

Council - 6th December 2021**Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply****1. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

In October the Council won a national award putting us best in the country for financial management of the Council's assets. What specific achievements were highlighted in gaining the award and what should other councils be able to learn from Bromley's success?

2. From Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Health

Certain Care homes are on the verge of closure in Bromley due to being hit hard by the pandemic. Whilst the homes are independent, any closures would greatly affect the vulnerable residents and their families. What help is the Portfolio Holder willing to provide to Care Homes to ensure our elderly and vulnerable are protected.

3. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

Please explain:

- the frequent & long-standing absences of loo roll in Crystal Palace Park toilets?
- what you suggest park users do when faced with such absences?
- what skills and qualifications are required of contractors to replace a toilet seat?

4. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Leader of the Council

Please explain why a Communications Plan purely for the planting of new trees is justified when the same do not exist for COVID grant applications and the recently announced Household Support Fund?

5. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

Can the Portfolio Holder detail the progress made on successful applications to the Small Parades Initiative in the last 6 months and what plans are there to catch up any backlogs?

6. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

What lessons have you and the Council learned from the process for developing the recently approved Open Space Strategy?

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

Can you please explain what the role is of the Council's representative on the Clarion Housing Group South London Regional Scrutiny Committee?

8. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

The Friends of Cator Park and Alexandra Recreation Ground paid for a bench to be installed in April, could you please explain why Idverde have still not installed it?

9. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How many (i) dead dogs, (ii) dead cats were recovered in the last period for which records were available and what process is in place for notifying their owners?

10. From Cllr Aisha Cuthbert to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

We've seen a number of recent questions from councillors regarding housing association properties. These concerns raised are from residents living in Clarion, Hyde, A2Dominion and Moat Housing properties. Could the Portfolio Holder please remind all Members what can be done to address residents' concerns regarding repairs since the Council has no direct involvement and no decision-making authority of any of these independent housing associations?

11. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much debt interest did the London Borough of Bromley pay during 2020 and 2021 to date? In answering please indicate how much debt the London Borough of Bromley carries and a comparison to other neighbouring local authorities.

12. From Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

Residents are expressing concern at the number of delivery scooters parking on the High Street bays outside McDonalds in Penge. This affects High Street trade and includes a disabled bay which comes under Council responsibility. What action will the Portfolio Holder take to resolve this?

13. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Will he please confirm the precise date when the UPS switch will be repaired and also provide details of expenditure to date on the 'man in the van' retained to oversee the faulty switch?

14. From Cllr Vanessa Allen to the Leader of the Council

Will the Leader instruct the Portfolio Holders to respond to emails from other councillors within a certain time, even if it is a holding reply pending further work?

15. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

In the last year there have been delays to the planning application process. What improvements have been made to overcome these issues and are delays still occurring?

16. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

Both the 2020 and 2021 surveys of public satisfaction with Grounds Maintenance in Bromley show that over 50% of respondents are dissatisfied with facilities in parks (i.e. drinking fountains and toilets). What action do you propose to take to rectify this? Will you institute a programme of installing drinking fountains in public parks, to reduce the use of plastic water bottles?

17. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Services

Fly-tipping is a major problem in Penge & Cator and many other wards in Bromley. Where there are 3 mixed glass recycling bins and only one for tins/plastic and one for cardboard/paper would you look at replacing one of the mixed glass bins for another paper or plastic and cans?

18. From Cllr Nicholas Bennett MA JP to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How many instances of graffiti were removed in the Borough in the last year for which records are available?