

Council

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Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply

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

The Leader of the Council previously stated that all tenants at Community House could move to our new headquarters at no additional cost. Community House provides service users with a quiet welcoming space and is also home to the South Street Cafe run by the fantastic CASPA charity. How will the Council replicate this at our new, busy HQ?

Reply:

The BVST has thus far declined to consider the option of moving to the Direct Line building so no detailed plans to do so have been developed in this regard, as things currently stand.

2. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Can you please publish a list of all Assets of Community Value (ACVs) across Bromley with their expiry dates and the holder of the ACV?

Reply:

This information is already published on the Council's website and can be accessed via the following link:

[Assets of community value – London Borough of Bromley](#)

3. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee

Public questions and Members' questions (and responses) at Scrutiny committees are added to the committee webpage within appendices, which at times sit at the very bottom of that committee's webpage, where they can be missed. Could we please follow other Councils excellent example, such as Merton, and attach these questions and answers within the Minutes via a hyperlink?

Reply:

We have not received any complaints about questions not being visible, but I have asked the Democratic Services Team to look at how questions and replies are presented.

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

Could you please provide figures for how many adults and children have presented to the Council as homeless in the past 12 months, and of these:

- A. How many did so having been evicted under a 'section 21' notice?
- B. How many were currently in arrears in respect of energy bills, rent or council tax?
- C. How many had received support from the Council's hardship fund before becoming homeless?
- D. How many were care leavers previously supported by the London Borough of Bromley?

Reply:

- (A) Of the 1669 homeless assessment, 102 were owed a homelessness duty due to eviction under a section 21 notice.
- (B) Of the above 115 provided rent arrears as the main reason for homelessness. 73 were in council tax arrears. We would not hold data on whether a household was in arrears in respect of energy payments.
- (C) Of the above 6 had received hardship payments, 4 received council tax hardship reward and 53 were in receipt of council tax support.
- (D) Of the 1669, 17 were care leavers