

Council

10 October 2022

Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply

1. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Leader of the Council

August press releases celebrated the opening of two of the first affordable housing schemes built on Council land, mentioning the “25 apartments off Burnt Ash Lane”. However, the latter, with free car park beneath, remains unfinished and closed and has overrun by a year. Would the Leader please extend his apologies to Plaistow residents and businesses, and those waiting to move in, for this major inconvenience, which has also resulted in a loss of footfall to Plaistow ward shops and services.

2. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Leader of the Council:

Does the Leader of the Council really believe that Bromley’s poorest residents will benefit from the 'trickle down' economic policies recently announced by our new Prime Minister and Chancellor?

3. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Please can the Portfolio Holder comment on the delays to the completion of the plans for the Elmers End Road parade under the small parades initiative which I understand are due to the main contractor not digging tree pits.

4. From Cllr Chris Price to the Leader of the Council

Would the Leader of the Council like to join me in welcoming the decision by our local NHS partner, Oxleas NHS Foundation, to be recognised as an accredited London Living Wage Employer?

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

Can the Portfolio Holder please report on the Council’s public toilet provision and any areas planned for improvements, including the community scheme provision?

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

Since Bromley Council's decision to invest in short-dated UK government bonds in November 2021, three-year gilts have fallen in value by about 9% (as at 26.9.22). Could the Portfolio Holder please confirm the current value of the Council's gilts and update councillors on any plans to invest further in UK government bonds?

7. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

LBB are responsible for the Safeguarding of all Bromley's pupils. Does that mean we have statistics for the numbers of pupils on Free School Meals? If not can we request numbers of pupils on free school meals from all of our schools?

8. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

In 2018 Council officers were looking into arrangements needed for Bromley to establish a Young Mayor (as many other Councils have) could you please explain why this has not progressed?

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

During the last Adult Care and Health PDS the Portfolio Holder assured me conversations were taking place as how the Council will support its various community centres amid the cost of living crisis where, despite government support packages, energy prices have soared. What is the latest in terms of progress in discussions, support being considered and those involved in the discussions?