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PUBLIC QUESTION NO 1.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

22 NOVEMBER 2017

Question asked by: Gina Raggett

Member to reply: Councillor Best

Question

What are the issues/visits figures for each of Lewisham's Libraries, hub and community libraries from January 2015 to April 2016?

Reply

The Visits and Issues figures are published every year on the council website as part of the Library and Information Service's annual report to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee report. The figures are reported on the basis of the financial running from 1 April to 31 March.

The figures for the year April 2015 – March 2016 and those for the year April 2016 – March 2017 are available on the 12/7/2017 report.

For ease of reference, a copy of the Issues and Visits breakdown is appended to this official reply.

Monthly Issues 2015 -- 2016

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Hub Libraries	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Depiford	8,370	8,705	8,258	9,443	8,603	8,058	8,649	7,409	6,317	7,746	7,598	7,228	96,384
Downham	5,581	5,659	5,219	6,907	6,939	5,707	5,825	5,230	4,321	5,530	5,546	5,603	67,868
Lewisham	13,985	14,672	13,038	16,034	15,406	13,361	14,271	12,777	12,214	12,908	13,477	13,044	165,187
Catford (DOW domain)	5,391	2,152	4,664	7,402	6,550	6,240	6,040	5,619	5,016	5,813	5,539	5,575	66,000
Subtotal	33,327	31,187	31,178	39,786	37,499	33,367	34,584	31,035	27,868	31,998	32,161	31,449	395,438
Community Libraries													
Crofton Park	1,901	2,079	1,979	2,466	2,352	2,261	1,965	1,808	1,166	1,258	1,430	816	21,480
Forest Hill	7,840	7,566	7,263	9,359	7,860	9,033	7,374	7,372	5,877	7,343	6,980	6,428	90,296
New Cross	945	714	496	762	756	778	647	1,020	382	777	724	911	8,913
Pepys	75	23	41	44	53	12	22	22	22	44	15	27	400
Subtotal	10,761	10,382	9,778	12,632	11,021	12,085	10,008	10,223	7,447	9,422	9,150	8,182	121,089
Grove Park													
Torricon Road	389	335	284	402	369	305	367	319	183	296	195	355	3,800
Subtotal	2,836	3,268	3,272	4,377	3,746	3,631	3,398	2,811	2,477	3,150	2,934	2,880	38,781
Subtotal	3,225	3,604	3,556	4,780	4,115	3,937	3,765	3,130	2,660	3,446	3,129	3,235	42,582
Blackheath Village													
Manor House	1,303	1,488	1,288	1,570	1,375	1,651	1,598	1,350	1,124	1,275	1,278	1,326	18,626
Sydenham	5,506	5,465	5,488	7,191	6,636	6,099	5,674	4,474	4,207	5,300	4,991	5,014	66,044
Subtotal	7,851	7,918	7,752	10,141	9,384	9,163	8,529	6,942	6,084	7,543	7,476	7,396	13,509
Subtotal	5,043	4,719	4,668	4,822	5,087	5,304	5,137	4,865	5,051	4,745	4,935	5,790	60,166
Other issues													
Subtotal Hub Libraries	33,327	31,187	31,178	39,786	37,499	33,367	34,584	31,035	27,868	31,998	32,161	31,449	395,438
Subtotal Community Libraries	21,837	21,903	21,087	27,553	24,520	25,184	22,302	20,295	16,192	20,410	19,755	18,813	259,851
Subtotal Other issues	5,043	4,719	4,668	4,822	5,087	5,304	5,137	4,865	5,051	4,745	4,935	5,790	60,166
TOTAL ISSUES	60,207	57,809	56,933	72,160	67,106	63,855	62,023	56,195	49,110	57,153	56,851	56,052	715,455

Monthly Issues 2016 – 2017

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Hub Libraries	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Deptford	7,425	6,599	6,164	6,824	7,472	7,005	7,184	6,494	4,990	6,110	5,624	6,849	78,740
	-11.3%	-24.2%	-25.4%	-27.7%	-13.2%	-13.1%	-16.9%	-12.3%	-21.0%	-21.1%	-26.0%	-5.2%	-18.3%
Downham	6,174	5,092	5,207	6,347	6,777	5,033	5,381	4,799	4,118	4,747	5,204	5,303	64,184
	10.6%	-10.0%	-0.2%	-8.1%	-2.3%	-11.8%	-4.3%	-8.2%	-4.7%	-14.2%	-6.2%	-5.3%	-5.4%
Lewisham	13,940	12,360	12,123	13,297	14,426	12,052	12,943	11,880	10,572	12,525	11,623	12,116	149,856
	-0.3%	-15.8%	-7.0%	-17.1%	-6.4%	-9.8%	-9.3%	-7.0%	-13.4%	-3.0%	-13.8%	-7.1%	-9.3%
Catford (DOW domain)	5,976	5,434	5,482	6,132	7,269	5,538	5,045	3,922	3,410	3,767	3,538	3,640	59,154
	10.9%	152.6%	17.6%	-17.2%	11.0%	-11.2%	-16.5%	-30.2%	-32.0%	-35.2%	-36.1%	-34.7%	-10.4%
Subtotal	33,515	29,486	28,976	32,599	35,943	29,628	30,555	27,096	23,090	27,149	25,989	27,908	351,934
	0.6%	-5.5%	-7.1%	-18.1%	-4.1%	-11.2%	-11.7%	-12.7%	-17.1%	-15.2%	-19.2%	-11.3%	-11.0%
Community Libraries													
Crofton Park	967	1,727	1,683	2,109	2,236	2,232	2,263	1,954	1,340	1,648	1,473	1,461	21,093
	-49.1%	-16.9%	-15.0%	-14.5%	-4.9%	-1.3%	15.2%	8.0%	14.9%	31.0%	3.0%	79.0%	-1.8%
Forest Hill	6,552	6,488	5,699	7,486	8,802	7,149	4,775	5,634	4,361	5,233	4,779	5,438	72,395
	-16.4%	-14.3%	-21.5%	-20.0%	12.0%	-20.9%	-35.2%	-23.6%	-25.8%	-28.7%	-31.5%	-15.4%	-19.8%
New Cross	969	696	666	543	700	806	680	875	309	472	375	667	7,759
	2.5%	-2.4%	-34.3%	-28.6%	-7.4%	3.5%	5.0%	-14.2%	-19.2%	-39.3%	-48.2%	-26.8%	-13.0%
Papys	14	2	16	22	44	28	25	13	4	7	5	20	200
	-81.3%	-91.3%	-61.0%	-50.0%	-17.0%	133.3%	13.6%	-40.9%	-81.8%	-84.1%	-66.7%	-25.9%	-50.0%
Subtotal	8,502	8,913	8,064	10,159	11,783	10,215	7,743	8,476	6,013	7,360	6,632	7,585	101,447
	-21.0%	-14.1%	-17.5%	-19.6%	6.9%	-15.5%	-22.6%	-17.1%	-19.3%	-21.9%	-27.5%	-7.3%	-16.2%
Grove Park	461	327	305	350	381	348	327	331	242	311	313	323	4,020
	18.5%	-2.4%	7.2%	-13.0%	3.2%	14.1%	-10.9%	3.8%	31.8%	5.2%	60.8%	-9.1%	5.8%
Torndon Road	3,300	2,806	2,876	3,346	2,980	2,980	1,850	1,965	1,616	2,131	2,159	2,293	31,087
	16.4%	-14.1%	-12.1%	-23.6%	0.5%	-17.9%	-45.6%	-30.1%	-34.7%	-32.3%	-26.4%	-20.4%	-19.8%
Subtotal	3,762	3,133	3,181	3,696	4,146	3,328	2,177	2,295	1,858	2,443	2,472	2,616	35,107
	16.6%	-42.7%	-42.0%	-48.6%	-37.5%	-45.4%	-61.6%	-48.7%	-55.8%	-53.9%	-50.5%	-47.8%	-46.8%
Blackheath Village	1,148	990	1,239	1,372	1,384	1,084	1,295	1,362	1,061	1,196	1,082	1,342	14,555
	-11.9%	-33.4%	-3.8%	-12.6%	0.6%	-34.3%	-19.0%	0.9%	-5.6%	-6.2%	-15.3%	1.2%	-12.5%
Manor House	5,446	4,593	4,787	5,391	6,368	5,101	4,017	2,015	1,912	1,922	1,745	2,073	45,371
	-1.1%	-15.9%	-12.8%	-25.0%	-4.0%	-16.4%	-29.2%	-55.0%	-54.6%	-63.7%	-65.0%	-58.7%	-31.3%
Sydenham	1,128	694	1,174	1,245	1,437	1,092	1,000	1,153	784	1,278	1,152	1,433	13,570
	8.3%	-28.1%	20.3%	-9.8%	4.6%	-22.7%	-20.5%	3.1%	4.1%	32.2%	-4.6%	35.6%	0.5%
Subtotal	7,723	6,278	7,200	8,009	9,188	7,278	6,311	4,530	3,757	4,396	3,979	4,948	73,496
	-1.6%	-20.7%	-7.1%	-21.0%	-2.1%	-20.6%	-26.0%	-34.7%	-38.3%	-41.7%	-46.8%	-34.5%	-23.6%
Other Issues													
Subtotal	4,748	5,278	4,936	4,971	5,292	5,501	5,508	5,206	5,181	5,552	4,839	5,608	62,660
	-5.8%	11.8%	7.0%	3.1%	4.0%	3.7%	7.2%	7.0%	2.6%	17.0%	-1.9%	-3.1%	4.2%
Subtotal Hub Libraries	33,515	29,486	28,976	32,599	35,943	29,628	30,555	27,096	23,090	27,149	25,989	27,908	351,934
Subtotal Community Libraries	19,986	18,324	18,445	21,864	25,117	20,821	16,231	15,302	11,628	14,199	13,084	15,049	210,049
Subtotal Other Issues	4,748	5,278	4,996	4,971	5,292	5,501	5,508	5,206	5,181	5,552	4,839	5,608	62,660
TOTAL ISSUES	58,250	53,088	52,417	59,434	66,352	55,950	52,293	47,603	39,898	46,900	43,912	48,565	624,663
	-3.3%	-8.2%	-7.9%	-17.6%	-1.1%	-12.4%	-15.7%	-15.3%	-18.8%	-17.9%	-22.8%	-13.4%	-12.7%

(this includes telephone and online renewals, eBook issues, and issues from our reserve stack in the Libraries Resources Centre)

Monthly Visits 2015 – 2016

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Hub Libraries	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Depford	31,039	35,654	34,749	37,290	32,271	36,621	38,804	35,352	26,926	32,803	36,833	33,375	411,717
Downham	29,588	31,937	31,781	33,364	29,374	30,607	31,408	28,805	22,662	28,099	30,513	31,497	359,615
Lewisham	26,998	29,346	27,489	29,123	28,494	28,677	30,094	28,153	24,311	27,281	34,504	28,586	343,056
Catford (DOW domain)	17,178	4,083	15,605	18,166	15,593	17,341	17,604	16,401	13,222	15,505	16,897	16,687	184,283
Subtotal	104,783	101,020	109,625	117,943	105,732	113,246	117,910	108,711	87,121	103,688	118,747	110,145	1,298,671
Community Libraries													
Crofton Park	9,796	10,815	11,660	11,088	8,777	12,426	11,462	12,328	11,087	6,149	5,199	3,548	114,335
Forest Hill	11,270	14,147	12,069	12,227	11,291	11,665	12,286	12,277	9,095	11,520	13,331	11,158	142,336
New Cross	5,917	5,709	5,871	5,046	5,280	5,444	6,632	5,335	3,208	4,995	5,188	5,784	64,409
Pepys	26,983	30,671	29,600	28,361	25,348	29,535	30,380	29,940	23,390	22,664	23,718	20,490	321,080
Subtotal	53,966	61,347	60,139	56,722	50,700	61,000	60,738	60,292	46,703	45,338	47,446	40,980	522,459
Grove Park	3,335	3,514	3,974	4,453	3,166	3,778	4,147	3,746	2,554	2,879	2,486	3,491	41,523
Torricon Road	3,980	4,565	4,316	4,817	4,608	5,056	5,085	4,636	3,569	4,386	4,663	4,236	53,917
Subtotal	7,315	8,079	8,290	9,270	7,774	8,834	9,232	8,382	6,123	7,265	7,149	7,727	95,440
Blackheath Village	8,129	7,545	9,515	9,484	7,270	8,948	10,475	11,402	7,900	9,835	8,354	8,282	107,139
Manor House	15,900	16,259	15,816	16,323	14,240	17,651	17,926	14,304	12,896	16,014	17,229	15,038	189,596
Sydenham	4,623	4,256	5,219	5,584	7,067	4,557	5,418	5,674	7,850	7,104	4,467	4,549	66,368
Subtotal	28,652	28,060	30,550	31,391	28,577	31,156	33,819	31,380	28,646	32,953	30,050	27,869	363,103
Subtotal Hub Libraries	104,783	101,020	109,625	117,943	105,732	113,246	117,910	108,711	87,121	103,688	118,747	110,145	1,298,671
Subtotal Community Libraries	62,950	66,810	68,440	69,022	61,699	69,525	73,431	69,702	58,159	62,882	60,917	56,086	779,623
TOTAL VISITS	167,733	167,830	178,065	186,965	167,431	182,771	191,341	178,413	145,280	166,570	179,664	166,231	2,078,294

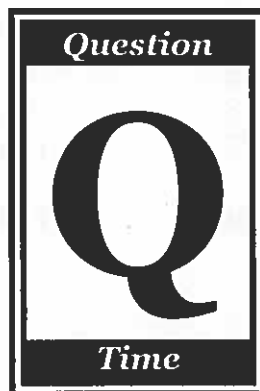
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Monthly Visits 2016 – 2017

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Hub Libraries	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Deftford	35,924 15.7%	33,863 -5.0%	39,423 13.5%	33,148 -11.1%	34,607 7.2%	33,164 -9.4%	32,282 -16.8%	34,047 -3.7%	27,280 1.3%	37,395 14.0%	33,042 -10.3%	36,243 8.6%	410,418 -0.3%
Downham	34,527 16.8%	33,575 5.1%	33,938 6.8%	33,011 -1.1%	33,997 15.7%	33,433 9.2%	36,525 16.3%	36,194 25.7%	31,857 40.6%	32,636 16.1%	31,262 2.5%	34,953 11.0%	405,908 12.9%
Lewisham	29,685 10.0%	26,996 -8.0%	27,435 -0.2%	26,755 -8.1%	28,139 -1.2%	26,054 -9.1%	28,613 -4.9%	31,011 10.2%	25,078 3.2%	30,175 10.6%	28,987 -16.0%	30,810 7.8%	339,738 -1.0%
Caiford (DOW domain)	16,377 -4.7%	15,504 279.7%	16,735 7.2%	13,274 -26.9%	16,745 7.4%	16,183 -6.7%	16,820 -4.5%	14,713 -10.3%	10,555 -20.2%	13,728 -11.5%	13,254 -21.6%	15,074 -9.7%	178,962 -2.9%
Subtotal	116,513 11.2%	109,938 8.8%	117,531 7.2%	106,188 -10.0%	113,488 7.3%	108,834 -3.9%	114,240 -3.1%	115,965 6.7%	94,770 8.8%	113,934 9.9%	106,545 -10.3%	117,080 6.3%	1,335,026 2.8%
Community Libraries													
Crofton Park	5,161 -47.3%	8,213 -24.1%	8,448 -27.5%	6,025 -45.7%	7,285 -17.0%	10,013 -19.4%	10,534 -8.1%	10,745 -12.8%	8,712 -21.4%	7,043 14.5%	7,172 37.9%	7,300 105.7%	96,651 -15.5%
Forest Hill	12,248 8.7%	11,008 -22.2%	10,030 -16.9%	11,474 -6.2%	12,331 9.2%	12,652 8.5%	3,524 -71.3%	11,767 -4.2%	10,710 17.8%	11,715 1.7%	11,294 -15.3%	13,046 16.9%	131,799 -7.4%
New Cross	6,025 1.8%	5,317 -6.9%	5,966 1.6%	5,166 2.4%	5,090 -3.8%	5,373 -1.3%	4,626 -30.2%	6,217 16.5%	3,309 3.1%	4,175 -16.4%	4,945 -4.7%	5,498 -4.9%	61,697 -4.2%
Pepys													0
Subtotal	23,434 -13.2%	24,538 -20.0%	24,444 -17.4%	22,665 -20.1%	24,696 -2.6%	26,038 -5.1%	18,694 -38.5%	28,729 -4.0%	22,731 -2.8%	22,933 1.2%	23,411 -1.3%	25,844 26.1%	290,147 -9.6%
Grove Park	2,982 -10.6%	3,456 -1.7%	3,494 -12.1%	3,710 -16.7%	3,366 6.3%	3,064 -18.9%	3,831 -7.6%	3,966 5.9%	3,120 22.2%	3,402 18.2%	3,761 51.3%	3,633 4.1%	41,785 0.6%
Torrison Road	4,435 11.4%	4,314 -5.5%	4,259 -1.3%	4,216 -12.5%	4,555 -1.2%	4,306 -14.8%	2,618 -48.5%	4,640 0.1%	3,692 3.4%	5,971 36.1%	6,029 29.3%	5,946 40.4%	54,981 2.0%
Subtotal	7,417 1.4%	7,770 -3.8%	7,753 -6.5%	7,926 -14.5%	7,921 1.9%	7,370 -16.6%	6,449 -30.1%	8,606 2.7%	6,812 11.3%	9,373 29.0%	9,790 36.9%	9,579 24.0%	96,766 1.4%
Blackheath Village	9,185 13.0%	8,558 13.4%	9,230 -3.0%	7,566 -20.2%	7,690 5.8%	11,626 29.9%	16,975 62.1%	19,472 70.8%	15,825 100.3%	16,366 66.4%	15,711 88.1%	16,342 97.3%	154,546 44.2%
Manor House	17,270 8.6%	16,894 3.9%	18,325 15.9%	18,032 -10.5%	19,486 36.8%	19,326 9.5%	14,079 -21.5%	12,113 -15.3%	11,498 -10.8%	12,828 -19.9%	12,983 -24.6%	13,301 -11.6%	186,135 -1.8%
Sydenham	4,673 1.1%	3,305 -22.3%	5,068 -2.9%	5,339 -4.4%	5,367 -24.1%	4,663 2.3%	5,282 -2.5%	4,145 -26.9%	3,726 -52.5%	4,128 -41.9%	5,170 15.7%	4,719 3.7%	55,585 -16.2%
Subtotal	31,128 8.6%	28,757 2.5%	32,623 6.8%	30,937 -1.4%	32,543 13.9%	35,615 14.3%	36,336 7.4%	35,730 13.9%	31,049 8.4%	33,322 1.1%	33,864 12.7%	34,362 23.3%	396,266 9.1%
Subtotal Hub Libraries	116,513	109,938	117,531	106,188	113,488	108,834	114,240	115,965	94,770	113,934	106,545	117,080	1,335,026
Subtotal Community Libraries	61,979	61,065	64,820	61,528	65,160	71,023	61,469	73,065	60,592	65,628	67,065	69,785	783,179
TOTAL VISITS	178,492 6.4%	171,003 1.9%	182,351 2.4%	167,716 -10.3%	178,648 6.7%	179,857 -1.6%	175,709 -6.2%	189,030 6.0%	155,362 6.9%	179,562 7.8%	173,610 -3.4%	186,865 12.4%	2,110,205 1.9%

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PUBLIC QUESTION NO 2.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

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22 NOVEMBER 2017

Question asked by: Carol Spurling

Member to reply: Councillor Best

Question

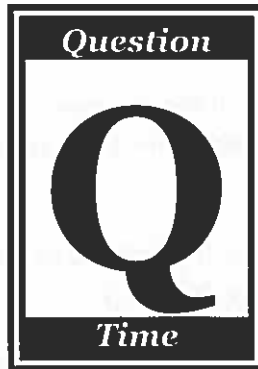
What are the figures for enrolment and completion of the Summer Reading Challenge 2017 for each library in Lewisham Borough?

Reply

The figures of starters and finishers for the Summer Reading Challenge 2017 are listed in the table below

Library	Starters	Finishers
Deptford	418	147
Downham	571	276
Lewisham	458	275
Blackheath	128	52
Catford	301	171
Crofton Park	124	61
Forest Hill	464	259
Grove Park	22	7
Manor House	417	217

New Cross Learning	81	32
Pepys	2	
Sydenham	143	64
Corbett (Torridon)	227	126
Total	3,356	1,687



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Question asked by: Mr Richardson

Member to reply: Councillor Best

Question

On 22nd March 2017 a Mayor and Cabinet meeting (Contracts) was held proposing that the 'not for profit' organisation V22 Foundation, be awarded a 25 year lease on the Manor House in Old Road, Lewisham, London SE13 5SY for the purpose of ensuring Lewisham Council could continue to provide a public library service at this Grade II*-listed building. The Mayor and Cabinet approved this proposal.

It is now November 2017, and in the interim period it became known that this lease had yet to be transferred to V22 because of particular undisclosed items requiring clarification between the Council and V22. As the public was not informed what were the 'difficulties' and/or issues in the original draft which required resolution? Therefore, how did the Council change the terms and conditions of the lease as previously accepted by the Mayor and Cabinet on behalf of the public? Have these changes been formally accepted by Mayor and Cabinet or is this not considered necessary under Lewisham Council's regulations? What was the legal position of V22 being in occupation but not holding the lease on the building? What was the Council's position under these circumstances?

Can the Council confirm the lease has now been signed?

Reply

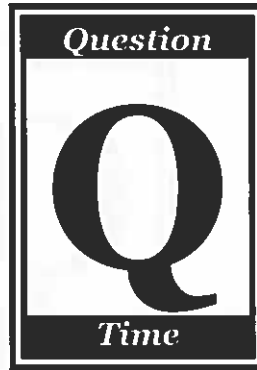
The Council agreed the transfer of the Manor House building following the servicing of plant and lift. Some delay in achieving this is one of the factors for the delay in signing the lease.

There have been no "changes" to the nature of what Mayor and Cabinet agreed in relation to the future tenure of the building.

As can be expected, the V22 Foundation requested a number of clarifications relating to the lease, particularly in relation to the apportionment of the ongoing maintenance of the building.

All these issues have been clarified, the Heads of Terms have been agreed, and the lease is in the process of being executed. We are waiting to announce that the lease has been signed very soon.

Meanwhile, V22 Foundation occupies the building on a tenancy at will pending the lease being entered into. This is a temporary arrangement which allows the occupier to use the property in a particular way pending a lease being entered into. The arrangement relies and is conditional on the future signing of the lease and can be terminated by either party without notice at any time.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 4.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

22 NOVEMBER 2017

Question asked by: Mark Morris

Member to reply: Councillor Smith

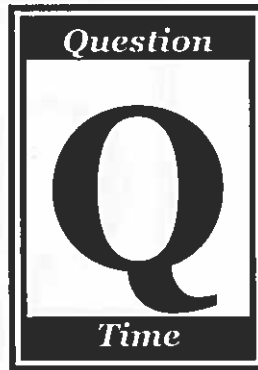
Question

In relation to the proposed footbridge over Doggett Road being introduced as part of the Catford Green development, please state (a) the exact amount that Barratt's the developer will contribute for this proposed bridge, (b) whether the proposed bridge will be step free and fully accessible for disabled people, and (c) whether Lewisham Council can provide any further update as to the programme of when this long promised bridge will be installed.

Reply

The Barratt's contribution is through a Section 106 planning obligations and is capped at £2m. The proposed bridge has a lift either side of the railway span and thus accessible by all.

The current proposal is for Barratt's to deliver the new bridge. Barratt's recently revised the bridge estimate which has increased and this needs to be agreed with the Council. Once these issues have been resolved we will be in a position to provide an update on the bridge installation programme.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 5.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

22 NOVEMBER 2017

Question asked by: Mrs Richardson

Member to reply: Councillor Bonavia

Question

The Council budget is due to be put forward and agreed by Lewisham Council in February next year, 2018. As elections are due to be held in May 2018 does that mean the budget could be altered under a new elected body and new elected Mayor? Is this allowed for under the terms of the Lewisham Borough Council Constitution and how is it presented to the public for accountability?

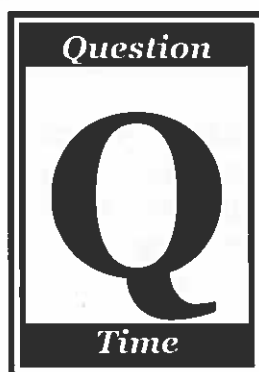
Reply

By law, the Council is bound to budget annually and to make a balanced budget. It is on this basis that the Council Tax is agreed each year. Following statutory consultation, the Mayor's proposals for the budget are presented to the full Council each year and it is for the full Council to agree the budget on an annual basis. Any budget which would exceed limits set by the Secretary of State are subject to approval in a binding referendum.

Once the annual budget has been agreed by Council, and subject to an exception where additional costs can be offset by additional income, contingency funds or

alternative savings, the Mayor may not make decisions which are not consistent with the agreed budget. Any such decision would be for full Council.

There are provisions in the Constitution which allow the Mayor to make a decision which is not consistent with the budget in an urgent situation. This requires the consent of the Chair of Council and the Chair of Business Panel and reasons must be reported to the next Council meeting



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 6.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

22 NOVEMBER 2017

Question asked by: Mr Maines

Member to reply: Councillor Maslin

Question

What PFI contracts have the Council entered into, what is the value of each of these contracts?

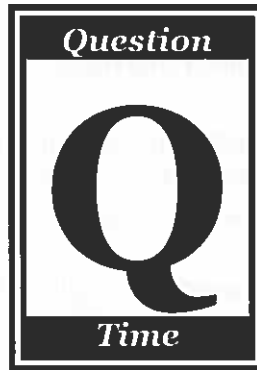
How many Lewisham schools are involved with PFI contracts and what is the value and length of each contract.

Reply

The Council has entered into eight PFI contracts, a Housing, Leisure, Street Lighting (joint with Croydon) and five Schools PFIs. The value and lengths of these contracts are below:

PFI Scheme	Brockley Housing	Downham Lifestyles	Grouped Schools	BSF 1	BSF 2	BSF 3	BSF 4	Street Lighting
Start of Contract	2007	2007	2007	2009	2011	2012	2012	2011
End of Contract	2027	2039	2036	2035	2037	2037	2038	2036
Total Estimated Cost	£285m	£76m	£226m	£240m	£85m	£118m	£223m	£95m

There are 10 Lewisham schools in the five schools PFI contracts.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 7.

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

22 NOVEMBER 2017

Question asked by: Mr Richardson

Member to reply: Councillor Onikosi

Question

At Dacre Park Allotment site, the southern section is dominated by two huge trees located adjacent to a row of lock-up garages.

The two trees produce significant shade to a number of rented plots in this area during the growing season.

Is it not possible to pollard these mature trees in order to open up the plots to more open skies?

In addition, a row of mature Damson trees nearby, have now become feral and are invading adjacent plots. Can these not be removed?

Reply

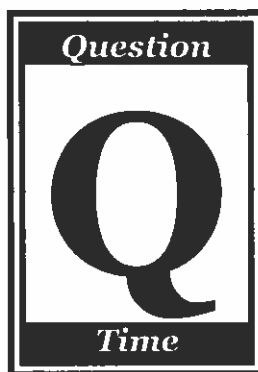
Officers responsible for the allotment service have informed me that in response to this question a request was made to the Council's Tree Services Manager on the 9th November 2017, for the inspection of the mature multi-stem Poplar near the garages.

This inspection will take place within 28 days, determining if any works are necessary. Mature trees are an important feature of the local landscape and as such

crown reduction work would only be carried out if there was a health and safety risk or if it was beneficial to the health of the tree.

Regarding the fruit trees, an officer carried out an inspection that was arranged following a similar enquiry, and they will be working with the relevant plot-holders over the winter months to resolve the issues identified.

The officers would be happy to assist you with any future allotment enquiries and can be contacted directly via 0208 314 2277 or allotments@lewisham.gov.uk



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 8.

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

22 NOVEMBER 2017

Question asked by: Mr Richardson

Member to reply: Councillor Millbank

Question

The establishment of Ward Local Assemblies was a great success in providing collective purpose in the London Borough of Lewisham. However, it has been noted that Local Assembly funding made available for communities to bid for in all of the 18 Ward Assemblies in Lewisham has now dwindled to virtual laughably small sums since the facility was introduced. So, is it now a certainty the facility will face its dissolution in the coming 2018-19 budget?

Reply

Each Ward Assembly has received £15,000 per year since 2013, totalling £270,000 per year across the borough. Assembly funding remains highly regarded across the borough and there are currently no plans to discontinue these funds or the overall Assembly Programme. In the current year, it is anticipated that over 150 local projects will be funded through this route.

