

Council**18th October 2021****Questions from members of the public for Written Reply****1. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

A large number of applications have and continue to be received for installation of 5G masts (and their antecedents) on public land and footpaths. Where the Council owns the land or has a relevant interest in it, does it receive any rent from these companies and if so, is the rent comparable to rent that would be paid on private property?

2. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Does the Council have any policies or influence to require developers to consider siting 5G masts within larger developments (where they can be installed incongruously). And if not can such be implemented?

3. From Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder confirm the cost of printing and distributing the '*Special edition update*' covering the COVID-19 pandemic and the help available to all who needed it, especially the most vulnerable, which was distributed in the Summer of 2020?

Was this publication sent out to all residents of the borough via Royal Mail or an alternative provider?

4. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What money has the Council obtained from the London Mayor to help deal with homelessness in Bromley in the last 2 years? Has the Council applied for funding to buy back former Council properties following the announcement on 21 June 2021 by Sadiq Khan?

5. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What type of applications does the Government's Community Housing fund support and from whom? Please supply details of any Council applications to this fund to increase housing supply in the borough.

6. From Carol Denyer to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The smell of rotting waste at Waldo Road has become particularly unpleasant this year. Is any household waste, food waste or garden waste left on site for more than 24 hours? What is the agreed timescale - Veolia are required to keep to?

7. From Carol Denyer to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

I am concerned about the health risks to residents near Waldo Rd and the employees of Veolia. What particulates and/or airborne gases do Veolia measure and where is this monitoring data available to view? If not publicly available, please supply the monitoring data for the 12 months to 31 July 2021.

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

You have previously indicated that a traffic engineer would visit Holmesdale Road BR2 in September - what was the outcome of this visit and what steps are being considered to alleviate the traffic chaos in Holmesdale Road, particularly when traffic is queuing to use the Waldo Road recycling centre?

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

Rates of fly tipping have increased everywhere during the pandemic, and Bromley's rate has increased by approximately 25%. Residents expect the Council to catch, fine and prosecute persistent fly-tippers. What steps have Bromley Council taken to improve monitoring in fly tipping hot spots, how many cases have been prosecuted in the last 12 months, what was the cost of those prosecutions and what was the outcome of those prosecutions including financial recompense for Bromley Council?

10. From Stuart Benefield to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

On 31 August it was reported in the media that LBB had entered into an investment agreement with Pension Insurance Corporation (PIC) to add 300 homes to the council's emergency housing portfolio. Please provide details of this deal including where the houses will be located, who will be providing them, who will be running them and how they will be paid for.

11. From Stuart Benefield to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How many refugees from Afghanistan have Bromley Council agreed to offer homes to?

12. From Suraj Gandecha to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

In July 2021 the charity Quaker Social Action undertook a “mystery shopping” investigation into local authorities’ approach to public health funerals and Bromley Council were found to be one of the worst performing councils for the absence of or inaccuracy of information provided both online, in person and by phone. What steps have the Council taken to ensure that they are fulfilling their statutory role and ensure that improvements are made in enabling bereaved people to receive the right support when they need it?

13. From Suraj Gandecha to the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee

In its annual report for the year to 31 March 2021 the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) identified Bromley as the 2nd worst performing borough in London, with the ombudsman upholding 26 complaints from Bromley Residents. Please provide an analysis of these 26 cases including the service being complained about, the nature of the complaint and the action taken to rectify the resident's grievance. Please also explain what steps have been taken by the Council to ensure that residents receive a better service in the future.

14. From Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Are Council, as was mentioned at a committee I observed, continuing to dim street lighting from 10pm, is this in every ward and if so, in response to the violent assault in SE London recently, will you be discontinuing this, to provide women and girls of Bromley with maximum night lighting to improve their safety?

15. From Jeremy Adams to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

The government announced on Sept 30th that, this month, it will make £500 million available for councils to support vulnerable households to pay for essentials. Can Bromley Council commit to devoting all funds it receives under this scheme to the people of Bromley this winter?

16. From Owen Wittekind to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

A report in July found that Bromley had the 8th highest level of food poverty in the UK at 10.3%. At a time of higher bills, lower wages, and a £1040 Universal Credit cut, what steps are the Council taking to ensure that no family goes hungry this Christmas?

17. From Owen Wittekind to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Affordable housing is crucial for young people. The Housing Strategy 2019-2029, outlines 1,424 homes need to be built annually to match the rising population. How many new homes were built in Bromley in 2019-2020, how many were affordable homes and what was the cost of building one affordable home?