Council

11 March 2024

Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply

1. From Councillor Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

There is an increasing problem of inconsiderately parked vehicles in areas where pavement parking is permitted. This can lead to the pavements being partially or fully blocked, causing difficulty and danger for pedestrians, especially disabled and elderly people. What can we do to encourage residents who legally park on pavements to do so considerately?

2. From Councillor Jonathan Andrews to the Portfolio Holder for Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

To ask the Portfolio Holder what was the outcome of the trial of the Pothole Pro machine and whether he has any other plans to review new technology to improve efficiency?

3. From Councillor Alexa Michael to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Will the Executive Member for Transport Highways and Road Safety make a statement as to how the allocation by His Majesty's Government of £455,000 for potholes is to be spent?

4. From Councillor Graeme Casey to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

What investigations have been made to consider the potential financial savings that could be made for children's services by investing in a Council run children's home?

5. From Councillor Chris Price to the Leader of the Council

What plans do the Council have for celebrating Gypsy Roma Traveller Month this year?

6. From Councillor Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Reference: Full Council 11 December 2023 - the Portfolio Holder's response to Cllr Bance "that reports should be made to the Council's rough sleeper team, who could then refer to other agencies as appropriate."

On my 16 January 2024 Teams call with the Council's Rough Sleeper Coordinator I was advised to initially report rough sleepers to Streetlink, an outside agency, who the Coordinator said would then report to the Council. Which advice is correct, that given to me, or that given to Cllr Bance?

7. From Councillor Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing

Could you please outline the purpose of the Bromley Homelessness Forum, led by Bromley Council's Housing division?

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

Bromley depends on charities and voluntary organisations, but many, especially smaller, local organisations, are facing ever greater financial pressures and reduced income. What measures can or will the Council take to support local charities and voluntary organisations in our borough?

9. From Councillor Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

Since Harris Federation withdraw their application to the Department for Education to open a free school a year ago, has the Council continued working on plans for a secondary school on the Kentwood site?