982.18	341,893.11	358.05
2020	3	March	3. Other ECHS	370.03	2,664.25	270.20	99,984.86	19,996.96	119,981.82	350.28
2020	3	March	4. ECS	745.83	5,370.00	186.11	138,810.50	27,762.23	166,572.73	244.62
2020	3	March	5. Other	346.01	2,491.25	237.19	82,069.37	16,413.87	98,483.24	164.25
2020	4	April	1. Adult Social Care	556.42	4,006.25	243.92	135,721.44	27,144.35	162,865.79	235
2020	4	April	2. Childrens Social Care	908.72	6,542.75	290.03	263,556.53	52,711.33	316,267.86	359.79
2020	4	April	3. Other ECHS	332.53	2,394.25	258.63	86,004.26	17,200.87	103,205.13	351.42
2020	4	April	4. ECS	594.83	4,282.75	193.35	115,012.01	23,002.28	138,014.29	247.26
2020	4	April	5. Other	336.81	2,425.00	245.65	82,736.77	16,547.29	99,284.06	165.82
2020	5	May	1. Adult Social Care	667.53	4,806.25	243.33	162,433.11	32,486.67	194,919.78	237
2020	5	May	2. Childrens Social Care	1,107.50	7,974.00	288.26	319,242.52	63,848.52	383,091.04	358.16
2020	5	May	3. Other ECHS	363.65	2,618.25	248.99	90,543.07	18,108.65	108,651.72	353.98
2020	5	May	4. ECS	726.08	5,227.75	189.61	137,671.51	27,534.40	165,205.91	247.48
2020	5	May	5. Other	400.56	2,884.00	255.93	102,513.10	20,502.70	123,015.80	169.82
2020	6	June	1. Adult Social Care	520.63	3,748.50	244.22	127,145.70	25,429.10	152,574.80	238
2020	6	June	2. Childrens Social Care	1,142.53	8,226.25	289.47	330,735.23	66,147.08	396,882.31	359.16
2020	6	June	3. Other ECHS	231.88	1,669.50	320.77	74,379.21	14,875.87	89,255.08	354.7
2020	6	June	4. ECS	568.13	4,090.50	194.80	110,672.19	22,134.54	132,806.73	249.11
2020	6	June	5. Other	333.99	2,404.75	246.20	82,227.60	16,445.52	98,673.12	169.18
2020	7	July	1. Adult Social Care	767.78	5,528.00	236.50	181,579.37	36,315.85	217,895.22	238
2020	7	July	2. Childrens Social Care	1,361.04	9,799.50	289.07	393,435.94	78,687.17	472,123.11	359.16
2020	7	July	3. Other ECHS	163.54	1,177.50	407.68	66,672.50	13,334.52	80,007.02	354.7
2020	7	July	4. ECS	778.92	5,608.25	193.08	150,391.30	30,078.34	180,469.64	249.11
2020	7	July	5. Other	414.97	2,987.75	271.29	112,575.41	22,515.08	135,090.49	169.18
2020	8	August	1. Adult Social Care	495.38	3,566.75	235.61	116,718.15	23,343.63	140,061.78	243.02
2020	8	August	2. Childrens Social Care	985.80	7,097.75	289.31	285,201.69	57,040.34	342,242.03	358.84
2020	8	August	3. Other ECHS	91.25	657.00	430.22	39,257.59	7,851.55	47,109.14	359.01
2020	8	August	4. ECS	479.34	3,451.25	200.91	96,302.17	19,260.48	115,562.65	252.48
2020	8	August	5. Other	380.52	2,739.75	277.88	105,738.47	21,147.69	126,886.16	165.7
2020	9	September	1. Adult Social Care	519.38	3,739.50	239.70	124,494.10	24,898.85	149,392.95	243.77
2020	9	September	2. Childrens Social Care	1,009.93	7,271.50	290.82	293,708.34	58,741.72	352,450.06	358.31
2020	9	September	3. Other ECHS	141.18	1,016.50	338.58	47,800.87	9,560.18	57,361.05	363.11
2020	9	September	4. ECS	513.13	3,694.50	197.07	101,120.22	20,224.12	121,344.34	251.03
2020	9	September	5. Other	307.12	2,211.25	277.40	85,194.24	17,038.88	102,233.12	173.12
2020	10	October	1. Adult Social Care	264.93	1,907.50	241.02	63,852.34	12,770.49	76,622.83	242.77
2020	10	October	2. Childrens Social Care	465.59	3,352.25	296.04	137,834.64	27,566.92	165,401.56	362.7
2020	10	October	3. Other ECHS	91.08	655.75	293.78	26,756.66	5,351.34	32,108.00	361.57
2020	10	October	4. ECS	210.03	1,512.25	189.13	39,724.22	7,944.83	47,669.05	252.81
2020	10	October	5. Other	182.15	1,311.50	276.05	50,282.75	10,056.59	60,339.34	171.69

Appendix 2 (Question 5)

Under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Listed Building Consent is required for all works of demolition, alteration or extension to a listed building that affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest.

The requirement applies to all types of works and to all parts of those buildings covered by the listing protection (possibly including attached and curtilage buildings or other structures), provided the works affect the character of the building as a building of special interest.

It is a criminal offence not to seek consent when it is required. Not knowing a building is listed is not a defence to any criminal proceedings. A defence is available if the works were urgently necessary in the interests of health and safety.

There are three types of listed status for buildings in England and Wales:

- Grade I: buildings of exceptional interest.
- Grade II*: particularly important buildings of more than special interest.
- Grade II: buildings that are of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them.

The Historic England National Heritage List for England¹ shows that Bromley has a total of 412 Listed Buildings, including eight Grade I Listed Buildings in Bromley, 23 grade II* and 381 Grade II Listed Buildings.

The owners of listed buildings are under no legal obligation to maintain their property in a good state of repair; even though it is in their interests to do so.

Individual Councils throughout England do not have a statutory duty to compile lists of Listed Buildings that are at risk or in need of maintenance within their area; however, there are a range of statutory enforcement powers at their disposal including section 215 Notices, Urgent Works Notices, Repairs Notices and other statutory enforcement tools and powers under the various Housing, Planning and Building Acts, to secure the future of historic buildings². It should be noted that these statutory enforcement powers mainly apply to empty properties.

Historic England maintain a 'Heritage at Risk' register³ of heritage assets (including Listed Buildings, that are most at risk of being lost as a result of neglect, decay or inappropriate development. In conjunction with Historic England, the Conservation Officer is currently involved in several heritage at risk projects, including a large-scale heritage at risk project at Crystal Palace working with colleagues in Regeneration to secure the future of the Park.

¹ Accessed here: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

²The Historic England document 'Stopping the Rot' provides useful detail on the powers available. It can be accessed here: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/stoppingtherot/>

³ Accessed here: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/advanced-search>