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Council

27 February 2023

Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply

1. From Cllr Sophie Dunbar to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Would the Leader of the Council please confirm what reasonable adjustments have been made under the legislation in the Equality Act 2010 and under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 by the Council since the election in May to accommodate disabled access to all meetings and facilities with specific attention to deaf and hearing impaired persons.

2. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE To the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

Has LBB received updates on the results of the Bromley Safer Street Survey which ended in Jan or Feb 2021.

We were advised that the local results would be shared via our SNP and the National would be shared by the Police.

3. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Leader of the Council

The first some of our operational property tenants, such as a those at Community House, found out about the potential sale of their premises was by reading Council meeting agenda papers. Does the Leader of the Council think that's right and fair?

4. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

Can the Portfolio Holder quantify how many times refuse or recycling collections have been rescheduled to a later date on the expected day of collection?

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

Bromley's 2020 draft AQAP stated "declaration of an AQMA places a statutory duty to monitor and take action to reduce levels of pollutants." In 2020 our AQMA was expanded to cover more than half of the borough due to exceedances of Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). Why was Defra's UK Air Information Resource page not showing it until February 2023, after receiving a complaint, and where is the map?

6. From Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

Would the Portfolio Holder accept that the few Teaching Assistants paid by Bromley would gain more job satisfaction and be more likely to stay in their position if they received the same financial benefits as those working for our Academy Trusts?

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

In July 2020, auditors EY warned the Council of, 'significant additional time incurred to complete our work, leading to additional fees'. How much did EY bill Bromley Council in additional fees for 2019-20, and how much has EY billed Bromley Council for audits in subsequent years?

8. From Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

Please can you inform the chamber;

- a) In the current round, how many residents have applied for the household support fund?
- b) Of these, how many were successful?
- c) How many were not?
- d) What is the total spend to date?
- e) How much is still available for residents?
- f) If it is not all spent by the end of March 2023, how much are we expecting to return to the government?

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

Over the past two years how many incidents of fly-tipping have been reported, either directly or through fix my street, around the area outside the parade of shops in Newlands Park outside Penge East Station?

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

A Metropolitan Police gang task group was set up to hopefully route out the known gangs in Bromley. At the time all 4 gangs were believed to be located in Penge. Serious crime and murders are still happening in Bromley so can the police be requested to present the outcomes affecting Bromley borough at a PP&E PDS?

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

Some housing associations are starting to compile damp and mould registers for all their properties as a way of ensuring their tenants live in safe conditions. Will the Council commit to work alongside Pinnacle and do something similar for the properties they manage on our behalf?

12. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

Does the Portfolio Holder think it acceptable that on a recent clean-up of a street in Clock House residents were able to collect more than 20 bags of litter and composted leaves etc?

13. From Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces

Will the Council commit to building a high quality perimeter fence around Hoblingwell in the coming financial year?

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

The Council-owned Churchill Theatre is one of the South East's leading live entertainment venues, welcoming over 200,000 people a year and providing a huge benefit to arts and culture in the Borough - over the past decade how much has the Council spent on maintaining the theatre building and how much do officers estimate the works needed to bring the theatre back to an acceptable condition will cost?