

Council**11 December 2023****Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply****1. From Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**

What action is the Council taking to reduce light pollution and promote dark skies (is there a policy) and what enforcement occurs to deal with excessive light complaints?

2. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

What plans do we have to bid for funding from the Mayor of London's new Council Homes Acquisition Programme?

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

Reference: Environment PDS Committee 16 November, Item 13, page 221: "The first part of 2023 has not been good in terms of serious collisions".

The paper and Appendix show a high projection of 122 KSIs (People Killed & Seriously Injured in Road Traffic Collisions) against a "target" of 79 KSIs on Bromley roads, for 2023/24.

Previous years:

Actual	Target	Year
103	79	2022/23
109	86	2021/22
77	92	2020/21 Pandemic year

Of the actual 61 KSIs so far this year up to June 2023, how many of the drivers involved in these collisions were aged 17-24 years old?

4. From Cllr Julie Ireland to the Leader of the Council

Residents across Bromley Borough and particularly some in Bromley Town are reporting receiving post only two or three times a month. This is particularly important as Christmas approaches but also affects official time critical correspondence, such as parking tickets that arrive too late to qualify for the discounted period. What steps has the Council Leader taken to liaise with Royal Mail to highlight the particular problems in Bromley and what mitigation can he put in place for people who suffer a financial penalty caused by post arriving late?

5. From Cllr Jeremy Adams to the Portfolio holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

The Chancellor announced in the Autumn Statement that local authorities will be able to claim back the costs of processing major business planning applications on the condition they meet faster timelines. Based on current planning application flows and staffing, how well-equipped is Bromley Council to meet accelerated timelines and regain costs?

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

Can the Portfolio Holder request an update from the Metropolitan Gangs Unit on its work and achievements in Bromley?

7. From Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

The introduction of the Mayor of London's Free School Meals for primary schools this term has helped many families during the cost-of-living crisis. Please can you update the chamber of the take up rate in schools and of the actions that Bromley has taken to promote the scheme.

8. From Cllr Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Does the Portfolio Holder expect The Hill Car Park to re-open and if so when? What efforts have been made to let visitors know about alternative late night parking locations in this important trading period for the entertainment and hospitality sector?

9. From Cllr Chris Price to the Leader of the Council

Does the Leader agree that following the Home Secretary allegedly using derogatory language about an area in another MP's Constituency, that members of this chamber should not use derogatory language when referring to areas of this Borough, when in the chamber?

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

Did Bromley send any personnel to The Transport & Energy Forum held in Birmingham 16/11/23? The theme - the need to accelerate the transition to decarbonisation. Invitees included transport planners, technology innovators for EV charging, and local authorities were offered fully funded places. Sessions included the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund, from which London has received a total of £35million in capital funding plus £3million in capability funding, and insight on collaborating with charge point operators.