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Council

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Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply

1. From Cllr Alison Stammers to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Can you please advise:-

- a. What the Council's policy is on public consultations?
- b. What criteria are used to decide whether a matter should go out to public consultation?
- c. Why the proposal to remove Pay and Display machines across the Borough did not go out to public consultation?

2. From Cllr Alison Stammers to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Will you please:-

- a. provide a timetable - fully accessible to the public - detailing exactly when Pay and Display Machines are to be removed from each car park;
- b. advise how residents will be able to report any issues with using RinGo; will a facility be added to Fix My Street to report RinGo issues;
- c. advise what measures are going to be put in place to monitor the impact on residents and businesses of the removal of cash Pay and Display machines and how and when that will be reported back to Councillors.

3. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

There are currently over 1,500 Bromley households in temporary accommodation, a figure which is increasing by around 21 per month. I commend the work done to build and acquire properties to date, but how can we accelerate builds and acquisitions to bring this number down?

4. From Cllr Will Connolly to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Will the Portfolio Holder please update Members on the average speed of vehicles on Bromley's roads, after more incidents and damage from collisions such as in Beckenham Town?

5. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Can the Portfolio Holder give a list of open posts across the Council broken down by department/job function and indicate the posts that have been open during the last six months?

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

Can the Portfolio Holder indicate how many PCNs have been appealed over the last year and what were the outcome of these appeals? How many of these were subsequently taken to the London Tribunal and what were the outcomes of these?

7. From Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Many people continue to experience problems with the usability of the new bromley.gov.uk website, this includes broken links, poor search engine optimisation, and information which is not intuitive to find. Does the Portfolio Holder agree that it must be a priority to improve the website further to ensure the people of Bromley can easily access information, and to that end what is being proposed?

8. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Could the relevant Portfolio Holder and LBB officers inform me about two pieces of 'orphan land' or unadopted land in Beadon Road? LBB currently maintains two pieces of grassland on the corner of Beadon & Cameron Roads and at the other end of Beadon Road. Are these owned by the Council and would it consider selling the land to the local Residents Association?

9. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Would the Portfolio Holder list all of Bromley Council's current investments in Qatar following media reports that the Council has over £20m invested in the country; more than any other London borough. Are there any plans to move these investments elsewhere, given this country's record on minority rights and migrant worker deaths highlighted by the ongoing FIFA World Cup?

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/nov/12/uk-local-councils-deposit-taxpayer-cash-qatar-bank-lgbt-rights#:~:text=Councils%20that%20still%20had%20millions,as%20Qatar%2C%E2%80%9D%20said%20Tatchell>

10. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Please provide a breakdown of the headcount and cost of staff employed within the Planning Service during each the last four 12 month periods, the number of planning applications, pre application service enquiries received and the income received by the Council for these applications.

11. From Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal Recreation and Housing

Following the devastating case of Awaab Ishak, how many families in Bromley are currently living in overcrowded accommodation where there is significant mould or damp?