

ECS PDS 7th of September 2023

Written questions from Councillors with answers.

1) Question from Councillor Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety.

When did the extra contractor to help with the backlog of road repairs start work for Bromley Council and how much has their service cost to 31/7/23?

Response to Question 1:

Our second contractor started working in the borough on 17th May 2023. Payments are commercially sensitive but can be supplied to you on that basis as a member of the Council.

2) Question from Councillor Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Transport Highways and Road Safety.

At 1 August 2023, how many potholes were waiting to be repaired according to FixMyStreet, which location was the oldest and how long have repairs been outstanding? Please confirm that this analysis includes the potholes at the bus stop by Bromley South which were first reported in November 2023.

Response to Question 2:

“We do not record potholes separately, but rather reactive carriageway repairs. On 18th August, a total of 467 reactive carriageway repairs had yet to be completed or the jobs recorded as completed, which includes the outstanding repairs in Bromley High Street. The oldest job is in Cray Avenue, St Marys Cray, which was raised on 10th November 2022, and requires a road closure to.

3) Question from Councillor Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety.

Has LB Bromley paid any compensation to drivers for damage to cars caused by poor road repairs. If so, what is the total for years 2021/22 & 2022/3?

Response to Question 3:

The amount of compensation paid for vehicle damage is as follows:

2021/2022: £1,072.93

2022/2023: £9,237.71

This information relates to claims that have been settled in full and compensation paid.

4) Question from Councillor Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety.

In the period 1 March 2023 - 31 July 2023, how many parking sessions were purchased on Ringo at car parks where paying by RingGo is now the only option? How many sessions were purchased at the same car parks in the same period in 2022?

Response to Question 4:

Month	2022 – Total RingGo and P&D sessions for all car parks	2023 – Total RingGo sessions for all car parks
March	135,772	136,085
April	114,636	103,206
May	121,356	103,871
June	116,733	102,728
July	119,646	105,514
Total	608,143	551,404

After an initial reduction in parking sessions following the increase in charges and the introduction of cashless charging, in June and July for all locations, sessions were above the 2022 figures.

5) Question from Councillor Will Connolly to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces.

Can the Portfolio Holder please update us on the plans for investment in public toilet provision and maintenance across the Borough?

Response to Question 5:

Through our Culture and Regeneration Team, the Council has been successful in securing grants through two rounds of Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities funding--to install six new Changing Places toilets. Two of these are being delivered directly by the Council in Crystal Palace Park and High Elms Country Park.

The remaining four will be in partner locations: The Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH), The Warren Sports Club, Biggin Hill Leisure Centre, and the Pavilion Leisure Centre. The PRUH is complete and operational, and the other five are scheduled to be completed by the end of this fiscal year. In addition, there is the Community Toilet Scheme (CTS), both operated directly by LBB and those via the London-wide scheme for publicly accessible toilets through the borough. Locations on the CTS are reviewed periodically, and new locations may be considered as appropriate and where available budget to include them is available.

6) Question from Councillor Will Connolly to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety.

Can the Portfolio Holder please inform us on how LBB is working with neighbouring Boroughs and TfL on improvements and coordination for cycling infrastructure across Bromley Borough?

Response to Question 6:

LBB is currently working with TfL and LB Croydon on the development of the next section of the Penge to Croydon Cycleway between Kent House Station and South Norwood Country Park with proposed implementation late 2023/24.