

Council**11th April 2022****Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply****1. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

There is a vacant land site adjacent to 39 Southend Road Beckenham where the hoarding seems about to collapse on to the pavement (by a bus stop) and there is also fly tipping. This urgently needs to be made safe and secure, does the Council have legal powers to do this? When can the work be done and who will pay?

2. From Helen Alsworth to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

A recent publication by Beckenham Conservatives refers to working towards a 20mph zone in Copers Cope Road. Is it now official Council policy to introduce 20mph zones, something many residents would support, and how can residents in Beckenham and Copers Cope ward apply for them?

3. From Julia Burton to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Will feedback on the Orpington SPD be published, if so where and when?

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When will the recent Call for Sites be discussed and the results published?

5. From Elizabeth Thomas to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee

Has the Council formally adopted the Urban Greening Formula for new developments?

6. From Elizabeth Thomas to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

According to the Centre For London the average cost of providing controlled parking bays in the Borough is £221 per bay and yet the current permit charges are in the range of £50 - £100. What is the Council's reasoning for not passing on the full cost to car owners?

7. From Dermot McKibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

The local authority housing statistics for 2021/1 reveals 1,056 dwellings owned by other public sector landlords in Bromley. Who are these landlords? Which wards are these properties in? What contribution do such landlords make to helping the homeless?

8. From Dermot McKibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much money is owed to the Council by the owners of empty properties that have been empty for over 2 years. Has the Council ever placed a charge for such debts on the owner of an empty property or applied for an order for sale and if not please explain further?

9. From Sam Small to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

In an answer to a previous question about borough-wide emissions the Council stated that it intends to work with the different layers of Government to play their part “in achieving the National ambition set out by the PM.” Please can the Council clarify how it interprets the “National ambition”

10. From Maeve Lynch to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Why are there no pedestrian crossings at terribly busy junctions e.g. Chinese roundabout, Westmorland Road/Hayes Lane. We all need to walk more but basic safety infrastructure is absent. In fear crossing with my children.

11. From Brayley Small to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research calculates that for Bromley to make its ‘fair’ contribution towards the Paris Agreement, it must stay within a maximum cumulative CO2 emissions budget of 6.6 million tonnes (MtCO2) for the period 2020 to 2100. At 2017 CO2 emission levels Bromley would use this entire budget by 2027. Please comment.

12. From Brayley Small to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

An answer to a previous question stated that the CMT “are represented at several London Councils Climate Change Steering/Working Groups to help develop a London-wide plan for achieving net zero emissions by 2030”. Does this mean that the Council’s target for net zero emissions borough-wide is also 2030?

13. From Brendan Donegan to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Given that we are living through a climate emergency, the UK has lost almost half of its biodiversity, and glyphosate is probably carcinogenic, when will Bromley Council phase out use of glyphosate-based herbicides on its land and for street 'cleansing'?

14. From Brendan Donegan to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

In the Net Zero Action Plan (p11), Bromley Council states it will not take responsibility for emissions it cannot directly influence. How can Bromley Council justify this position, given the council's significant potential to play a key role in decarbonising transport, waste and social housing in the borough?

15. From Tia Fisher to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What steps have the Council taken to promote car sharing as a way of reducing the number of cars on the roads, reducing carbon emissions and pollution?

16. From Tia Fisher to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What steps have the Council taken to encourage residents to use car clubs and how successful has that been as a way of reducing the number of cars on the road?

17. From Richard Gibbons to the Leader of the Council

Does the Leader agree with the Member for Cray Valley East that Councillors must be visible and approachable, and:

1. Attend residents' and community group meetings
2. Hold regular face-to-face advice surgeries
3. Offer to meet residents at a time and place of their choosing

Ref. https://twitter.com/Pierce_Chris_D/status/1508202680283447306?s=20&t=pdZIPsnsDpTMU3PewW7udA

18. From Richard Gibbons to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

Would the Portfolio Holder ask officers to reassess parking policies in LB Bromley using the CPRE London 'Parking Policy Benchmark Assessment Tool 2022', and set a date for a subsequent report to be presented to the Environment and Community Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee?

Ref. <https://www.cprelondon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/01/Parking-Policy-Benchmark-Assessment-Tool-2022.pdf>

19. From Susan Sulis to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

In Westminster Council, where the median property price is £1,054,400, and the median household income is £42,800, Band D Council Tax is £827.56, less than half Bromley's Band D of £1,691.52.

Band H in Westminster is £1,655.12, also less than Bromley's Band D!

How does the Government justify its 400% greater grant?

20. From Susan Sulis to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Westminster's Council Tax levy represents 7% of its total funding, compared to Bromley's 31.2%. Billionaires and the 'super-rich' (including oligarchs) pay less than Bromley's Band D residents. Band H, the highest band, in Bromley is £3,383.04.

Will the Council publish the representations it makes every year, and the Government's response?