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Council

17 July 2023

Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply

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

Will LBB liaise with the perpetrator of the felled trees in Kings Hall Road, to allow a competent and experienced tree surgeon to access the field to properly coppice all the remaining felled oak trunks to allow those trees to then regrow as multi-stem coppice trees which will then be of wildlife value?

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

Did London Borough of Bromley participate in 'No Mow May' for parks, green spaces and grass verges across the borough this year?

3. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Environment PDS Committee 29/06: in answer to a resident's written question, you apologised for the delay of the start of the EV on-street charging pilot and said it would now start 03/07. This year long pilot was approved 21/03/22, due to commence autumn 2022, with results reported back to committee in Spring 2024. Could you please elaborate on what are the reasons for the delay?

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

How can litter that is blown out of kerbside recycling boxes be reduced across the borough and if appropriate, how does the Council plan to increase the take up of the nets sold in our libraries to cover the boxes?

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

Please can you inform the Council in regard to the outturn of the 2022/23 Household Support Fund.

- A. How many residents applied
- B. How many were successful
- C. What was the total spend?

6. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Accessing the facilities on our local high streets and shopping parades can be difficult, and sometimes impossible, for wheelchair and mobility scooter users. What are we doing to ensure our high streets and shopping parades are accessible to as many of our residents as possible?

7. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

I'm aware that I and a number of other councillors have been told that their applications to the Small Parades Initiative have had funding either removed in full or in part.

Can the Portfolio Holder list all applications by ward and amount of funding where this has happened in the last 6 months?

8. From Cllr Jeremy Adams to the Leader of the Council

Can the Council Leader guarantee that any charity displaced by the proposed sale of Community House will be offered appropriate and affordable accommodation in the Direct Line building?

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

Cllrs who won in the Local Parades grants have been advised that incomplete bids have been closed out and the monies returned to a central pot for other wards to bid for. Why were these incomplete bids not discussed with the ward Cllrs before this decision was made? Why can't the awarded bid money be used in the wards where the bids were won?

10. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

Could you please provide recent examples of how you have engaged the Metropolitan Police and other public bodies with the aim preventing and tackling hate crime in Bromley, including the Council's actions in response to the worrying rise in anti-LGBT+ incidents, such as occurred on Bromley High Street on 27th June?

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

Does the Leader feel the Council is providing residents with adequate services and value for money, as we have now a) employed, at extra cost, a second contractor to work on the backlog of potholes b) an additional provider is needed to plant new trees, at a 42% cost increase (£566k) over that originally approved and c) the Portfolio Holder for Green Services says she will now hold bi-weekly meetings with the CEO of our grounds maintenance provider to discuss getting work back on schedule?"

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

With a growing social housing waiting list of nearly 3,000 households, what is the Council's in-borough target for additional social housing over the next 5 years?