

## WRITTEN QUESTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

### From Miss Adele Titford – 1 written Question

Is £233,000 the cost Bromley Council has put on a child's life in order to justify removing Lollipop men and women from our borough? I would like to know how replacing these experienced professional people with zebra crossings and/or occasional parent and governor volunteers can ensure the safety of our children.

### Reply:

Your question is based on pejorative assertion which I simply do not accept or agree with.

The Council has already opened conversations with schools on related matters and will be working with teachers, PTAs and the wider community wherever possible to investigate how the service can be delivered differently, at greater value for money to the Tax Payer.

Well intentioned parents have over a year to engage within this process and play their small part in achieving a solution based on collective shared responsibility for their loved ones.

I am confident given the well of good will and neighbourliness which exists across our local communities we will see them rise to this challenge.

I cannot over emphasise strongly enough just how stark and parlous the Borough's funding situation is set to become in coming years, given the recent reductions in funding forced upon local Councils as a result of the national budgetary crisis.

No single line of spending is or can be allowed to remain immune to challenge or reduction, as painful as that may be for all of our cherished preferences. The situation remains that critical.