

**COUNCIL MEETING – 17 JULY 2024**

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

1. From local resident Dimitri Shvorob to Councillor Baroness O'Neill of Bexley OBE, Leader of the Council:

Why does a Bexley household in council-tax band D pay over £200 more than a similar household in Greenwich or Bromley?

2. From local resident Dimitri Shvorob to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods:

Can you please explain the absence of enforcement action against Sidcup's Khazana restaurant for breaching a retroactively granted planning permission with an advertising sign, after a year of complaints to the Council and local Councillors?

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

1. From Councillor Hunt to Councillor Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

Can the Cabinet Member for Resources give us his assessment of the outcome of the General Election on local government finance?

2. From Councillor Slaughter to Councillor Munur, Cabinet Member for Place Shaping:

As Bexley is seeing an increase in the number of HMO applications, could the Cabinet Member for Place Shaping please update us on the number of HMO applications submitted this year, compared with the previous two years?

3. From Councillor Borella to Councillor Baroness O'Neill of Bexley OBE, Leader of the Council:

Will the Leader join me in thanking the Elections Team for their hard work in preparing for the General Election, polling day and for the administration of the count on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

4. From Councillor Ferguson to Councillor Baroness O'Neill of Bexley OBE, Leader of the Council:

When will Bexley have to apply to central government for a capitalisation order during this financial year?

5. From Councillor Read to Councillor Chris Taylor, Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

Could the Cabinet Member for Children's Services provide an update on the recent inspection of Bexley's Youth Justice Service?

6. From Councillor Ward-Wilson to Councillor Seymour, Cabinet Member for Adults' Services and Health:

Can the Cabinet Member for Adults' Services and Health update us on the recent event held in Bexley to support carers?

7. From Councillor Asunramu to Councillor Newton, Cabinet Member for Education:

Can you outline the support that the Council is providing to the four schools in Bexley that currently have deficit budgets?

8. From Councillor Ball to Councillor Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

How many Member enquiries have been submitted each month for the last year, broken down by service area?

9. From Councillor O'Hare to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods:

Will the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods update Council on measures being taken by the Council to further reduce littering and fly-tipping across Bexley?

10. From Councillor Moore to Councillor Newton, Cabinet Member for Education:

Given reported falling school rolls across London, can the Cabinet Member for Education, provide an assessment of the likely impact in Bexley?

11. From Councillor Borella to Councillor Baroness O'Neill of Bexley OBE, Leader of the Council:

Will the Leader join in me in thanking the police for their work on polling day?

12. From Councillor Asunramu to Councillor Newton, Cabinet Member for Education:

Can you give us an update on the safety valve and that we are still on target to meet the budgetary requirements of this programme?

13. From Councillor Jackson to Councillor Bishop, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing:

Could the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing say what benefit a Borough based policing structure would be to Bexley?

14. From Councillor Perfect to Councillor Chris Taylor, Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

Does the Cabinet Member believe that the Council has acted reasonably during the 2024/25 financial year in relation to the payment of Direct Payments made by the Children with Disabilities Service?

15. From Councillor Ball to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods:

How many tonnes of litter have been picked up from the roads and pavements in the last year?

16. From Councillor Ball to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods:

What steps do we take to avoid fly tipping in the Borough?

17. From Councillor Perfect to Councillor Newton, Cabinet Member for Education:

How are we progressing in making sure EHC plans are completed and issued in a timely way to better reflect the needs and provision for the child or young person across health, education and social care?

18. From Councillor Gill to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods:

Has the Cabinet Member yet found time to consider free parking for an hour in targeted car parks to help promote local high streets and small businesses?

19. From Councillor Asunramu to Councillor Bishop, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing:

Could the Cabinet Member provide the latest figures for empty homes in the Borough?

20. From Councillor Perfect to Councillor Newton, Cabinet Member for Education:

What is being done to ensure that more Bexley children are accepted into the grammar schools that are based in Bexley?

21. From Councillor Amaning to Councillor Newton, Cabinet Member for Education:

What is being done to ensure that we reduce the rate of permanent exclusions for young people in our Borough to zero?

22. From Councillor Borella to Councillor Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

Since the law changed regarding overseas voters, what is the cost to the Council of receiving postal votes from abroad?

23. From Councillor Asunramu to Councillor Chris Taylor, Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

What work is being done to support young adult care leavers to secure suitable and affordable accommodation and prevent homelessness?

24. From Councillor Nicola Taylor to Councillor Leaf, Cabinet Member for Resources:

When will the future plans for the now vacant Inspire Centre be shared with Members?

25. From Councillor Asunramu to Councillor Chris Taylor, Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

What work is being done to support unaccompanied children in our care?

26. From Councillor Amaning to Councillor Chris Taylor, Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

What work is being done by the Council to support and champion our Special Guardianships?

27. From Councillor Gill to Councillor Jackson, Chairman of the Pensions Committee:

Can you provide an update on the human rights analysis used when selecting which pension pots to invest in?

28. From Councillor Day to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods

What representations did the Council make to JSM the contractor doing the cabling works along the Northend Road, which have caused massive disruption to residents and businesses?

29. From Councillor Hinkley to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods:

Will the Cabinet Member join me in congratulating the Mayor of London for introducing the fully electric 132 bus route into Bexley?

30. From Councillor Ogundayo to Councillor Diment, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods:

Why do we have 36 vacant school crossing patrol sites in the Borough, putting at risk the safety of schoolchildren?