

**COUNCIL MEETING – 20 JULY 2022**

**A. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

1. From local resident Dimitri Shvorob to Councillor Richard Diment, Cabinet Member for Education:

Can you please explain why Bexley's rate of schools failing to achieve "Good" Ofsted rating is between double and triple the number in Bromley and Greenwich, and share how you plan to improve this situation?

2. From local resident Dimitri Shvorob to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Can you please describe the current status of, first, the "successful Crayford superfast broadband project" and, second, "the network of public wifi hot spots" mentioned in the 2018 Bexley Conservatives manifesto?

3. From local resident Stuart Mackenzie to Councillor David Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

As the Bexley Councillor attending the Joint Crematorium Committee meetings, could Councillor David Leaf please tell me how much Bexley Council contributes towards the costs of administering the joint meetings with Greenwich and Dartford Councils (including the costs of venue hire and the Council officer time to produce agendas and record minutes)?

4. From local resident Stuart Mackenzie to Councillor David Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

As the Bexley Councillor attending the Joint Crematorium Committee meetings, could Councillor David Leaf please tell me whether, given the financial pressures facing all Councils today, he feels it would be fairer for all three Councils to rotate the responsibility for administering the meetings in future?

5. From local resident Paul McQuillen to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

As a statutory Consultee, will Bexley Council robustly object to proposals by London City Airport to extend operating hours given the high levels of noise pollution and visual intrusion frequently imposed on thousands of residents in the south of the borough by the very low-altitude over-flying by aircraft preparing for the westerly approach to the airport?

6. From local resident Paul McQuillen to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Will the Council advise residents of the current London City Airport consultation through communications such as Bexley Bulletin and Bexley Magazine and will the Council's representative on the London City Airport Consultative Committee also accept feedback from residents?

## **B. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

1. From Councillor Howard Jackson to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Would the Cabinet Member join me in welcoming American Golf to operate the course at Barnehurst, and thanking everyone from the Council and American Golf for all the work that delivered this outcome?

2. From Councillor John Davey to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Can the Cabinet Member for Places tell us what the Council's response to the Mayor of London's consultation on expansion of the ULEZ will be and why?

3. From Councillor Daniel Francis to Councillor David Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm how many of the 31,000 cheques sent to residents for their £150 Council Tax Energy Rebate have been cashed?

4. From Councillor Mabel Ogundayo to Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE, Leader of the Council:

Could the Leader confirm which Cabinet Member is responsible for coordinating climate actions across different departments and functions, after the Council declared a climate emergency in April 2022?

5. From Councillor Rags Sandhu to Councillor Cafer Munur, Cabinet Member for Growth:

Could the Cabinet Member for Growth update me on the recent night market in Bexleyheath?

6. From Councillor Bola Carew to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

As one of the Bexleyheath Ward Councillors I'd be grateful if the Cabinet Member for Places can give us an update on the sinkhole in Martens Avenue?

7. From Councillor Anna Day to Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE, Leader of the Council:

What steps is the Government taking to help residents of Bexley deal with the cost-of-living crisis?

8. From Councillor Stefano Borella to Councillor David Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

Following the LGA's recent analysis regarding unfunded National Living Wage increases, what is the Cabinet Member's analysis of the costs to the Council of ensuring all staff and contractors receive these increases over the next two years?

9. From Councillor Christine Catterall to Councillor Melvin Seymour, Cabinet Member for Adults' Services and Health:

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the recent carers' week culminating in the event at the Holiday Inn?

10. From Councillor Cheryl Bacon to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Could the Cabinet Member update Members on how the grounds maintenance contract is working following additional investment in the service?

11. From Councillor Sally Hinkley to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm the timeframe in which residents should expect their reports to Fix my Street on fly tipping to be dealt with?

12. From Councillor Zainab Asunramu to Councillor Richard Diment, Cabinet Member for Education:

Could the Cabinet Member outline the support that will be provided to Welling School in order to address the concerns from the recent Ofsted report, in particular around bullying, and to ensure pupils are able to flourish within the educational environment?

13. From Councillor Andy Dourmough to Councillor David Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

Can the Cabinet Member for Resources give an update on the rollout of the various grants received from the government?

14. From Councillor Zainab Asunramu to Councillor Philip Read, Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

Following news that Calcote Services for Children, which were due to be commissioned by this Council, have been found to have children in their care who

were groomed and sexually assaulted, will there be a re-assessment of due diligence practices when making appointments?

15. From Councillor Esther Amaning to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Could the Cabinet Member tell us the number of missed bin collections that have been reported each month since November 2021?

16. From Councillor Stefano Borella to Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE, Leader of the Council:

What partnership work has been undertaken with stakeholders and neighbouring Boroughs to assess bringing the DLR into Belvedere?

17. From Councillor Stefano Borella to Councillor Melvin Seymour, Cabinet Member for Adults' Services and Health:

Could you state how many yearly carer assessments are outstanding?

18. From Councillor Stefano Borella to Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE, Leader of the Council:

Is it acceptable that Bexley residents are having to wait 12 hours to be seen in Accident and Emergency departments in hospital?

19. From Councillor Daniel Francis to Councillor David Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm, based on the information currently available to him, whether he believes the collection fund will be in deficit or surplus at the end of the current financial year?

20. From Councillor Daniel Francis to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm whether he supports Scope's "Let's Play Fair" campaign and if so, what measures he plans to ensure greater accessibility is introduced to playgrounds across the Borough in addition to what is already available, over the lifetime of this administration?

21. From Councillor Larry Ferguson to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Could the Cabinet Member outline the recycling options available to the residents in tower blocks in Thamesmead East that have been without access to recycling bins for 3 years and the present efforts being made to restore these services to them?

22. From Councillor Wendy Perfect to Councillor Philip Read, Cabinet Member or Children's Services:

Following the long delays in direct payments being provided to families with children with disabilities at the end of 2021 and the start of 2022, is the Cabinet Member now satisfied that there are no outstanding complaints with either Children's Services or Inspire Community Trust regarding these payments?

23. From Councillor Anna Day to Councillor Sue Gower MBE, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing:

Could the Cabinet Member provide clarity on the percentage of homeless, due to domestic abuse, applications which have progressed into prevention/ relief where domestic abuse is recorded in 2020, 2021 and 2022?

24. From Councillor Sally Hinkley to Councillor Sue Gower MBE, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing:

Could we have a breakdown of the last 3 years for housing outcomes for young care leavers following the end of placements?

25. From Councillor Zainab Asunramu to Councillor Philip Read, Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

Could the Cabinet Member detail plans in place to improve retention of Social Workers and encourage more people within the Borough to consider becoming a Social Worker?

26. From Councillor Mabel Ogundayo to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm how much the Council has generated in fines from litter enforcement fines in the last 12 months?

27. From Councillor Mabel Ogundayo to Councillor Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places:

Could the Cabinet Member outline steps that are being taken to encourage residents to use more sustainable forms of transport?

28. From Councillor Esther Amaning to Councillor Richard Diment, Cabinet Member for Education:

Could the Cabinet Member inform us of any additional support for families where there are two or more children on the spectrum identified from recent autism assessments?

29. From Councillor Esther Amaning to Councillor Sue Gower MBE, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing:

Could you please state how many citizens from Ukraine and Afghanistan have resettled or presented as homeless in Bexley?

30. From Councillor Anna Day to Councillor Sue Gower MBE, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm that Bexley Council and our housing providers are DAHA accredited?

31. From Councillor Esther Amaning to Councillor Sue Gower MBE, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing:

Could the Cabinet Member please provide reassurances that ongoing discussions are taking place with Bexley's Chief Superintendent to address concerns and increase public confidence after recent revelations and scandals involving conduct of officers at Bexleyheath police station?