

COUNCIL MEETING

28th JUNE 2010

WRITTEN QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Councillor Papworth of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment for any statistics the Council holds on the use by members of the public of the public toilets at the Crystal Palace bus station.

Reply:

Regrettably not, though both TfL (who have a controller on site between 7am and 10pm) and the Police have commented that the general public make very little use of the toilets.

As you may be aware, they have also expressed concerns over a high incidence of problem behaviour associated with the toilets. TfL have stated that "The use of the toilets at Crystal Palace is minimal" and that "this (possible closure to the public) is something that TFL/London Buses want to go ahead with."

2. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People

If the Portfolio Holder will rank in descending order the cost per pupil for each primary school in the Borough?

Reply:

School	Amount per pupil £
Pratts Bottom Primary School	5990
Dorset Road Infant School	5294
Cudham Church of England Primary School	5273
Midfield Primary School	5266
Poverest Primary School	5211
Churchfields Primary School	5150
Manor Oak Primary School	5063
Chelsfield Primary School	4579
James Dixon Primary School	4429
Princes Plain Primary School	4288
Downe Primary School	4239
Alexandra Infant School	4074
St Mary Cray Primary School	4041
St Paul's Cray Church of England Primary School	4007

Mead Road Infant School	3943
Blenheim Primary School and Nursery	3923
Mottingham Primary School	3907
Burnt Ash Primary School	3871
Hawes Down Infant School	3840
Malcolm Primary School	3828
Castlecombe Primary School	3788
Darrick Wood Infant School	3734
Hillside Primary School	3720
Leesons Primary School	3688
Raglan Primary School	3683
Green Street Green Primary School	3670
Hawes Down Junior School	3621
Royston Primary School	3411
Tubbenden Primary School	3380
Unicorn Primary School	3367
St Anthony's Roman Catholic Primary School	3354
Darrick Wood Junior School	3320
Crofton Infant School	3259
Worsley Bridge Junior School	3134
Keston Church of England Primary School	3123
Bromley Road Infant School	3108
St John's Church of England Primary School	3092
Clare House Primary School	3080
Gray's Farm Primary School	3073
St Philomena's Roman Catholic Primary School	3071
St James Roman Catholic Primary School	3058
Edgebury Primary School	3054
Farnborough Primary School	3050
St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School	3044
Bickley Primary School	3036
Southborough Primary School	3033
Alexandra Junior School	3017
Parish Church of England Primary School	3013
St George's, Bickley, Church of England Primary School	2988
Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School	2985
Red Hill Primary School	2967
Stewart Fleming Primary School	2960
The Highway Primary School	2949
Valley Primary School	2940
Oaklands Primary School	2932
Biggin Hill Primary School	2907
Marian Vian Primary School	2869
Perry Hall Primary School	2859
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	2857
Pickhurst Infant School	2828
Chislehurst (St Nicholas) Church of England Aided Primary School	2822
St Mark's Church of England Primary School	2821
Wickham Common Primary School	2819
Scotts Park Primary School	2806
Pickhurst Junior School	2801
St Vincent's Catholic Primary School	2762
Highfield Infants' School	2761
Balgowan Primary School	2757

Crofton Junior School	2748
Oak Lodge Primary School	2714
Warren Road Primary School	2713
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Beckenham	2649
Hayes Primary School	2644
Highfield Junior School	2568
Average	3221

3. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

What is the number of Full Time Equivalent staff in each council department at 1st April 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 on a like for like basis after subtracting staff outsourced to other organisations?

Reply:

As previously reported, Resource Link (Bromley Council's integrated HR/Payroll system) was not introduced until 2003. Consequently, we do not have the like-for-like information for the previous years, namely 1994, 1998 and 2002. All previous information is budgeted rather than actual staff and we cannot therefore comment on the number of outsourced staff in the above years. The information in relation to 2006 and 2010 is provided below.

1st April 2006

Department	Total FTE for Dept
<u>ADULT & COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>	614.25
<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S</u>	78.51
<u>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</u>	559.35
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</u>	244.71
<u>LEGAL, DEMOCRATIC AND CUSTOMER SERVICES</u>	121.08
<u>RENEWAL & RECREATION</u>	401.25
<u>RESOURCES</u>	150.57
<u>TOTAL</u>	2169.72

1st April 2010

Department	Total FTE for Dept
<u>ADULT & COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>	587.99
<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S</u>	72.81
<u>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</u>	655.41
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</u>	244.31
<u>LEGAL, DEMOCRATIC AND CUSTOMER SERVICES</u>	117.73
<u>RENEWAL & RECREATION</u>	394.32
<u>RESOURCES</u>	152.96
TOTAL	2225.53

4. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP of the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

Pursuant to my question at the Council Meeting on 22nd January 2007 to his predecessor the Portfolio Holder for the Local Economy, will he reissue the figures given then on book borrowing at each lending library updated to include subsequent years 2006-10?

Reply:

Biggin Hill	78,794	76,716	76,661	71,903
Burnt Ash	27,849	25,729	25,771	22,239
Central	471,145	454,766	448,971	458,214
Chislehurst	116,556	114,698	123,794	115,246
Hayes	46,169	46,268	46,072	43,848
Home Library Service	57,855	54,454	53,584	45,665
Mottingham	40,355	40,242	37,195	35,081
Mobile	27,731	32,558	31,942	31,636
Orpington	300,201	287,758	289,306	273,713
Penge	41,142	40,424	41,095	38,560
Petts Wood	134,805	129,866	138,626	135,546
St Pauls Cray	47,857	46,766	44,464	42,148
Shortlands	54,353	55,654	42,166	52,976
Southborough	70,371	70,662	71,181	68,203
West Wickham	169,302	162,870	157,877	151,411
Others (Includes (Stock Services Unit))	8,837	7,264	15,021	6,416
Total	2,018,887	1,965,548	1,960,679	1,912,499

5. From Councillor Getgood of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

When will the yellow lines outside Holy Trinity Church in Lennard Road, SE20 and outside 150 – 134 Venner Road, SE26 be installed?

Reply:

The yellow lines outside Holy Trinity Church should be in situ by the end of July at the latest.

The site at Venner Road is in the next batch of waiting restriction requests being progressed and we expect to consult on proposals for these traffic orders within the next month. The issue of whether waiting restrictions are installed at this location will depend on the outcome of the consultation.

Assuming it receives public support, the decision is scheduled for my September meeting, meaning that the lines should appear on the ground in late October or early November.

6. From Councillor Getgood of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

When will the Maple Road Residents Parking Scheme be installed?

Reply:

I am advised that it is scheduled to 'go live' on 1 September 2010.

7. From Councillor Getgood of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People

Which Bromley Schools are currently rated as outstanding by OFSTED?

Reply:

Bromley Schools judged Outstanding by Ofsted as at 23rd June 2010

Primary Schools - 15

Darrick Wood Infants
Edgebury Primary
Green St Green Primary
Highfield Infants
Highfield Junior
Keston Primary
Marian Vian Primary
Mead Road Infants
Oaklands Infants

Pickhurst Infants
Princes Plain Primary
St James RC Primary
St Vincent's RC Primary
Valley Primary
Warren Road Primary

Secondary Schools - 7

Darrick Wood School
Kemnal Technology College
Langley Park School for Boys
Langley Girls School for Girls
Newstead Wood School
Ravens Wood School
St Olave's & St Saviours

Special Schools - 3

Marjorie McClure
The Glebe
Riverside

8. From Councillor Kathy Bance of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Is the path between Penge Recreation Ground and Maple Road a public right of way? And, if so how long has it had this status?

Reply:

I am advised that it is a public path maintained as part of the highway.

It is not known when the path was first created. However, it has been used by the public in excess of 20 years and has established highway rights; as such it is maintained as part of the highway.

9. From Councillor Kathy Bance of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Does the department prioritise cleaning streets and paths next to schools? If not, why not?

Reply:

Generally speaking yes, though this may manifest itself in the form of either 'sweeps' &/or 'bins' on a location by location basis.

10. From Councillor Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

What further progress has been made in bringing the former Lodge in Penge Recreation Ground back into use?

Reply:

I gave the following response to your similar question at the Council Meeting on 15th February 2010 and I am told by the Officers that the situation remains the same although progress is being made.

“The above property was sold by the Council some years ago and has been empty for quite a while. The property was inspected by one of the Council’s Environmental Health Officers in September last year accompanied by the current owner. Whilst from the outside the property appears to look as if it has been abandoned this is not the case. Behind the boarding a considerable amount of refurbishment work has been done to the inside of the premises. The owner is refurbishing this property for his son and the quality of the works undertaken so far reflects his commitment to achieving a high quality end project.

The boards will remain in place until the project is complete. Officers are arranging another viewing date to see the extent of the additional works that have taken place. The officers are satisfied that the owner intends to complete this project and that it will be occupied in the not too distant future.”

11. From Councillor Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

What business growth initiatives in the Borough are at risk as a result of the end of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive scheme (LABGI)?

Reply:

No business growth initiatives in the Borough are at risk as a result of the end of the Business Growth Incentive Scheme (LABGI) coming to an end as the Council had not budgeted for 2010/11 funding.

12. From Councillor Fookes of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People

Which Building Schools for the Future Projects in the Borough are at risk as a result of the new government's Comprehensive Spending Review?

Reply:

In 2008/09 Bromley was invited by the former DCSF to bid as one of the 70 local authorities which had not featured within the first 7 waves of

Building Schools for the Future allocation. The following year, following Portfolio Holder approval, we submitted a detailed expression of interest.

The bid consisted of three “projects” with each project containing a group of schools. The details are

Project 1 – Kelsey Park Sports College, Cator Park School, The Ravensbourne School, The Priory School. (4 Secondary Schools)

Project 2 – Coopers Technology College, Marjorie McClure Special School, Hayes Secondary School, Charles Darwin Secondary School, Glebe Special School, Beaverwood Secondary School, Bullers Wood Secondary School. (5 Secondary Schools, 2 Special Schools)

Project 3 – Langley Park School for Girls, Newstead Wood School for Girls, Ravenswood School, Darrick Wood School, Bishop Justus CE School, St Olave’s and St Saviour’s CE School, Riverside Special School, Pupil Referral Service. (6 Secondary Schools, 1 Special School and a central behaviour service)

In terms of priority, Bromley was informed that it ranked 38 out of 70 for its first project. There have been no recent announcements on schools capital funding and the BSF programme.

13. From Councillor Mellor of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Can the Portfolio Holder advise me as to how the Advance Payment Scheme, S106, monies were used on the granting of permission for development in the unmade section of The Avenue, Beckenham, within Copers Cope Ward, to ensure the surface of the road was restored to the state as existed prior to the commencement of development, in the case of the monies not being utilised for the re-instatement of the road for which, purpose were the monies used or allocated?

- i. Have the monies due under the conditions of permission been collected?
- ii. The amounts due and the period of time from permission and payment?

Reply

I am advised that the Council did historically issue a small number of notices under the Advance Payments Code in respect of properties in The Avenue, Beckenham. The most recent of these was more than ten years ago.

Also that the Council has received no payments, and no money is held on account.

Similarly that there are no monies due under s106 on any property in The Avenue.

14. From Councillor Mellor of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Can the Portfolio Holder for the Environment advise me as to the financial cost for making up the unmade section of The Avenue, if adopted by the Council, and the cost for the making up the road under the private road scheme?

Reply

These figures are still being updated by officers and will be forwarded to you at the earliest opportunity.

Subsequently the following reply was passed to Councillor Mellor:

'An estimated £700k would cover the construction works whether paid directly by LBB or as a Private Street Works scheme.

In the latter case the costs would be apportioned to the frontagers, which would reduce the liability for LBB.'

15. From Councillor Fawthrop of the Chairman of the Development Control Committee (to be asked at every other Council Meeting)

What pre-application meetings have taken place since the last full Council Meeting between Council Officers and potential planning applicants? Can these be listed as follows:-

The name of the potential applicant, the site address being considered.

Reply:

There have been 45 pre-application meetings between 26th March and 23rd June 2010, 20 of which were for residential proposals and 17 were for commercial proposals.

Details of the individual applicants and sites at present is exempt information and not disclosable in response to a Council Question.