

## **Oral Questions from Members with Answers**

### **1) Question from Cllr Chloe Jane Ross:**

What is the status of the procurement for the new bridge(s) in Kelsey Park and when can residents expect the new bridge(s) to be functional?

Response to Question 1:

Thank you, Cllr Ross, for your question.

The new bridge will be finished in Summer 2024 as was agreed and is on the website.

The contract will be awarded by November 2023 and we have been keeping the Friends of Kelsey Park and Ward Councillors updated with that information.

I'm really pleased that we have been able to draw down £567k from our reserves, in addition to £2m for the lake and we have just awarded the park £20,000 from the Jubilee Grant Fund. In total, over £2.5m in investment in Kelsey Park, which will go a long way to park improvements.

### **2) Question from Cllr Chloe Jane Ross:**

What is the status of the bandstand restoration in Croydon Road Recreation Ground and what is the anticipated timeline for completion?

Response to Question 2:

Thank you Cllr Ross for your question.

Unfortunately, there were a few delays during the tendering process and then also after we appointed the contractor. These issues are now resolved, and we can move forward. The bandstand is due to be completed in the autumn.

### **3) Question from Cllr Alisa Igoe:**

Reference: Fix My Street reply on 16 January 2023:

*"The reported issue is one that comes under the responsibility of our Property Maintenance Team who look after the wider Bromley Estate. The report has been referred onto the Property Maintenance Team for consideration and inclusion in their ongoing Maintenance Works Schedule. Any required works will be subject to the priorities across the Bromley Estate and while we are unable to provide a timeframe it will remain on our list of requested tasks to be monitored until completion. The report is now closed on FixMyStreet."*

On 14/01/23, I reported on FMS a serious trip hazard, a round drainage hole missing it's drain cover, wide and deep enough to trap an entire foot, on the first floor blue

pedestrian path of Civic Centre (Stockwell) car park. I have photographed this hazard repeatedly since.

Is the above statement acceptable in light of the hazard remaining, the danger to residents, and possible claims against Bromley?

Response to Question 3:

I entirely agree with you, thank you for highlighting this.

The maintenance of the multi-storey car park is split between Apcoa, the Council's contractor for parking services, and the Council's property division, neither of which currently use Fix My Street for reporting.

When reports are received, these are redirected to the relevant team who are responsible for follow up with the enquirer. They failed to do so and I apologise on behalf of the Council.

The drain cover has been replaced.

I have referred the matter to Cllr Turrell as part of his review of Fix My Street and I have asked him to look at the stock responses, as well as looking into implementing GIS (Geographic Information System) layers to improve front end information for users and improve the referral process.

Supplementary Question:

There were some other reports on Fix My Street: on the 8<sup>th</sup> February there was a report of a concrete block that had fallen from a second floor and was lying in the path below. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2023 there was a photo of another stone block that had fallen onto the footpath. I have also taken photos myself of glass panels and fire doors that are currently broken and there is a broken door on level 1 which is a fire door propped open with a large piece of metal sticking out. Can we pay attention to this issues as soon as possible please?

Response to Supplementary Question:

If you would like to send an email to Mr Warner after this meeting I am sure he will take up the matter straight away. Please copy me in.

Comment from the Assistant Director of Traffic and Parking:

This matter sits with the Council's Property Team, I will follow it up with them.

**4) Question from Alisa Igoe:**

Could the Portfolio Holder please confirm that all letters to residents asking them to help water the Council's newly planted trees, where those trees are located close to their home or business, were delivered in the two weeks leading up to 17 June, as she had indicated to me at the beginning of this month?

Response to Question 4:

Thank you for your question Cllr Igoe.

Approximately 3000 letters were delivered by 19<sup>th</sup> June. Additionally, the Council issued a press release including a link to an instructional video explaining how residents can help water newly planted trees in their communities.

Our contractors G&T will water the new trees with 50 litres of water each week, but I want to encourage members to share the video demonstrating how we can all help to water our new trees – particularly in this hot weather.

Supplementary Question:

I just wanted to confirm that you sent out this email on the 18<sup>th</sup> April which was very helpful. I don't seem to have received a copy of this. I am aware that the email was sent to Conservative Councillors. Please can you confirm that the email was sent to all Councillors?

Response to the Supplementary Question:

I don't recall sending that email to Conservative Councillors, but if I have and its specifically about tree watering it would be on the Council Website.

Supplementary Question from Cllr Alisa Igoe:

But why was the email not sent to all Councillors?

Response to the Supplementary Question:

This may have been an oversight and if it was, I apologise. I am a very busy person. As you are aware there was nothing sensitive in the email. I will forward it to all Members if I have made that mistake.