

Council

25th July 2022

Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply

1. From Councillor Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management (answered by the Leader of the Council in the Portfolio Holder's absence)

Now that the problematic microphones in the Council Chamber have been replaced, will the Portfolio Holder now move ahead with making recordings of Council meetings available online to residents where they are already welcome to attend in person in the gallery. If not, why not and if not now when?

Reply:

I understand that General Purposes and Licensing Committee has called for a report on the options for recording and live-streaming of all meetings at its next meeting in September, and I suggest that we follow their recommendation on this issue after that.

2. From Councillor Will Connolly to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

Will the Portfolio Holder now urgently consider installing air quality monitors at all schools so that we can measure the effectiveness of current measures to improve air quality, measure the performance of new measures introduced and share good practice between schools.

Reply:

I am pleased to confirm that all Bromley schools meet the legal limits set by the Government and that we can measure the effectiveness of our air quality measures. We gather the data by our monitors and other local authorities' monitors. This allows us to provide street-level data for air quality and crucially what it is that our schools and we can do if there is a problem.

There is an organisation called the London Schools Pollution Helpdesk which is open to any school or nursery to join. They run a forum which is designed to share best practice ideas and discuss any issues and concerns. I would encourage any school or nursery to join that Forum and please do come and talk to our excellent Environmental Protection Team if there is any particular school that has any issues or concerns.

Supplementary Question:

I would welcome a meeting with the Portfolio Holder to look into some of this data. As you will appreciate some organisations do use different data, such as the WHO and other information that we may be party to. Is the Portfolio Holder aware that the measurement of one air quality monitor is not good enough to understand air pollution in the borough, appreciating what the Portfolio Holder says about using data from other local authorities, but pollution will differ on a street by street basis. I did reach out to an Asthma and Lung UK charity this week and they have said it is really not good enough. Is the Portfolio Holder aware that one air quality monitor is not good enough?

Reply:

We have thirty five. I appreciate that they measure different types of pollutants, but my understanding is that our air quality monitors do measure nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter which are of most concern. But in terms of the WHO Guidelines I completely appreciate that they are very ambitious. The document says that, currently, 97% of major cities across the world do not meet those guidelines. Of course it is an ambition of this Council and around the world and I welcome a bilateral meeting with you and your organisation. As we know, this is a big issue and I am keen to tackle it.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Simon Jeal:

You mentioned that there are thirty-five monitors that the borough has in place. How many of those are located within school grounds or immediately outside them?

Reply:

I do not have the data on me but I am very happy to write to you and let you know.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Julie Ireland:

Can I ask the Portfolio Holder to clarify? My understanding is that you have one live monitor based at Harwood Road in Bromley which measures particulate matter and the others are all diffusion tubes, which do not give you live or hourly data – it gives you an average over the space of a month. These diffusion tubes are usually derided as being of little interest. Can you clarify that of the ones that you have spoken about, only one gives live data, the others are averages over a monthly period based on diffusion tube readings?

Reply:

It is my understanding that the information we collect from all of our monitors gives us really important data on nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter. I am happy to follow up with an email to clarify. This is something that we will be discussing in further detail at the Committee in September.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Michael Tickner:

Is there anything preventing our academy schools installing their own air monitors?

Reply:

My understanding is no. I do believe there are grants available for schools wishing to purchase but that is maybe something they can follow up with the forum and ourselves.

3. From Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health

Will the Portfolio Holder agree that a large number of Bromley's carers are relatives?

Reply:

Yes I do agree.

Supplementary Question:

I have had a few accounts of relatives who care for elderly people and those elderly people either sadly pass or they do go into homecare. The relatives that were carers have some severe issues in facing eviction. Can you please outline what the Council can provide for those carers in liaison with housing associations to make sure that there is a period of grace?

Reply:

I think I will need to discuss this with Councillor Bear from the point of view of eviction queries, but if you have any specific issues then I would be happy to take those forward on behalf of you and your residents.

4. From Cllr Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing (answered by the Leader of the Council in the Portfolio Holder's absence)

On 9 November 2021 the Portfolio Holder answered my query on the amount remaining within the Welfare Fund - "balance as at 1 April 2020 of £639k. During 2020/21, £147k was drawn down, leaving a balance of £492k as at 31 March 2021." Could you please tell me how many funds have been used since that date to assist Bromley families and how much remains?

Reply:

£160k, leaving a balance of £332k.

Supplementary Question:

I believe the Welfare Fund is also providing articles for Ukrainian families which is wonderful. We have in Plaistow ward the Z Pods where twenty-five homeless families will move in. I went to two of them. They are carpeted, the officers are looking into curtains, but they had no fridges. Would it be alright to meet with officers to discuss those families, if they needed a fridge or a bed and they were not bringing them with them, if we could help them to get them from the Welfare Fund?

Reply:

That is precisely what the fund is for, so, yes, most definitely.

5. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

Sutton Council have achieved a White Ribbon Accreditation in its commitment to reduce VAWG and this was raised as a key issue at the VAWG Roundtable event you attended in February. Does Bromley Council have the same aspirations to achieve a White Ribbon Accreditation?

Reply:

There are no plans to sign up for White Ribbon accreditation as it is preferred that available resources are used on direct service delivery locally. This includes looking at ways to engage and raise awareness around the Safer Bromley Violence Against Women & Girls priority.

Supplementary Question:

Did you make that comment at that meeting that you were at, that Bromley was not going to take up the accreditation?

Reply:

No, that was not how the discussion went on the day. There was a presentation from Sutton and it was a situation where we watched a presentation then there was a general discussion afterwards. At that point it was a case of looking in to it – as you know that was quite some time ago and since then we have looked into it and that is the case.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Julie Ireland:

Is the Portfolio Holder aware that all the Liberal Democrat Councils in London have this accreditation, underlining how important we feel it is?

Reply:

Yes, indeed, it was Cllr Ruth Dombey who led on that who I know quite well. That was why Sutton was involved in that – it was a presentation that they made to the Violence Against Women and Girls Round Table.

6. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing (answered by the Leader of the Council in the Portfolio Holder's absence)

I note from recent Audit Sub-Committee minutes that ‘...audit had made the observation that the information provided on the Council website was inadequate for people to properly navigate and find solutions to their various [housing] needs.’

When can we expect this information to be online so that some of our most vulnerable residents have access to the information that they desperately need?

Reply:

I am advised that a full review and refresh of all information held in relation to housing on the website was scheduled for March 2022. However, the timescales have had to be revised due to the upgrading of the Council website, meaning that the bulk of all outstanding work will have been completed by September, the balance in Q3 2022.

Supplementary Question:

Has the Council ever done any user testing for Housing Service users to make sure that they can access information in the right way, and if not is it something that they would consider doing?

Reply:

I don't know the answer to that, but if Cllr McPartlan can pass that question to Cllr Bear outside the meeting I am sure that she can get back to him.

7. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management

Can the Portfolio Holder give a list of open posts across the Council broken down by department/job function and indicate those posts which have been open for (a) 3 months and (b) 6 months?

Reply:

There are currently 91 vacant posts (equivalent to 72.13 full time equivalents (FTE).)

Of these, 10 have been vacant for less than 3 months and 11 have been vacant between 3-6 months.

12 are qualified Social Work roles but there are also 20 other professional or technical roles such as Lawyers, Engineers, Surveyors, Environmental Health Officers and Educational Psychologists which are known hard to fill roles

Section	No. of Vacancies
Adult Services	27
Chief Executive's Office	1
Children's Services	23
Corporate Services	3
Environment & Public Protection	18
Finance	2

Housing, Planning & Regeneration	15
Public Health	2
Total	91

Supplementary Question:

Pay is one important factor to help the Council's vacancies seem attractive, but does the Portfolio Holder accept that the lean staffing model, and possible subsequent career progression, can also impact, possibly in a negative way, the attractiveness of positions with the Council?

Reply:

I think the fact that Bromley has opted out of national pay and conditions and can therefore choose to decide how we remunerate officer ourselves more than makes up for the demands we make on officers through the lean model which saves money for the taxpayer.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Simon Jeal:

Can he confirm that, based on the figures he has just provided, there are currently seventy vacancies in the Council that have been vacant for more than six months?

Reply:

That is correct, but the Council workforce is well over a thousand staff, which needs to be born in mind as well.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Colin Hitchins:

Would the Portfolio Holder agree that if the Mayor of London puts through his proposals for ULEZ we will find it even harder to get employees to fill those posts?

Reply:

I agree entirely – the needs of outer London boroughs are not well understood by this inner London Mayor.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks:

Would it be possible to provide a comparison with local boroughs?

Reply:

I am sorry, you will need to submit that request in writing please.

(Cllr Diane Smith added that the Director of Adult Services had informed her today that seven newly qualified social workers had been recruited.)

8. From Cllr Rebecca Wiffen to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families (answered by the Leader of the Council in the Portfolio Holder's absence)

Following the last minute changes to the SEND transport reports and policies issued on 15th June this year, what policy vetting procedures have you now put in place to ensure that policies are not based on incorrect or out-of-date information?

Reply:

It is the collective responsibility of all Councillors to ensure that policies are not based on incorrect or out of date information, and it is particularly important that this scrutiny function is carried out by the PDS Committees and the Executive.

To that end, and with regards to the SEND Transport report, credit and recognition is due to the CEF PDS Chairman, Cllr Kira Gabbert, who identified officers' misinterpretation of what they describe as "the somewhat vague references to TfL transport charging" on the TfL website, suggesting that the scrutiny function is working well and as it should be locally.

9. From Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families (answered by the Leader of the Council in the Portfolio Holder's absence)

Hard working parents in Bromley, earning just above the income level to be able to access free school meals and other benefits, are reporting that some Academies are putting up prices on breakfast and after-school clubs, for some families with more than one child by over £700 a year (a 20% rise). Many families do not have the flexibility or savings to meet this demand.

In a time of the worst cost of living crisis since the second world war, will Bromley Council commit to step in to support families affected by these increased charges in these extraordinary times?

Reply:

As the questioner is I'm sure aware, academy schools are autonomous from the Council's control in this regard; the Council does not hold the power to direct an academy to set particular charges or to not cover its costs.

However, at Cllr Lymer's request, Council Officers have already raised this matter at the Schools Forum, where it was noted that many academies have hardship policies to support disadvantaged families and that should be Members' first advice, should any of their residents contact them on the subject.

Supplementary Question:

A lot of the families that we are talking about are not in hardship, they are just above that line. I'm really asking for advice – what would you say to families who are struggling at the moment in this cost of living crisis when the costs are going up

within our borough and our borough will not support. What advice can I give to families? They pay their Council Tax, so it is their money.

Reply:

What I would suggest any councillor of any party tells their residents if they are in hardship or struggling is to seek advice at the earliest possible stage, contact the Council, which provides an excellent service in terms of financial recommendations and training, and generally make their problems known early to stave off debt and problems further down the line.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr

Would the Leader be able to assure me that help that has been provided for some of these families? Some of these children are so poor that they only meal that they can rely on being regularly there is the meal they have at school, key stage 1 kids. What support is the Council able to support them with over the school holidays which are an increasing pressure?

Reply:

My advice is that there is significant funding being placed with the schools for precisely that purpose over the school holidays. I would suggest contacting officers in Education, and if I recall, there was a recent report to the Executive stating that this money was coming into the Council from central government.

10. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

Bromley Council owns around 70 Childrens' playgrounds across the Borough, how many of these playgrounds have equipment that is designed and accessible for children with disabilities in them?

Reply:

There are 19 playgrounds that contain equipment that is designed and accessible for children with disabilities. The data is currently partial, so what we have asked is for the next inspections by our Grounds Maintenance contractor Idverde to look to implement a category to better capture this data during safety inspections. There is already a safety inspection, so we are asking them to add that on. Once this is finished the full list can be provided. This is happening in October, so we should have the full list then.

Supplementary Question:

Once this additional data is captured, do you expect that number to increase significantly, and if it doesn't do you share my disappointment at the low number of accessible equipment in our playgrounds, and what action will you take over the next four years to address this inequality, if indeed it is as bad as 19 out of 70?

Reply:

I do have a sense that it is under-reported. I know that at my own playground there are a couple of pieces of equipment that were not recorded. Councillor Lymer,

Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families has already talked to me about this, because we do want to encourage more playgrounds that have equipment for children with disabilities, and we do want to be inclusive. What I would say to Members who are interested in applying for the Jubilee grant is that we will take a special interest in pushing those forward that do have that in their bid.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Tony McPartlan:

As welcome as the £1m investment is, is the Portfolio Holder aware that a maximum bid of £20k is likely to buy you roughly half a piece of accessible play equipment? Is that money really going to make our parks and play spaces more accessible?

Reply:

I don't recognise that figure. If you do have data please share that with me. This fund can be supplemented with other organisations' funding. I know that Big Lottery funding was obtained in your patch - they did get a whole bunch of funding including from the Council, and I know that there is some great equipment there in terms of accessibility.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Alisa Igoe:

There isn't any in the park that you are referring to.

Reply:

I stand corrected.

11. From Cllr Jeremy Adams to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

With regard to delays in signing off Bromley Council's accounts, auditor EY has commented: "The Council's finance team has been run on lean principles, with limited capacity to support the reporting process". Can the Portfolio Holder please confirm numbers of staff (FTE) employed to support the reporting process at year end 2019, 2020, 2021 and today?

Reply:

In practice most staff within finance are involved in the annual financial close. The FTEs in the central 'Technical & Control Team' which co-ordinates and oversees the annual financial close consisted of 5fte in 2018/19 and 2019/20 which is lean compared to other authorities. Since the appointment of the Head of Corporate Finance and Accounting in 2020 the workload was reviewed and resulted initially in a new graduate trainee post being created and subsequently a further post specifically recognising external audit issues approved as part of the 2022/23 Budget which is currently being recruited. The team now consists of 7 FTEs, which is a 40% equivalent from 2019/20..

Supplementary Question:

It is heartening that there has been an increase from 5 to 7 FTEs. I wanted to highlight a couple of comments that Ernst and Young, the auditor, made. They talk about significant weaknesses in arrangements in 2020/21, and the support processes in place around the year-end processes, and they also talked about the significant time incurred leading to additional fees. Can the Portfolio Holder confirm how much those additional fees were?

Reply:

I cannot confirm the fees at the present time. I will ask officers from the Finance department to find out the figure, and it will be shared with you.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Michael Tickner:

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm that these accounting delays referred to in the question are not related to staffing shortages but to a disproportionate challenge to the accounts by one individual?

Reply:

You are quite right – a disproportionate share of the delays is caused by the objections, and this year we have managed to fully sign-off two years of accounts within the last few months, which is a great achievement, and now we hope to sign off more within the rest of this financial year.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Simon Jeal:

Could the Portfolio Holder also possibly confirm that the Council's auditors did write us a letter in which they explicitly referenced the lack of resource in addressing their concerns as one of the things the Council needed to improve on?

Reply:

I am not quite sure of the purpose of asking a question that you already know the answer to, particularly as you have asked something similar within the last six months.

12. From Cllr Simon Fawthrop to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

How much is the cost of holding an additional meeting of a PDS committee in the Council Chamber including the notional value to hire the Council Chamber, postering (including web page updates), heating, lighting, sound systems, printing and distribution of agendas, staff preparation and attendance (including security)?

Reply:

The very approximate cost would be around £640. This includes the items mentioned in your question, and assumes a two hour meeting with five officers attending and three attendants on duty.

The breakdown is as follows -

Room Hire (including lighting/heating)	£100
PA & audio equipment	£60
Meeting Room Preparation	£6.50
Refreshments	£30
Agenda Printing	£15
Agenda Postage (including preparation)	£45
Agenda Preparation & Report Writing	£75
Attendants	£60
Service & DS Officers Attending	£250

Depending on the reports required that line item is probably a conservative estimate.

Supplementary Question:

Would the Portfolio Holder confirm that when an item has already been thoroughly scrutinised at a PDS Committee this is a waste of taxpayer's money?

Reply:

I wholeheartedly concur – it is a waste of time and money.

Additional supplementary question from Cllr Kathy Bance:

Does that mean that, from now on, nobody is allowed to call anything in for scrutiny reasons?

13. From Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross to the Leader of the Council

Only two Councils in England and Wales are not members of the Local Government Association (LGA) and Bromley is one of them. The LGA provides a range of benefits to Councillors including training, support for political groups, and shared working across issues Councils wish to influence. Can the Council reconsider, by canvassing Councillors individually, its membership of the Local Government Association?

Reply:

I'm afraid not. It would divert £ 48,000 from essential services to Bromley residents elsewhere.

Supplementary Question:

Does the Leader think that there might be value with banding together with other Councils to fight for a better settlement from central government, especially noting that we have the second lowest in London?

Reply:

The whole of London, inner and outer, inclusive, has been fighting for fairer funding on a cross-party level, predominantly through London Councils, for at least the past five years, and probably longer. There is a great worry that the impending fairer funding change, if and when it eventually happens, is going to see money diverted away from London under the levelling up programme and out to the shires in a

reversal of what happened the last time local government funding was adjusted under the Brown/Blair years, when they pushed money into the inner cities, and Councils in the north. Yes, it is happening, it should happen and it should continue to happen, as London as a whole is disadvantaged, and outer London in particular.

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Simon Fawthrop:

Is the Leader aware that the LGA employs 65 people at over £75k per annum as part of its costs? As well as you have already indicated that £48k is an unacceptable cost to this authority, does he agree that this sounds like another Liberal Democrat cost increase for this Council?

Reply:

Any costs that we add will put budget pressures on us when we come to set the budget next February, if I could leave that though hanging across the chamber. I see several potential budget increases here today around some of the questions and motions. The very first thing you must do is to balance the books, before you do anything nice you want to. We must balance the books, and if we don't do that this is what happens in places like Croydon and other places. The ball is in our court and we need to play it cleverly and intelligently.

14. From Cllr Adam Grant to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety (answered by the Leader of the Council in the Portfolio Holder's absence)

What is the current position regarding Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding from TfL for 2022-23?

Reply:

There is currently just £236k allocated to Bromley for 2022/23, although Bromley keenly awaits further announcements.

The bid to TfL from Bromley was for £2.7M.

Supplementary Question:

What is the position regarding the Local Implementation Funding from TfL for 2022/23?

Reply:

The current situation is that nobody knows, we are waiting to see the final settlement, the final agreement, between TfL, the Mayor and Government. Let's not get into a debate arguing about who is responsible, as we would be here all night, but that is where we are. It is uncertain, and will remain uncertain until the TfL budget is settled.

15. From Cllr Colin Hitchins to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety (answered by the Leader of the Council in the Portfolio Holder's absence)

What proposals are there to improve road safety outside Lessons' Primary School?

Reply:

Cllr Bennett has asked me to advise all that he met with the ward councillors, at Cllr Hitchins request at Leeson' Primary school, on Wednesday June 20th, 2022.

Ward councillors have agreed to talk to the school, in the first instance, to look at their travel plan, and to see whether there are any measures which might help to improve road safety outside the school..

Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Chris Price:

Would you be willing to commit the Council, when we look at this issue in St Paul's Cray, to having a child safety first approach to the crossings outside Leeson's Hill?

Reply:

We already have a child safety first policy outside every school in the borough.

(At this point the time allowed for questions expired – the remaining questions received written replies.)

16. From Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks to the Chairman of Development Control Committee

When being consulted on large Planning applications in industrial or trading areas how do Planning officers assess the economic and employment affect?

Reply:

Planning applications are assessed against relevant economic and employment policies in the development plan which is produced with a detailed evidence base. Economic and employment benefits are usually given positive weight in assessing planning proposals.

17. From Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross to the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee

All voters should be able to cast their votes at polling stations if they wish. We have heard of disabled residents having difficulty accessing polling stations in the recent local election. Please will the portfolio holder confirm which polling stations were not step free or required temporary step free solutions (such as ramps), how voters requiring step free assistance could request it on arrival to the polling station, and how many complaints were received about polling station inaccessibility for the May 22 election.

Reply:

Yes, all voters should be able to cast their vote. Every polling station must have arrangements to enable disabled voters to cast their vote. Identifying suitable polling stations is a challenge. Nevertheless, all our polling stations are made accessible and compliant. At the recent Local Election in May 2022 all our polling stations had the necessary arrangements, either an access ramp or a threshold ramp or both. At

one of the polling stations there was a last minute change notified to us by the school and assistance was provided on request or as needed.

(A list of which polling stations had what arrangements is set out below.)

In terms of complaints, six complaints were received regarding the accessibility of four of our polling stations. Five of these complaints were at the polling stations and were logged and one was by email.

Polling Station	Ramp provided/Arrangement
<i>23rd Bromley St Augustine Scout Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>All Saints (Orpington) Church Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp/Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>Beckenham Social Club</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Beckenham United Reformed Church Hall</i>	<i>Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>Biggin Hill Children & Family Centre</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Blenheim Children & Family Centre</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Burnt Ash Children & Family Centre</i>	<i>Access Ramp/Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>Castlecombe Children & Family Centre</i>	<i>Access Ramp/Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>Cherry Lodge Golf Club</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Chislehurst Methodist Church Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Coney Hill Baptist Church</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Downe Village Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp/Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>Elmstead Baptist Church</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Kenilworth Church Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Kings Church (Kings Hall)</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Link Youth Centre</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Mottingham Community Centre</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Neighbourhood Church Beckenham</i>	<i>Access Ramp/Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>Orpington Sea Cadets (TS Whirlwind)</i>	<i>Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>Pratts Bottom Village Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Red Hill Primary School</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Southborough Lane Baptist Church</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>St Andrew's Bromley Church Hall</i>	<i>Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>St George's Bickley Church Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>

<i>St Mary's Bromley Church (Warwick Hall)</i>	<i>Access Ramp/Threshold Ramp</i>
<i>St Nicholas Orpington Church Hall</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>St Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary Academy</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Stewart Fleming Primary School</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Sydenham Lawn Tennis Club</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>The Cricketers Public House</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>The Sydney Arms</i>	<i>Access Ramp</i>
<i>Stewart Fleming Primary School</i>	<i>Late notice change from school advising we could not use disabled entrance as would mean closing the school - telephone number of Presiding Officer posted at entrance and assistance given on request - to be resolved at future elections</i>

18. From Cllr Adam Grant to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

What restrictions are placed by TfL on the Council in respect of Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding?

Reply:

The recent allocations made to Bromley have been scheme-specific, although there is scope to approach TfL with change requests.