

Council - 6th December 2021**Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply****1. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

When will the Council implement the licensing of all houses in multiple occupation as recommended in the Council's housing strategy? What are the implications of rent repayment orders for unlicensed houses in multiple occupation?

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

How much money is the Council losing through not implementing the empty homes premium? Will the Council review the effectiveness of its empty homes strategy and consult with the public?

3. From Peter Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

How many criminal prosecutions and civil payment fines have been issued by the Council in the last two years and for what offences?

4. From Peter Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What are the resource implications of licencing all houses in multiple occupation in Bromley and what legal decisions would be required?

5. From Angela Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

How do article 4 restrictions on houses in multiple occupation help the tenants of such properties? Please publish a list by ward of all houses in multiple occupation that are licensable but are not.

6. From Angela Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What is the Council's plan to reduce carbon emissions in residential housing whether it is rented or privately owned?

7. From Richard E. Hart to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What are the implications of covid prevention in an overcrowded house in multiple occupation? Is this not a valid reason to extend the licensing of all houses in multiple occupation in the borough?

8. From Richard E. Hart to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Will the Council introduce an HMO licence checker scheme similar to what Westminster Council are running?

(Ref: propertyindustryeye.com/Westminster-launches-hmo-checker-to-help-combat-rogue-landlords/?)

9. From Helen Brookfield to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What advice has the Council given to private tenants who have suffered harassment or unlawful eviction about rent repayment orders? When will the Council publish on its website information for the public about rent repayment orders?

10. From Helen Brookfield to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning & Contract Management

When will the Council use its legal powers via a rent repayment order to reclaim any housing benefit paid to the owner of an unlicensed house in multiple occupation?

11. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Please can the Council list by ward all Houses in Multiple Occupation that do not have planning permission and should be licensed by the Council but are not? Will the owners be prosecuted for failing to obtain a license?

12. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

In the last 4 years, how many owners of HMOs have been prosecuted by the Council for failing to register their properties with the Council?

13. From Ruth McGregor to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What help will the Council give to private tenants and leaseholders at Lait House, Albemarle Road BR3 where all the flats have been served with a fire safety notice by the London Fire Brigade?

(See www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/public-notice-detail/?id=6953)

14. From Ruth McGregor to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Will the flat owners of Lait House in Albemarle Road (which appear to include Cllr David Jeffreys) be able to let their properties to the Council to provide temporary accommodation, notwithstanding the fire safety notices?

15. From Carole Dewar to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What savings in the cost of temporary accommodation would be achieved if an owner of an empty property in the borough leased the property to the Council to provide temporary accommodation for a homeless household?

16. From Carole Dewar to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How many owners of empty properties owe the Council money, and will the Council apply for an order for sale to repay these debts and to make sure that such properties are brought back into use?