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**Council**

**27 February 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply**

**1. From Carrie Heitmeyer to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

How much money has Bromley Council already spent challenging ULEZ expansion, how much will Bromley Council be eligible to pay when it loses its proposed legal action, and how can this be justified when the Council has recently claimed “a budget gap of £29.6million is predicted in three years’ time”?

**2. From Laura Vogel to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

On 13 January Bromley Council published a statement in which the Leader claimed ULEZ is “cynical”. How is this statement in keeping with the [Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity](#) which states publicity by local authorities should be “even-handed” and “issued with care during periods of heightened sensitivity”?

**3. From Laura Vogel to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

Council Leader Colin Smith has devoted a lot of Council time and resource to campaigning against ULEZ expansion. Does the Council have data on number of Bromley residents affected by ULEZ expansion, and wouldn't it be better to focus on improving protections for those residents rather than opposing ULEZ?

**4. From Gary Kent to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Please provide details on proposed contract with Alliance Leisure for West Wickham Leisure Centre. Lack of information worries West Wickham residents given the rapidly deteriorating state of repair of this important local facility. Please also provide information on temporary alternative leisure facilities during the redevelopment/refurbishment of the Leisure Centre.

**5. From Brendan Donegan to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

On 13 January Bromley Council [published a statement](#) claiming the Mayor of London's decision to expand ULEZ is based on “highly questionable, selective and incomplete findings of a research paper commissioned by TfL”. Why are the research findings “highly questionable” and do you have any evidence to support your assertions?

## **6. From Brendan Donegan to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

4,000 Londoners die prematurely due to air pollution every year; in Lewisham, Ella Kissi-Debrah was the first person in the world with air pollution as cause of death. Bromley Council's recent [statement](#) opposing ULEZ expansion claims "Bromley already has amongst the cleanest air in London". Surely this misses the point?

## **7. From Janette Sewell to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety**

Please provide: a) number of operating HMOs in Bromley that the Council has licensed, b) number of unlicensed HMOs operating in the borough, c) number of HMO applications the Council has in progress, listing both applications received before 1 September 2022 and after 1 September separately.

## **8. From Susan Sulis to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

Bromley worked with local landowners to improve an 'Ordinary Watercourse' in Seymour Drive, which had not flooded homes internally. In 2021, 20+ St. Mary Cray homes were flooded internally, when water from Greenbelt farmland owned by a land speculator, overflowed its 'Ordinary Watercourse'. Will Bromley approach the owners to seek improvements?

## **9. From Susan Sulis to the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

The Council's Constitution states that citizens have the right to see non-confidential reports and 'background papers.' When 'background papers', cited as evidence in reports, and relied on to a material extent in preparing reports, are not listed by the report's author, how can citizens enjoy their rights?

## **10. From Dermot McKibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

How many households have been rehoused from houses in multiple occupation (hmo's) on the Council's rehousing list, how many of these properties are licensed, what steps does the Council undertake to ensure that rehousing applicants living in hmo's are in fact living in licensed hmo's?

## **11. From Dermot McKibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Please show for all wards in the borough for the 2011 and the 2021 census the number of households renting privately, the number of owner occupiers and the number renting from a housing association. Please show these figures as a percentage of the total households in each ward.

**12. From Richard Gibbons to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

According to Census 2021 there are 135,800 households in LB Bromley. 23% of households do not own or have access to a car or van. Of the remaining 77% of households, how many households do not own or have access to one or more ULEZ-compliant vehicles?

**13. From Richard Gibbons to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

According to Census 2021 there are 330,000 residents in LB Bromley. 76,600 residents are over 60 years of age and eligible for a 60+/Freedom Pass. How many residents currently have a valid 60+/Freedom Pass?