

PUBLIC QUESTION NO 1.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Nancy Taylor

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

Given that Paragraph 5.1 of Land Use Consultants' ecology report for Beckenham Place Park says:-

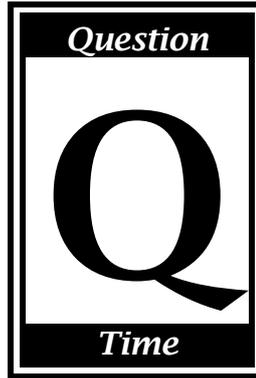
"5.1 The site is a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and a Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). The designations describe the site as:

'One of the best wildlife sites in the Borough with a variety of high quality habitats. These include the most extensive ancient woodland in Lewisham, the most diverse acid grassland, the most natural stretch of river, probably the oldest pond and the only willow carr. Some of the parkland trees are very old and pre-date the landscaping of the park. The high diversity of plants and animals include numerous locally rare species and several nationally rare invertebrates have been recorded'."

Would the council explain why they authorised an Mountain Bike (MTB) trail to pass through part of previously untouched ancient woodland during the December 2017 and January 2018 Beastway events?

Reply

The woodlands of Beckenham Place Park are extensive and a number of trails already pass through them. When we were approached by an event organiser seeking consent for a series of three morning race sessions the Council's ecological officers inspected and advised on the proposed routes, which mostly used existing walking routes through the woodland or the open grasslands. The authorised routes avoided the most ecologically sensitive areas of woodland and were timed to take place in the winter outside of nesting season and when flora was dormant. The Council is keen to promote sensitive use of the largest park in south east London which has until recently had exceptionally low levels of use. Through effective pre-planning and post events analysis we are gradually building up use of the space in an ecologically sensitive way.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 2.

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18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Carole Hope

Member to reply: Councillors McGeevor

Question

With regard to tree felling in Beckenham Place Park, and in view of the information publicly disseminated by the Council i.e. that much of the timber cut will be used in the park, and that “most of this wood will be processed and stored off-site to be brought back for future use” please advise:-

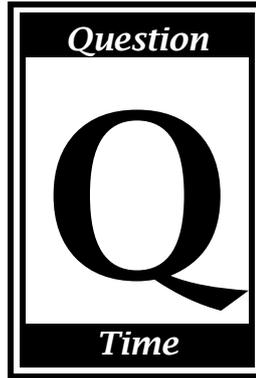
- What records have been kept of this timber and by whom?
- What facility is being used to store it?
- How much timber, actual and percentage, is being stored to be brought back for future use?

Reply

The contract for tree works in Beckenham Place Park specifies the material required for re-use in the park, this comprises:

49 logs of varying diameters over 5 metres in length
149 logs of varying diameters under 5 metres in length
600 cubic metres of processed wood arisings, principally woodchip for mulching and play areas.

Whilst it was expected that much of this wood would be stored off site at the contractor's yard and brought back for re-use, this has not proved necessary and only 15m³ has been removed from site to be returned when required. The remaining material is stockpiled at different locations within the park.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 3.

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18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Elizabeth Mouncher

Member to reply: Councillors McGeevor

Question

Please would the Council advise what initiatives it has taken to introduce MTB (Mountain Bike) and other cycle events into Beckenham Place Park. Specifically, which groups and organisations have you consulted about developing future events and which groups and organisations have already used the park for such events.

Reply

The council helped organise a family cycle event on 26th May which was about promoting exploration of the park by bike and showing people the best quiet routes to travel to the park by bike.

Through our consultation events the Council have discussed and tested appetite for cycling activities with several organisations over the years including:

British Cycling
Access Sport
Big Foot CC
Beastway
Pedal it

Green Chain Network

Lewisham Cyclists

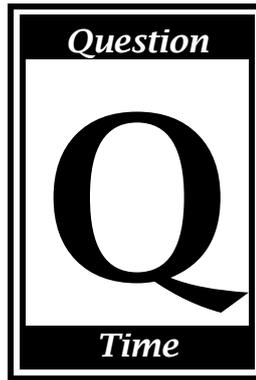
London Recumbents

Wide Horizons

Wheels for Wellbeing

30 local schools who responded to our survey about current and future use of the park.

To date, the first five organisations have been involved in cycling events and activities within the park. The activities include family group rides, mountain bike and BMX coaching for children and young people and competitive cyclocross and mountain bike races for all age groups.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 4.

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COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Michael Dropf

Member to reply: Councillors McGeevor

Question

How can Lewisham justify collecting garden waste every week, (which is inert, clean, does not smell, can be left for months without any issue) while collecting domestic waste (stinking, unhygienic, vermin-friendly) only once a fortnight?

If garden waste collection "pays for itself", then why isn't collection reduced to monthly and the extra money used to cross-subsidise weekly collection of actual waste?

How many Lewisham households actually create a bin full of garden waste every week? Does anybody in Lewisham actually have a garden that big?

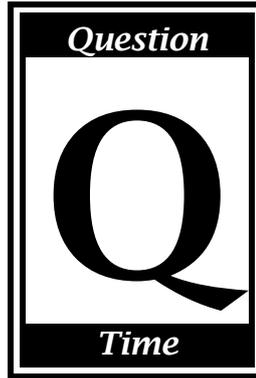
Reply

With a fortnightly collection on residual waste bins, and a weekly collection on recycling and food waste bins, it is hoped that the need for residual waste is minimal due to residents recycling as much of their waste as possible. By utilising the food and recycling waste bins, the need for a residual bin should naturally decrease. The garden waste scheme is a subscribed service run by Lewisham Council. Residents, through subscribing and agreeing to Terms and Conditions, are entitled to a weekly

collection. The service strives to achieve value for money, and the service quality is increasing. The garden waste scheme is a separate service from the residual, recycling, and food waste collections.

The garden waste service is a discretionary and not a statutory service we have to provide so is run separately to the residual and recycling collection service. Residents are charged £60 for a year's subscription for which as part of this scheme, they are entitled to a weekly collection of their garden waste.

Unfortunately, the actual tonnage for garden waste (alone) cannot be provided. However, there are approximately 10,000 households currently subscribed to the service, and with each collection, there is always waste collected. Of course during the warmer months, there is an increase in use of the service and it's naturally quieter in the colder months, but as a service, it's designed to be affordable and spread out across a year.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 5.

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COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mat Xerri

Member to reply: Councillor Bell

Question

After doing some research, it seems that Milford Towers is the only building in the surrounding area not to have access to Fibre Broadband. This building was erected in the 1970s and therefore relies on old copper wiring which means residents rent dated and fail-prone communication services. I have checked on two neighbouring streets and they have access to high speed fibre broadband, Milford Towers does not. I am not sure whether this was intentional or whether there is a reason for it, but the fact remains that this building is occupied at full capacity and it seems likely to do so for some time.

So when will Milford Towers be able to join the rest of the borough in modern fibre broadband services?

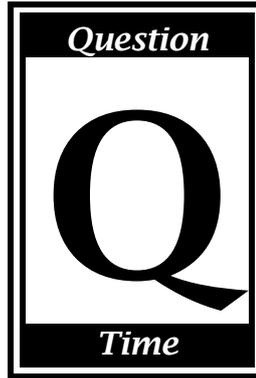
Reply

After an investigation it would suggest that the building, Milford Towers does not lend itself practically to the installation of fibre optic cabling, given the number of floors and the complexity of the flat layouts.

In order to provide residents with fibre optic broadband the broadband provider would firstly need to run a cable from the roadway into the block itself and then find a suitable access path for it to be routed through to the individual dwelling.

We expect providers would choose not to undertake this work for the reasons stated above as it would prove a lengthy and complex task.

We will continue to investigate the reasons why fibre optic installation is currently not possible in Milford Towers and will report back on this issue and any plans or likelihood of it being possible to do so in the future.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 6.

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COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: David Da Silva Pereira

Member to reply: Councillor Bell

Question

Please could Council provide a breakdown what Estate services it provides on the Silwood Estate?

Reply

Services on the Silwood Estate are delivered by a combination of different agencies.

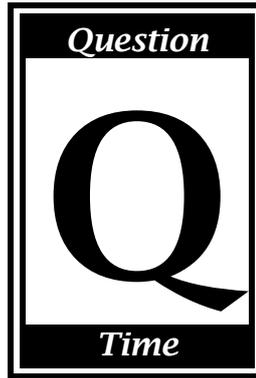
L&Q provide the following Estate Services:

- Grounds Maintenance
- Play Equipment Maintenance/Serviceing
- Communal Refuse Bin Hire
- Bulk Refuse Collection
- Communal Pest Control
- Buildings Insurance (not for blocks which have exercised the right to manage)
- Service Charge Audit Fees

- L&Q Admin Fee (Homeowners)

Notting Hill Genesis have units in the Silwood Street development, also known as Blueprint. This site is run by a Residents Management Committee (RMC), who have appointed an agent, Haus Block Management. All estate and block services for this site are provided by HAUS, who also set service charges, on behalf of the Silwood Street RMC.

Lewisham Council provide street cleaning, street lighting, refuse collection and fly tip removal services.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 7.

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18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mrs Richardson

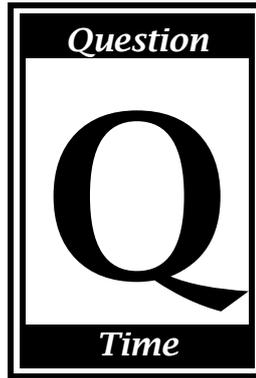
Member to reply: Councillor Slater

Question

Do any Lewisham council staff, including Lewisham Library staff, work as volunteers in Lewisham's Library Service at the Community Libraries? If so, how many, and at which community libraries?

Reply

One member of staff who is employed by the council as an apprentice within the library service also volunteers in one of the community libraries.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 8.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Williams

Member to reply: Councillor Bonavia

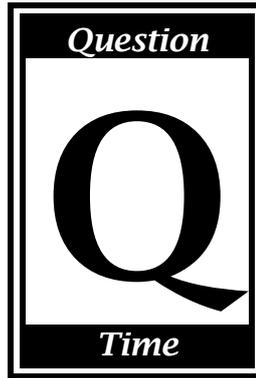
Question

The Mayor pledged during his campaign to carry out a review of Lewisham democracy. What is the timetable for this review and, given that Labour won 100% of the council seats with 60% of the vote, will he reach out to other local parties who stood in the May 2018 election to ensure that the votes of the 40% who didn't support his party are also represented within the review?

Reply

The proposals for conducting a local democracy review appear on the Council's agenda on 18th July. The proposals include an indicative timetable that assumes evidence gathering taking place up until the end of 2018 with recommendations to full Council to be made as early as possible in 2019.

In terms of reaching out, anyone wishing to make representations in the course of the review will be able to do so. In addition, the review will seek to find effective ways of reaching people who, for all kinds of reasons, rarely take part in our local democracy, whether at elections or in the many local decisions that may affect their lives.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 9.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Morris

Member to reply: The Mayor

Question

In answer to public Question Number 4 on 22 November 2017 about the proposed footbridge over Doggett Road, the then Deputy Mayor stated "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." In a supplementary answer Councillor Smith also provided an assurance that the bridge would definitely be built.

However, in a subsequent freedom of information response (Reference No: 448512) Lewisham Council stated:

"The current position is that the cost of the bridge and associated works are beyond the available funding provision. Officers are considering the next steps and processes, all which take time and require legal processes to be adhered to alongside negotiations with Barratt's and Network Rail."

Can Lewisham Council please provide an update of the "consideration of next steps and processes"? Can an explanation also be provided as to why such a specific infrastructure project was set under a 106 agreement if Lewisham Council was not willing to actively enforce it following planning approval for the Barratt's development

of the former Catford dogtrack being set a decade ago? Finally, have the costs of the bridge merely escalated due to lack of active enforcement and action by Lewisham Council?

Reply

Section 106 agreements are made in accordance with the need to mitigate the impact of development upon the borough's infrastructure. A decade ago the Council wished to secure a route that would connect residents with Ladywell Fields and the town centre. The footbridge has however proved to be more challenging to deliver than could have been assumed at the time that the terms of the Section 106 agreement were agreed. In particular with regards to achieving both an equalities compliant design and meeting the requirements of Network Rail, which have changed extensively since the footbridge was originally conceived. It is these challenges that have contributed to the increase in the design costs from those assumed in the original budget. The Council has continued to work with Barratt's throughout this period to develop the bridge design with the full intent of its delivery under the terms of the Section 106 agreement

However on 8 June 2018 the Council received a letter, sent on behalf of Barratt's, which confirmed that despite having used considerable efforts to deliver the footbridge over the preceding years, as they will be off-site by September 2018 and the construction of the footbridge has not yet been commenced, they now wished to pay the footbridge contribution to Lewisham in accordance with the provisions of the S106 Agreement, rather than construct the footbridge themselves.

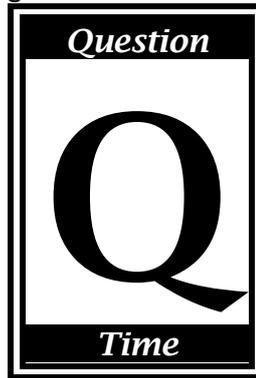
Under the terms of the Section 106 Agreement the Council then has to either apply the footbridge contribution for the purposes of delivering the footbridge itself or for either Station Improvement Purposes (as defined in the Section 106 Agreement) and/or such other infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of and relating to the development as are notified to Barratt's and which in the Council's opinion meet certain legal tests. The Council cannot at this point require Barratt's to construct the footbridge themselves.

It is clear that an additional budgetary resource will be required to enable the Council to deliver the footbridge. However, a decision to seek to secure further funding and deliver the footbridge must now be carefully considered in the context of the regeneration plans for Catford.

The Council has appointed a team of architects and urban designers to develop a Masterplan to support the Council's regeneration plans. Together with the Council, these advisors will be looking at how to maximise improvements to Catford town centre via a fully rounded Masterplan which will also inform upon key routes and way-finding strategies particularly within key transport connection areas.

Under the current programme, the team will undertake a public consultation around Jan/ Feb 2019. Seeking public opinion on the draft plans may also inform whether the footbridge is still required for the purposes for which it was originally sought or whether other improvements can more effectively secure those aims.

Therefore a decision on how to apply the footbridge contribution once received will be taken by the Council after considering the outcomes of the Masterplan process.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 10.

Priority 1

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COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Maines

Member to reply: The Mayor

Question

Since being elected as Mayor have you met with:

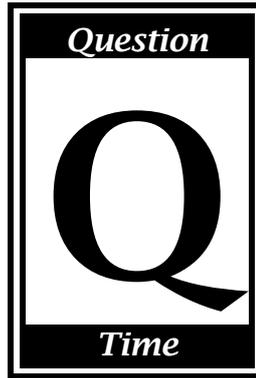
- i) the Chief Executive of Millwall FC or a representative from the club or the Community Trust, regarding the proposed development adjacent to the Den?
- ii) any representatives of Renewal - the property developers linked with the proposed development around the Den?

Would you make a statement of the current position regarding the proposed New Bermondsey regeneration and your thoughts about this proposed development?

Reply

I recently held a joint meeting with the Chief Executive of Millwall Football Club and the Directors of Renewal. The purpose was to seek to bring the parties together to see if a more positive engagement was possible in delivering the regeneration of the area around Millwall Football Club.

The Council's overriding objective is to see this strategic site brought forward for development in a unified and integrated way in accordance with a masterplan. Both Millwall and Renewal agreed the meeting was useful and we will be meeting again over the coming weeks.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 11.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Andrea Carey Fuller

Member to reply: Cllr Bell

Question

Can you confirm the recent decision by Mayor and Cabinet on 27 June, to go ahead with the current planning application to develop Old Tidemill School will in addition to destroying 16 social homes 2-30A Reginald Road, will also destroy Old Tidemill Wildlife Garden?

Are you aware Tidemill Wildlife Garden, as a one of its kind garden in Deptford, occupies some 2,400 sqm of nature green space and was built on the Old Tidemill School Playing Field around 25 years ago by local people and children from the School, funded from public money and opened by the Mayor Dave Sullivan? Having a wide range of bio-diversity in it, including spotted belly newts, bats, birds, and other wildlife and over 70 mature trees, and two irreplaceable Indian Bean trees, it is not only the green lungs of South Deptford but it ensures cleaner air for local residents: Deptford Church Street is 1 (Out of 8) of the top hotspots for Air pollution in the Borough (on the Council's Air Quality Pollution plans).

Do you agree the current planning application breaches the National Policy Planning Framework paragraph 109, London Planning Policies: 3.5, 3.6, 3.12, 5.10, 5.11, 7.18, 7.19, Lewisham Open Spaces Strategy, Lewisham Sustainable community

strategy, Lewisham Development Management Plan (Adopted 26 November 2014), London as a National Park City (which all wards in Lewisham are signed up to), Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership's A Natural Renaissance for Lewisham 2015-2020/ & The (new) London Environment Strategy & the fact that the Garden has also been cited as a Case Study in the Mayor of London's Greener City fund report (August 2017):

Why aren't the Council prepared to undertake a Community Collaborative Charrette process, which could be set up within a month and take place over a weekend, to come up with a better plan for the whole community? The outcome of which could be agreed by all parties taking part and would ensure that the garden and the social homes on the site are saved?

Reply

London is in the midst of the biggest housing crisis in nearly 100 years. We must build more homes for those who need them the most - those in temporary, nightly paid accommodation, those seeking refuge and those in our society who are most vulnerable. This is why this Council has committed to delivering 1,000 new social homes in the next four years.

The development of the former Tidemill school will provide a significant number of new, genuinely affordable, family homes to house residents in need. With the exception of the homes within the refurbished Tidemill school building, all of the homes on the development will be affordable. This includes 117 homes for social rent, a net increase of 104 social rented homes on the site, and every one of the families who moves into these homes will have lifetime security of tenure.

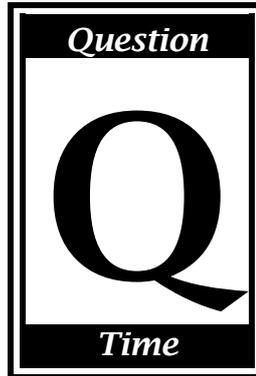
The part of the site where the Tidemill Community Garden is located was only ever intended to be used for a short period of time as a meanwhile use. However, over time, there can be no doubt that some members of the community who have access to the space have, understandably, become attached to it.

We do not take the decision to build on this space lightly. We have however weighed up the pressing need for social housing against the existing meanwhile use, and decided to deliver the social rented homes.

This is a development that can start imminently and which has been approved by both the Mayor of London and our own planning committee. A charrette would require us to start again, delay the delivery of these new homes for at least two years, and even then it would not be possible to deliver all of the outcomes the Council wishes to see on this site while retaining the garden in its current configuration.

Instead, both the Council and our development partner, Peabody, will continue to work with the local community to provide a truly open green space that all local residents can benefit from within the new development. Peabody is legally bound now to create a community-led steering group to oversee the plans for the open

spaces in the development, and we encourage the local community to engage with that process and help to shape their new neighbourhood.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 12.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Rosalind Huish

Member to reply: Cllr Bell

Question

Please can you advise how the proposed removal of Tidemill Garden and Hillcrest Woods makes Lewisham greener as per the pledge on page 32 of the 2018 Lewisham Labour manifesto.

Reply

The Council is committed to delivering a greener borough and does not consider either of the proposed developments to compromise our commitment.

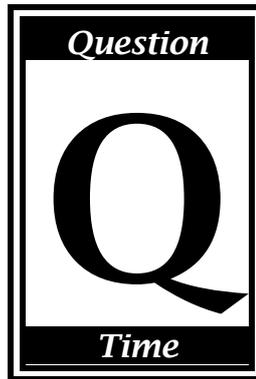
The Council does not intend to remove Hillcrest woods. Here, in partnership with Lewisham Homes, we are developing plans to introduce a minimal amount of new social housing while protecting the historic woodland. Currently the plans are for 21 new Council homes for social rent, targeted at areas of the Hillcrest and High Level Drive estates that are best suited to provide a small number of homes,

Following consultation the original plans have been revised significantly in order to minimise the amount and quality of trees and open space to be lost as a result of the proposed development. It is intended that the replacement trees, landscaping and ball court will satisfactorily mitigate the impact of the proposed development of a small number of new homes. As part of the planning process, Ecology Officers are currently interrogating relevant ecological documentation submitted with the application. However, as my colleagues on Planning Committee are yet to determine the application, I cannot comment further at this time.

The new development on the site of the former Tidemill school, as well as providing a net increase of 104 social rented homes, will also increase the number of trees on the site from 49 up to 73, meaning that there will be an increase in tree cover to help with biodiversity in the area.

Once complete, the development will contain a linear green space park measuring 1,560m² and a Pocket Park on the corner of Reginald Road and Deptford Church Street measuring 520m². In total this equates to 86% of the current green spaces on the site, but these spaces will be fully open to the public at all times.

In addition all of this space will be landscaped in line with the wishes of a community steering group that the developer is legally required to convene, and as such there is a significant opportunity here for the community to shape and influence the use of the spaces that are created.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 13.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Ms Utley

Member to reply: Cllr Bell

Question

Please can Lewisham council supply all costs to date (2015-August 2018) incurred in developing proposals to demolish the Achilles Street area, including: all architects fees, plans, surveying costs, consultations, fees? Please provide a breakdown of these costs.

Reply

London is currently in the midst of a housing crisis and austerity measures have made it an even more challenging problem to solve. As a result, this Council is taking a wide range of measures to provide the homes its residents need. Over the past four years this Council started 500 Council homes and in the coming four years it will double that and start 1,000 social homes.

Over the past four years officers have been working in consultation with the local community around Achilles Street in New Cross to establish options for providing

new Council homes in the area as well as providing benefits to the existing community.

This work has been carried out using officer time, supported by external design advice as is standard on any consultation of this type. This work has focussed both on achieving a very high standard of design for any development that may come forward in the future, and on ensuring that the commitments the Council has made to enable the local community to stay and not be broken up are met.

In the first instance, this involved Lewisham Homes reviewing the potential to build a small development on the site of the current car park. This work was carried out in 2014/15 and revealed that existing residents had a number of concerns with their current homes. On that basis a wider study was commissioned, looking at options for development that could provide new homes for existing residents. This work involved a multi-disciplinary design team, covering architecture, engineering and other advisory support to ensure that we were presenting residents with meaningful and deliverable options.

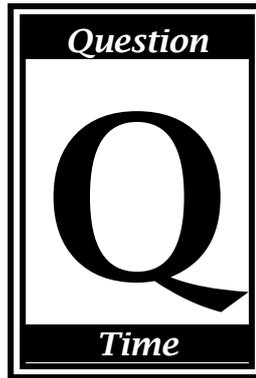
The breakdown of expenditure over the past four years of consultation and options appraisal is set out below.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Design team	£29.5k	£112.4k	£101.8k	£10.0k
Other costs	£25.6k	£0	£40.6k	£24.0k

This level of spend is not uncommon for a scheme of this size and scale. However, it is important to note that whilst it is essential that the Council spends its money to build new genuinely affordable homes for our residents, the proposal must ultimately be financially viable.

All additional spending will be agreed by Mayor and Cabinet to ensure that the project continues in a transparent manner. This is expected to take place this autumn at the same time as Mayor and Cabinet formalising its commitment to ensuring no development takes place in the area without it being supported by a ballot of residents.

Finally, we are not demolishing the Achilles Street area and forcing people out. We are looking at ways to provide more social housing for our community, and no decisions have been made. The housing crisis plus the loss of council homes due to the right-to-buy, has led us to make bold steps to deliver on the manifesto we were elected on in May. One option in the future may be to rebuild the estate while guaranteeing that all residents can stay, but this would be subject to residents approving the idea in a ballot and it would be wrong to characterise this as forcing people out. It would be the opposite, new homes for every current resident and more additional council homes for other residents who need them.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 14.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Rochell

Member to reply: Cllr McGeevor

Question

With regard to current Lewisham Council policy on Electric Vehicle charging points with particular reference to On Street Residential charge points.

1. Is there a current Lewisham strategy to increase the number of charging points in the borough?
2. Is the strategy being carried out in conjunction with National and London policy, and have applications for grants been submitted, if so who with?
3. How could members of the public get involved in the process?
4. Have the council put in place any arrangements to work with partners to provide more charging points?
5. Are car clubs being encouraged to introduce more EV offerings in Lewisham?
6. Will the council be meeting the London Plan stipulation for 20% of all new parking to have a charging point?
7. Has the council looked at the possibility of subsidised parking for EVs?
8. What is the current % of EVs to EV chargers in Lewisham.
9. What is the total number of EV charging points in Lee Green?

10. Will residents be consulted on the design and location of charging points?

Reply

1. Is there a current Lewisham strategy to increase the number of charging points in the borough?

We are currently consulting on the borough first low emission vehicle charging strategy (LEVS) (<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/lewisham-low-emission-vehicle-strategy/>)

Closing on the 13th August.

In the strategy we set out our delivery plan to increase the number of charge points available to Lewisham residents and visitors.

The Vision of the draft strategy is *“To ensure that all of Lewisham’s residents, businesses and visitors are within 500m of a charging point by 2020, with a range of options available that remain fit for purpose and encourage further uptake of low emission vehicles.”*

2. Is the strategy being carried out in conjunction with National and London policy, and have applications for grants been submitted, if so who with?

Lewisham is a member of the London Councils Low Emissions Vehicle Working Group, in order to stay up to date with evolving policy and good practice. Our draft strategy aligns with the aims and objectives set out in London wide policy documents such as the London Plan and the Mayors Transport Strategy (2018).

We have also successfully secured £300K, 75% match funding from OLEV (Office for Low Emission Vehicles) via London Councils and 100K 25% (match funding) through the boroughs LIP for the instillation of charge points, these points will consist of rapid, fast and lamp column charging options to cater for different users.

3. How could members of the public get involved in the process?

Member of the public can get involved by firstly responding to the open consultation of our LEVS. They can also visit the dedicated LEV page on the council website and log a request for a charge point in their street.

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/transport/sustainable-transport/Pages/Electric-vehicle-charge-points.aspx>

This page is going to be updated after the Draft Strategy has been finalised with hopefully an even easier way to log requests but for now people can log a request by emailing the address on the above page.

4. Have the council put in place any arrangements to work with partners to provide more charging points?

We have an existing provider of charge point in the borough (Source London) they have 10 existing sites and are currently investigating further locations. In preparation for a wider roll out of points identified in the LEVS we are looking at bringing further providers into the borough to ensure value for money for residents and also to offer different charging solutions. London Councils in partnership with TfL are very close to being able to offer the borough a call down Framework contract that Lewisham will be using to secure providers to deliver further charge points.

5. Are car clubs being encouraged to introduce more EV offerings in Lewisham?

The boroughs existing car club provider (Zip Car) have indicated they would be interested in converting a proportion of their fleet to electric, there is an issue around the capital costs of the charge points and fleet change. The funding the council has secured to implement charge points cannot be used to install charge points for the exclusive use of private car clubs due to the 'State Aid' regulations. However as part of the Councils new Local Plan currently being developed we are considering all new car club bays in the borough to be EV's. While also securing funding through developer CIL contributions to pay for car club site within or close to new developments.

6. Will the council be meeting the London Plan stipulation for 20% of all new parking to have a charging point?

We are currently developing the borough new Local Plan which looks to deliver at a local level the requirements set out in the London Plan. The 20% of new parking having a charge point is something we will be looking to achieve. Along the wider objective to reduce overall motorised traffic levels with reassignment to more sustainable modes of transport such as Public transport network, Cycling and Walking.

7. Has the council looked at the possibility of subsidised parking for EVs?

At the moment we don't charge for parking in EV bays, on or off-street (the only charge is the one made by Source London for usage of the charging point). We do not have a reduced tariff for paid for parking places (e.g. P&D or Pay by phone) but we do have a reduced cost for resident permits (for parking in a Controlled Parking Zone) for low emission vehicles. Normally a resident permit costs £120 p.a., but this is reduced to £30 p.a. for fuel efficient vehicles in tax bands A-B. The council is also being mindful that the borough also has a desire to reduce overall traffic levels to ease congestion and make Lewisham streets healthy. While a 100% change from fossil fuelled vehicles to EV's would improve local air quality it would not improve the congestion and road safety issues.

8. What is the current % of EVs to EV chargers in Lewisham?

This is a hard question to answer accurately as we do not have data regarding to the number of private charge points in Lewisham whether that be residential or on private car parks.

The latest EV ownership figures in Lewisham show as of March 2018 there were 279 EV's registered to residents of Lewisham. We expect this figure to keep growing year on year, which is why the strategy sets out a clear delivery plan for instillation of charge points to cater for this growth.

9. What is the total number of EV charging points in Lee Green?

Ignoring private charge points which as mentioned above we do not hold data on, there are no Council implemented charge points in Lee Green. However the strategy sets out a coverage model that looks to provide a charge point every 500m or in walking terms a 5 to 10 minute walk from every charge point location in Lewisham including Lee Green by 2020

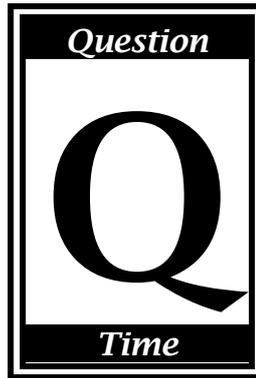
10. Will residents be consulted on the design and location of charging points?

We are looking to deliver a coverage model as mentioned above (500m or a 5-10 minute walk) however we are also within that model looking to deliver demand driven infrastructure and residents can register interest in charge point via the Lewisham EV web page.

In terms of design there are currently several different types of charge point. For residential EV charging solutions we are currently looking at a charge point that is either contained within an existing lamp column if the column is situated at the front of the footway or, If the column is not at the front of the footway we would either look to move that particular column to the front of the footway or to provide a satellite charging bollard that would be feed from the column. Meaning there are little in the way of 'design' to be considered. These charge point would be installed under the councils permitted development right and would not be subject to planning applications.

Larger free standing 'fast' and 'rapid' charge points differ in design varying in width, colour and height. Free standing points proposed on the boroughs roads are subject to Planning law and an application per point is required giving members of the public the opportunity to comment on each individual point.

The only exception to this are charge points installed on TfL's Strategic Road Network (Red Routes). TfL who are the traffic authority on these road have taken the view that these free standing points can be installed under permitted development rights and do not go through planning applications for these points.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 15.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Andy Tonge

Member to reply: Cllr McGeevor

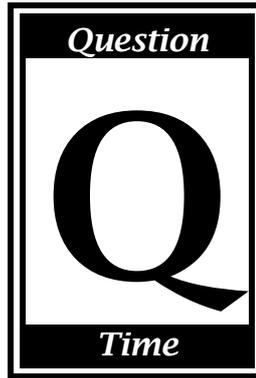
Question

The Active Forum minutes of 11th October 2017, taken by the Beckenham Place Park Community Engagement Officer, referred to Beastway taking a rotary mower into Beckenham Place Park, subsequently followed by photographs on the Beastway Facebook page of members with pickaxes and saws in the ancient woodland of Beckenham Place Park. Please advise what health and safety measures were put in place to safeguard other members of the public from the activities of Beastway using this kit who, themselves, are ordinary members of the public, rather than skilled operatives, and most importantly, please explain why they were allowed to hack out trails for mountain bike races in the ancient woodland?

Reply

Beastway sought consent from the Council to run a series of three mountain bike races over the winter months as detailed in the response to public question 1 (please find text enclosed with this response). Appropriate ecological guidance was sought and followed prior to the events.

The organiser of the events submitted risk assessments and method statements for the limited work needed to prepare the routes for the Council's approval and secured all necessary consents. They also procured and supplied evidence of appropriate public liability insurance for both trail preparation and race days. Members of the public were excluded from the work area through the use of advance notices reporting path closure, and access was also taped off to maintain a minimum 15 metre exclusion distance.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 16.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Anthony Crowther

Member to reply: Cllr McGeevor

Question

The Lewisham Air app launched in March 2018.

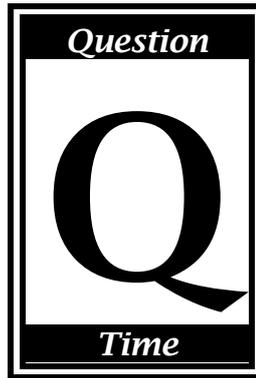
- How much has the Council spent on the development and promotion of the app?
- How many downloads have there been in total?
- How is usage and the impact of the app being monitored and measured?

Reply

- The Lewisham Air app launched in March 2018
- How much has the Council spent on the development and promotion of the app?
 - The total cost for the development has been £15,000
- How many downloads have there been in total?
 - Up to 6th July there have been 482 downloads of the app.
- How is usage and the impact of the app being monitored and measured?

- We have a regular Key Performance Indicator where we monitor the monthly details on numbers of downloads. We promoted the app as part of the successful National Clean Air Day on 21st June 2018 and at this year's People's Day.

We have made details available at local surgeries, libraries and primary schools. A recent business card has been designed and produced and is being used to promote the app throughout the borough.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 17.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Ms Phipps

Member to reply: The Mayor

Question

The London Cycling Campaign and Liveable Streets reports that the Mayor did not sign their Liveable London Pledge. Could I now offer him again the opportunity to rectify this by

a) signalling his intention to sign up to their "Liveable London*" pledge to use the funding granted to Lewisham from the Liveable Neighbourhood Programme to: "deliver a high-quality and safe Liveable Neighbourhood that takes major steps to prioritise people walking and cycling over private cars in the area during the course of your term" and

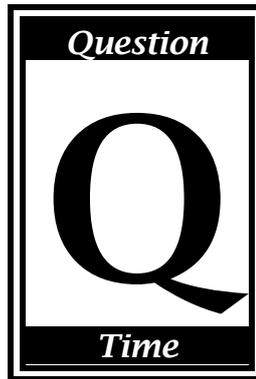
b) provide supporting evidence as to how this will be delivered within the specified time-frame

Reply

The Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods project for Deptford Parks aims to deliver a high-quality and safe Liveable Neighbourhood that takes major steps to prioritise

people walking and cycling over private cars. The Mayor would therefore be pleased to sign the Liveable London pledge.

The Council submitted its successful bid for Liveable Neighbourhood funding in October 2017. The bid, which was scrutinised and assessed by TfL, included an indicative programme to complete the project in 2021. This programme will be reviewed and updated as the project is further developed as part of the feasibility work that will be conducted this year.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 18.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Trina Lynskey

Member to reply: The Mayor

Question

RE: DC/17/103827 | The alteration and conversion of six vacant commercial units (Use Class B1a) at The Arches, Childers Street, SE8

This proposal is scheduled to be heard on Thursday July 5th at Planning Committee A

How can Lewisham Council expect residents to accept large scale local development while accepting, without question, a developer commissioned marketing report that business units are not viable in this area?

Will the council honour the commitment to residents and adhere to its own policy and hold a public meeting in advance of any determination by committee?

Will the council listen to the views of elected members that these units are neither

suitable for human habitation or surplus to local requirement as employment floorspace in the New Cross & Deptford Creative Employment Zone?

Reply

The Council's Statement of Community Involvement does not envisage a situation where the Council is no longer able to make a decision on the application (in this case the applicant has already submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate). The applicant ceased to engage with officers on the matter of arranging a Local Meeting following the submission of their appeal.

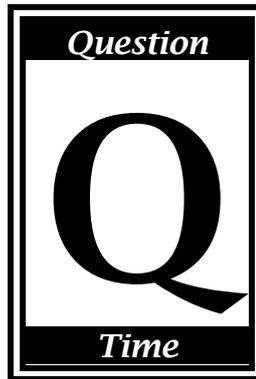
However, whilst officers are required to be mindful of delays being portrayed to represent unreasonable behaviour, and potentially lead to an award of costs against the Council, in this instance it is accepted that a further and final opportunity is provided to the applicant to be involved in a Local Meeting.

Officers therefore advised all Planning Committee A Members and Evelyn Ward Members that agenda item 3 relating to application DC/17/103827 for The Arches, Childers Street, SE8 was removed from the Committee agenda.

We informed all parties who have commented on the application, that we are able to contact, that the item was removed from the agenda.

Officers will identify and select a local meeting date within the next few weeks, which will occur with or without the applicant's involvement. The application will thereafter (not less than 2 weeks following the Local Meeting Date) be taken to the next available committee meeting.

Now the Council is subject to the appeal process, the subsequently convened Planning Committee will be the appropriate place to reach a view on the other specific issues raised by this question.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 19.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Richardson

Member to reply: Councillor Bonavia

Question

What was the cost to the London Borough of Lewisham of the by-election held in the Lewisham East parliamentary constituency on 14 June 2018?
Please may I have a breakdown of the figures?

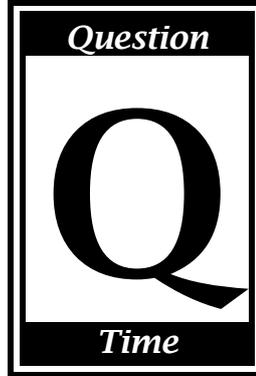
Reply

The approximate breakdown is as follows:-

Item	Cost
Count Staff	£13,572.50
Postal vote staff	£5,732.51
Polling staff	£52,333.92
Polling stations	£20,000.00

Equipment and transport	£9,000.00
Poll cards printing	£3,500.00
Poll cards postage	£27,000.00
Postal votes printing	£7,500.00
Postal votes postage	£9,000.00
Ballot papers printing	£7,000.00
	£154,638.93

The staffing costs are final, though the others remain as unconfirmed, but informed, estimates pending receipt of all invoices and finalisation of accounts.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 20.

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Loredana Minini

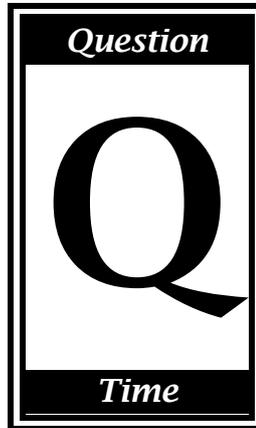
Member to reply: Councillor Bell

Question

Is the Council aware that EVEREST (Evelyn Residents Steering Forum), currently a coalition of seven Tenants and Residents Associations in North Deptford representing approximately 2000 households, is looking for about £10,000 to fund a pre-feasibility study for resident-led regeneration in their area? Everest has created a Masterplan of projects proposed by residents through its member TRAs and needs financial help to carry out the pre-feasibility study to be able to bid for S106 funds. Will the Council commit to support this residents-led organisation and to fund their pre-feasibility study?

Reply

The Council is aware of the work that EVEREST is involved in, and has had a number of meetings with the group. The Council is also engaging with EVEREST, other community groups, and residents through the Ward Assembly which meets regularly and which receives support from the Council, and which works directly with ward Members. The Council will continue to support residents and community groups in their work wherever possible. Due to the restrictions placed on S106 obligations there are limited funds available, and those which the Council has collected are normally directed towards capital projects. As such, the capacity of the Council to financially support this project, at the current stage, are limited.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO . 21

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Carole Hope

Member to reply: Councillors McGeevor

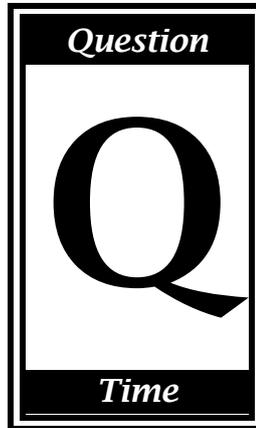
Question

In view of the crisis in air quality in London and as the London Plan aims to increase tree cover, please advise why healthy trees were felled in areas of Beckenham Place Park which do not form part of the 18th Century Parkland landscape and please advise how many more healthy trees are to be felled, in view of the fact that the tree canopy there has already reduced by 3 - 4 hectares?

Reply

Following closure of the golf course in 2016, work has begun on the restoration of the Georgian landscape at Beckenham Place Park. As outlined in our approved

planning application, this includes reinstatement of the lake and key views across the parkland which had been inhibited by insensitive golf course plantings from the early 1990's. Where trees were removed we focussed on removing those which were already dead, diseased, overcrowded or in poor form, all of which would have shortened lifespans. We will continue with our restoration work in the coming winter and will only remove trees when necessary to complete the restoration aims. Over the winter of 2016/17 we planted over 12,000 native trees to repair damage caused to the ancient woodland by the golf course fairways and to thicken the woodland fringe of the park. Over the coming winter working together with Trees for Cities and with continued support from the Mayor of London we will plant at least another 3,000 trees to continue expansion of the tree cover in the park. We are grateful for the financial support of the Mayor of London for these tree planting initiatives and to the more than 100 volunteers of all ages who have helped us achieve so much already.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 22

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: David D Silva Pereira

Member to reply: Councillor Bell

Question

Please could London and Quadrant and Notting Hill Genesis provide a breakdown of what estate services it provides on the Silwood Estate?

Reply

Services on the Silwood Estate are delivered by a combination of different agencies.

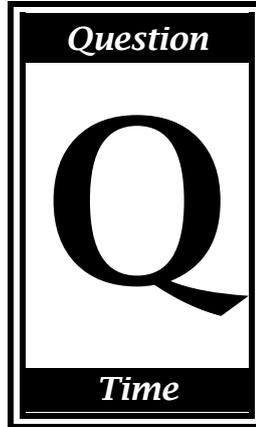
L&Q provide the following Estate Services:

- Grounds Maintenance
- Play Equipment Maintenance/Serviceing

- Communal Refuse Bin Hire
- Bulk Refuse Collection
- Communal Pest Control
- Buildings Insurance (not for blocks which have exercised the right to manage)
- Service Charge Audit Fees
- L&Q Admin Fee (Homeowners)

Notting Hill Genesis have units in the Silwood Street development, also known as Blueprint. This site is run by a Residents Management Committee (RMC), who have appointed an agent, HAUS. All estate and block services for this site are provided by HAUS, who also set service charges, on behalf of the Silwood Street RMC.

Lewisham Council provide street cleaning, street lighting, refuse collection and fly tip removal services.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 23

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mrs Richardson

Member to reply: Councillor Slater

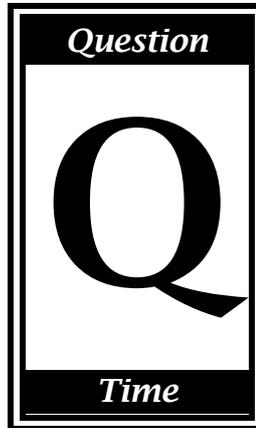
Question

From the 2018/2019 Library Service Budget Book, how much is allocated for stock, separately book stock and other stock?

Reply

The Stock Fund for the financial year 2018/2019 is £326,000. To date, £230,000 has been allocated which is broken down as follows:

Books	£148,700
Other stock	£ 81,300



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 24

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Williams

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

The Mayor of London's audit of pollution at the fifty school sites most impacted by air pollution was recently released. One of the schools in Evelyn Ward that is on this list is Deptford Park School, which sits directly on the congested Evelyn Street. Will the Council commit to urgently finding the money to create a Living Green Wall, one of the most effective ways of shielding the pupils attending the school from the most dangerous particulate matter?

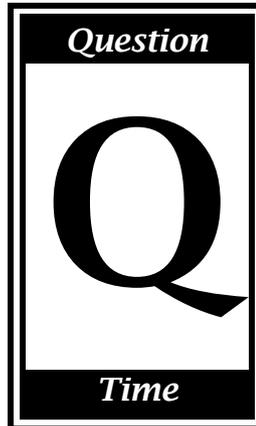
Reply

The Mayor of London carried out Air Quality Audits at three schools within the borough, which were St James Hatcham Primary, Haseltine Primary and Deptford

Park Primary. Details of the audit recommendations can be found in <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/mayors-school-air-quality-audit-programme>

One of the recommendations for Deptford Park Primary was 'install green screening/climbers around the exposed main playground to supplement the security fencing.'

As part of the Mayor of London's commitment to bringing improvements to the schools he has allocated £10,000 to fund one of the recommendations from the audit for each of the schools. The school and Council needs to meet with Transport for London (TfL) to put forward the proposal for how we'd like to use the money, which is subject to their approval. The Council is however currently looking at ways of funding the shortfall for installing a green screen, on the basis that TfL will agree to this. The Environmental Protection team are already in discussions with the school about this proposal. We are chasing TfL for a meeting so we can progress this as quickly as possible.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO 25.

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Morris

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

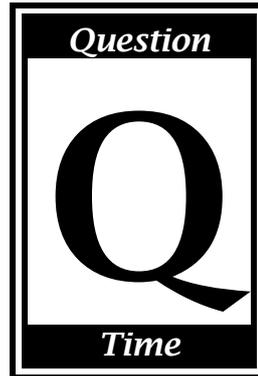
What is Lewisham Council's policy of enforcing pavements clear of street signs and other clutter, especially to assist blind and visually impaired people? Are you aware there has, for a long time, been a high number of shops signs on Rushey Green creating a number of obstacles for pedestrians, yet no action seems to be taken.

Reply

The Council is responsible for ensuring the pavements under its control allow the safe passage of pedestrians, and our Highways team has the power to remove items that are obstructing the highway or causing danger to the public. However, the Council is

also supportive of local businesses and offers licences, where appropriate, to enable businesses to safely locate items on forecourts and footways, provided there is enough space. The Council has also pledged to establish an accessibility commission that will look at ways to promote safe and secure access around our borough for all our residents and visitors.

The A21 Rushey Green is part of the Transport for London Road Network, and so TfL have responsibility for all signs and street furniture at this location. The Council would be happy to raise this issue with TfL to help de-clutter the area.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 26

Priority 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Andrea Carey Fuller

Member to reply: Cllr Bell

Question

My question relates to the request from 80% (12 out of 15) Reginald Road residents whose homes are under threat of Demolition for an independent ballot on the future of their homes: This is as a result of a decision made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 27th June 2018 to go ahead with the current Tidemill Site Development Plans even though the majority of local residents are against these plans, and residents from Reginald House asked the Mayor in person to support alternative plans which would save their homes.

Sadiq Khan in passing this planning application back to Lewisham Council on 11th June 2018, urged the Mayor and Cabinet to give Residents an independent ballot following a petition by them to him and Lewisham Council which showed that 80% of the residents were against their homes being demolished.

The Mayor and Cabinet have not given any logical reason by they are not giving Reginald Road residents an independent ballot - given that the local community campaign would ensure that a community-led alternative plan for this site would equal and aim to increase the number of social homes on this Site.

So, as the number of social homes being built on this site would be the same if a community-led design were used - why isn't the Council (given this is one of the Mayor's Manifesto commitments) giving Reginald Road residents a ballot to determine the future of their homes?

Reply

The development at Reginald Road will contribute a significant number of new genuinely affordable, social rented, family homes to help address London's housing crisis. All homes, apart from those in the refurbished Tidemill school building, will be affordable of which 117 will be for social rent. This is a net increase of 104 social rented homes on the site.

The Council wants residents to help shape their neighbourhood and has undertaken extensive consultation in the past and is continuing to speak to residents. The design of the development has been consulted on extensively over a number of years in line with the existing legal framework that ensures that secure Council tenants are formally consulted and their views considered. Under this framework the views of secure tenants have considered by the Council's Mayor and Cabinet Committee on a number of occasions over a number of years.

This project is now ready to be delivered, as both the Mayor of London and our own Strategic Planning Committee have approved the plans and I support their recommendations.

The Council notes the Mayor of London's suggestion, within his Stage 2 response to the planning application, that the Council should consider a ballot. However, on 27 June the Council's Mayor and Cabinet resolved to extend the "longstop date" on the existing contract, and thereby to proceed with the development without retrospectively applying the need for a ballot. This decision was made for a number of reasons.

Firstly, it is important to note that, in his letter, the Mayor of London also stated that he will not require Peabody to carry out a ballot in this instance to obtain GLA funding. This is because there is already a contract in place between Peabody and the GLA, and this constraint also applies to the Council which has its own contract with Peabody. It is technically possible to renegotiate any contract, but this comes with a financial cost and significant delay to delivery.

Secondly, within his draft guidance on ballots, the Mayor of London notes that the appropriate time to undertake a ballot is before plans have been developed, well in advance of planning permission being granted. This development is much further advanced than that, and as is the case across London, the GLA's draft guidance does not expect the requirement for ballots to be implemented retrospectively in these instances.

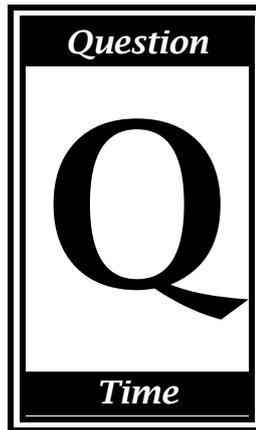
Thirdly, this development has been brought forward in close consultation with the community, and the view of secure tenants have been considered when decisions have been made. The legislative framework for the Council in carrying out projects like this is the Housing Act of 1985, Section 105 of which requires that secure tenants are meaningfully consulted on issues that materially affect their tenancies, and the Council has done this, and considered the feedback from that consultation on a number of occasions over the past six years. While in the future the GLA may formalise its draft guidance, and the Council may choose to take its own policy position, it should be noted and remembered that this project has come forward in line with the current legal requirements on the Council to engage with its residents.

Finally, and most importantly, holding a ballot now will mean delay and that the very many benefits that this project will bring cannot be delivered for Lewisham residents in housing need. The most notable benefit of the development will be a net increase of 104 social rented homes on the Tidemill site, all of which will have lifetime security of tenure. There are 9,500 Lewisham households in housing need on its Housing Register, of which 1,900 are homeless and in temporary accommodation. These residents equally need to be considered in our decision making, and delaying now would delay the opportunity to house 104 homeless families securely and permanently.

We also acknowledge the request to look at a different design. However, the plans are simply too far advanced to stop and re-start. Furthermore, as noted by the Mayor of London, the alternative scheme that was prepared has not been through detailed technical assessment or testing.

The key point is that it could take up to two years to look at an alternative, at a significant additional cost, and with no certainty that at the conclusion of the exercise there will be any significant additional benefit to what is available now.

This has not been an easy decision for the Council but it has concluded that, on balance, it is better to proceed with the project as it stands, and obtain the benefits of that as soon as possible, rather than to have further delay of the benefits and more uncertainty for residents, both those in Reginald House and those who are homeless and dispersed around south east London and Kent and who await a home of their own.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 27

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Rosalind Huish

Member to reply: Councillor Bonavia

Question

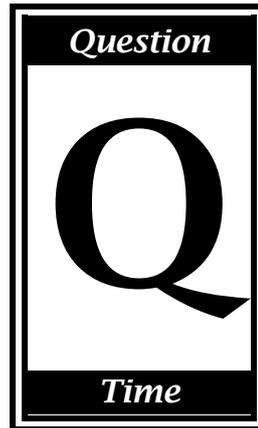
Please can you share the Council's social media policy and details of social media training provided to officers and councillors?

Reply

We are in the process of updating the Council's Social Media Policy and once agreed it will be available on the Council website. We aim to publish it in the next few months.

Social media training is provided to councillors with the next training session taking place in September by Mosaic Media Training. For officers, training is largely provided internally.

In the meantime, councillors and officers are required to abide by the respective Codes of Conduct contained within the Council's Constitution. These set out the expected standards of behaviour in their communications with other parties, regardless of how they are made.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 28

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Andy Tonge

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

Prior to the closure of the public golf course in Beckenham Place Park, officers released details of the Council's contract with Glendale golf, thereby establishing that income accrued from such commercial usage of a Council facility is not commercially sensitive data. Please, advise details of the income generated by the cycle racing activities in the park operated by Beastway and advise on overall progress against the income generation target that underpinned the Sustainability Plan that formed a

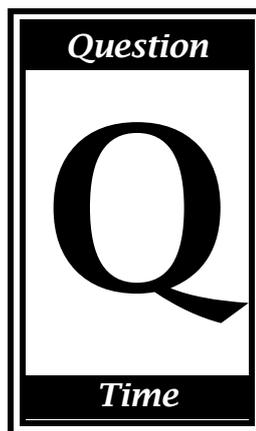
part of the submission for HLF funding, and formed a part of the documentation suite submitted for planning approval.

Reply

The council believes that it was appropriate to provide details of the income from the public golf course prior to a decision being taken on its future by the Mayor in February 2016. When considering the loss of a long running public facility the public interest test was in favour of disclosure of this information.

There is no compelling argument that the same disclosure should apply to fees paid for small ad hoc events of a temporary nature which have no long term impact on park users. Disclosure of fees paid by hirers could impact on the fees they are expected to pay elsewhere and could reduce the Council's ability to negotiate future hire charges.

Income expected to be derived from use of the park and its buildings is projected from the 2019/20 financial year onwards, as we are reliant on the ability of the restored buildings and parkland to generate income to support the park's maintenance and running costs. It is therefore too early to advise on progress as this restoration work has only just begun.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 29

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Anthony Crowther

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

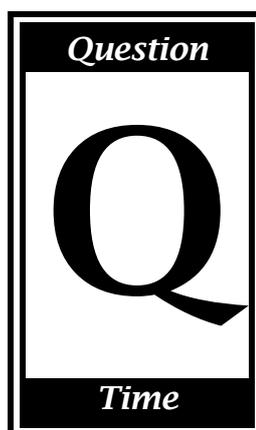
According to the Council's website there are only two locations where residents can take lightbulbs to be recycled in Lewisham. One is the reuse and recycling centre in New Cross and the other at Lewisham Library.

Does the Council have a record of how many light bulbs are recycled at these facilities? Are there any plans to increase the number of locations light bulbs can be recycled?

Reply

We currently have domestic light bulb recycling facilities in the south of the borough at Lewisham Library and in the north at the Reuse and Recycling centre. There are additional locations for commercial light bulb recycling across the borough. These are located at Chiltonian Industrial Estate Manor Lane SE12 and Bell Green Retail Park SE26.

We do not count individual light bulbs that have been recycled but we do record the tonnage. During 2017/18 a total of 0.5 tonnes were collected and recycled. There are currently no plans to extend this service but this will be reviewed over the next 6 months.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 30

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Ms Phipps

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

Nearly 10,000 people have signed a petition to call for a Car Free Day in London this September. Studies show that the same number of people are dying every year from air pollution in London - car free days offer an opportunity to reduce this risk on the day in question and encourage residents to rethink their travel options. Will the

council commit to holding its own Car Free Day, with the exception of essential travel, this September on borough controlled roads, and negotiate with TfL arrangements for those roads through Lewisham not under the councils control?

Reply

Lewisham is committed to improving air quality as part of our healthy streets initiatives. As part of the work we do in partnership with TFL we encourage sustainable modes of travel, promoting public transport, cycling and walking throughout the year. The Quietway 1 cycle route has been opened and we are looking at ways of joining up the existing routes to encourage more families to enjoy cycling.

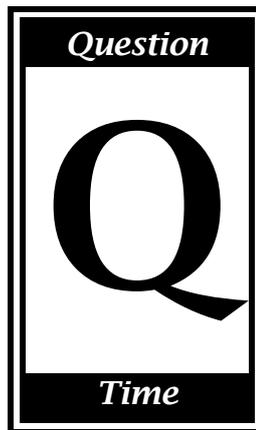
The campaign for a car-free day this year is on the 22nd of September we will be promoting the initiative to schools and through the council social media channels to raise awareness.

We will also look at offering a list of 'easy to do' options for local residents to support the initiative in their own way, such as information on the current cycling initiatives, the routes in Lewisham but also promote the benefits of walking and cycling on health and the environment.

The borough runs events throughout the year with schools to highlight the impact of travelling to school by car. As part of a School Travel Plan programme of work initiatives to reduce the number of children being driven to school is one of the main measures of success. In recent years this has included a temporary street closure at school drop off and pick up times. Schools are invited to apply for a temporary closure through the school travel plan programme, each request will be looked at individually by the Highways Team and supported wherever possible. We hope to increase the number of requests from schools, however the school is responsible for the management of it at this time, but should funds become available in the Local Implementation Plan we will investigate how to make temporary street closures and play streets easier for schools to deliver.

We will also look at where we can reduce car use within the Council. We promote campaigns to encourage cycling and walking through the year in Bike Week, Walk to school week, etc. We will also be introducing dockless bikes in to the borough this year as a further incentive to leave the car at home.

As a council we will continue to promote reducing car use by using sustainable modes of travel throughout the year in schools and at public events.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 31

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Richardson

Member to reply: The Mayor

Question

The issue of digital exclusion by various levels of government in running their affairs interacting with the public was raised at a local hustings in Lewisham before the local elections in May 2018. As Lewisham Council has accepted fully the policy of digitisation does the newly elected Mayor have any plans/policy to ensure that the

already disadvantaged and socially excluded are not further isolated and cut off from essential services and government information?

Reply

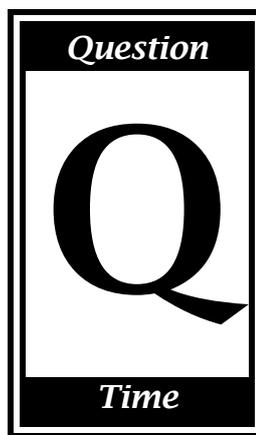
Although there has been a significant shift to online services, the Council recognises that there are residents who have difficulty using online services. The following measures have been put in place to ensure that those who are experiencing difficulty in accessing online services are not marginalised by the digital age.

Since January 2016 there has been a borough-wide project to address digital inclusion. The project provides support networks for those who want to get online and ensures that there are suitable alternatives for those who are experiencing difficulty. We are working closely with the Department of Work and Pensions and local housing providers to safeguard vulnerable people as they transition to government online Universal Credit.

Council alternatives to online include:

- The Benefits department provide telephone service for new claims
- Benefits change of circumstances evidence remains a postal service
- Telephone facilities are still available for all other Council services via a same day call back provision
- Customer Service Centre operate walk-in for forms and evidence service
- Digital Zones – There are specific support sessions in Catford library that provide training and guidance for residents to help them access digital services. Residents can learn to use their own smartphone or tablet to access Council services.

At the same time, I recognise that the Council's current website, created in 2012, needs a major refresh. I have asked for significant improvements to be made to the Council's website and online resources, making improvements to stability and improving accessibility for all residents. The Council's new website will be launched soon.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 32

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Loredana Minini

Member to reply: Councillor Bell

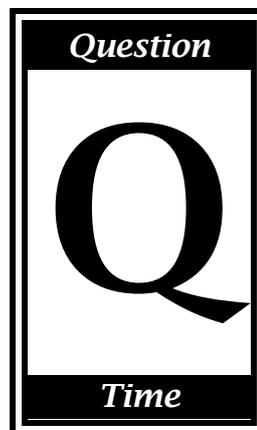
Question

Is the Council aware that the regeneration of Rainsborough Avenue under a S106 agreement with Barratt London has resulted in several problems: (1) The newly planted trees are currently not watered and could die in the hot weather, (2) some of

the grass was laid on a concrete base and has now died (3) a strip of land planted with wild flowers is now dry and looks very neglected. Will the Council commit to maintaining/watering the newly planted trees regularly and help residents to rectify the poor planting on this road?

Reply

The land in question is owned by the Council. The landscaping referred to was paid for and carried out in connection with an adjoining private residential development scheme. The trees were not planted by Lewisham Homes therefore I have asked officers from the Councils Open Space Management team to inspect the site, assess the condition of the trees and arrange for any necessary maintenance.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 33

Priority 2

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Trina Lynskey

Member to reply: The Mayor

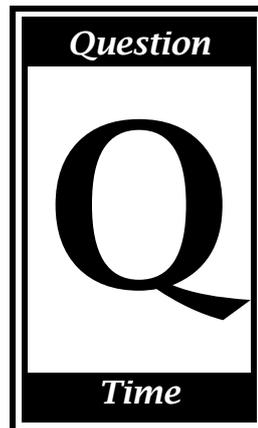
Question

Will Lewisham Council commit to allocating £300k this summer to improving Folkestone Gardens, Sayes Court Park and Silwood play spaces for universal benefit to all children and support Early Years education and health outcomes?

Reply

The only potential funds which are available to support large scale landscape and play spaces improvements are Section 106 receipts. Access to Section 106 funding is strictly controlled with processes in place to ensure the monies held are spent appropriately and in accordance with the terms of the legal agreements which have been signed with developers.

While the Council cannot therefore commit to allocating this money until the proper processes have been followed, I will ask the appropriate officers to look into the availability of any unallocated Section 106 funds.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 34

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Carole Hope

Member to reply: Councillors McGeevor

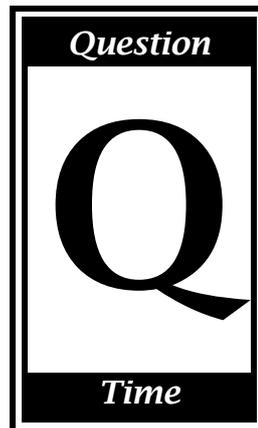
Question

Please advise why the new information boards at Beckenham Place Park make no reference to the Flood Alleviation Scheme previously advised for the east of the park, nor any of the features associated with it that would specifically benefit the Lewisham residents close to that area i.e. toilets, upgraded skate park, upgraded children's play area and new adventure play for older children?

Reply

The information boards which have been erected in the west side of Beckenham Place Park give details of the works that are currently on site. They are located close to where work is happening so that visitors understand that the disruption in that location is for a good cause and they provide details of what is being created at each location.

As the Environment Agency scheme on the east side of the railway lines is not at the works stage and the east side of the park is unaffected by the works it is not detailed on the information boards.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 35

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: David Da Silva Pereira

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

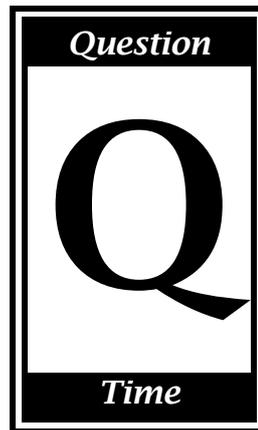
What is the Council going to do about the fly tipping on the Silwood Estate and Bolina Road?

Reply

The Council continues to take fly-tipping very seriously and investigates a substantial amount of incidents every month. The Council is deploying CCTV cameras at fly-tipping hotspots borough wide and has invested in three new high spec Automatic Number Plate Recognition High Definition cameras during the past 12 months at a significant cost.

Borough wide (including Evelyn & New Cross Wards) the Council's Clean Streets (Enforcement) Team take a zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping issuing on the spot fines to those fly-tipping and to those not maintaining waste disposal documents. In Evelyn & New Cross 68 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for waste offences in the past 12 months. We continue to issue £400 fly-tipping Fixed Penalties and have doubled the litter penalty from £75 to £150 earlier this year.

We are also in the process of looking at whether joint up working with the London Borough of Southwark may be necessary to resolve issues in the Evelyn area on the Lewisham/Southwark boundary.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 36

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mrs Richardson

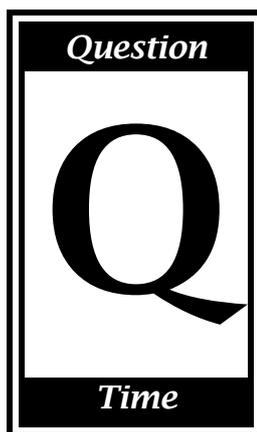
Member to reply: Councillor Slater

Question

How many weddings and/or civil ceremonies have been held at the Manor House Library from 1st June 2017 until 30th June 2018?

Reply

Manor House hosted 6 ceremonies between 1 June 2017 and 30 June 2018.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 37

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Williams

Member to reply: The Mayor

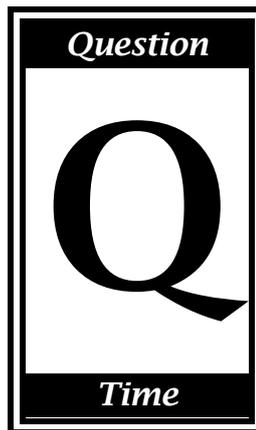
Question

Will the Mayor commit, finally, to ruling out CPO on the land around Millwall's stadium once and for all?

Reply

A fresh decision would be required in order for any CPO on the land around Millwall's stadium to be made. I recently met with Millwall and Renewal to facilitate positive engagement between them.

I want to see a development that has the support of the community. I am committed to ensuring that Millwall FC is based in Lewisham for generations to come.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 38

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Rosalind Huish

Member to reply: Cllr Bonavia

Question

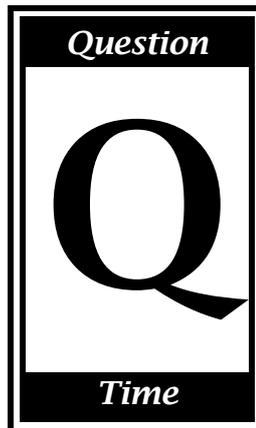
When was end user testing last carried out on the council website - specifically around ease of access to information?

Reply

User testing on the current Council website was last carried out between 9 and 19 April 2018. Two full days were used in Catford Library to test the website with members of the public during this time. The testing was carried out for the Council independently by user experience experts, RedWeb.

Some 15 people took part using different devices - 10 people using desktops and 5 using mobile devices.

Recommendations from the testing are feeding into current work to build a new Council website which is due to go live later this year. In addition, as part of the testing of the new website before it goes live, we will seek the input of residents of variety of personal backgrounds, especially those who find it more difficult than average in using information technology.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 39

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Andy Tonge

Member to reply: Cllr McGeevor

Question

At the recent Beckenham Place Park flower show there were people outside the mansion manually recording on paper the postcodes of people as they entered the building. What percentage of people from Lewisham post codes were recorded and will the Council make available those paper records for inspection?

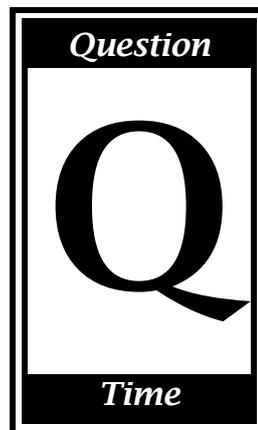
Reply

The BPP Flower show visitor survey was a snap shot survey to help us report back to our funders and also to help us plan and market future events. It was undertaken by volunteers and will not have recorded all visitors to the event, but will give some idea of reach.

Upon reviewing the survey, we discovered that the volunteers hadn't often filled in the full postcode. Where the first part was completed, we have provided a tally for these postcode areas in the table below. Due to some partial postcodes crossing borough boundaries it is not possible to give a definitive percentage of residents from Lewisham who attended. Copies of the survey can be requested from the project team.

Postcode	Number	%
SE1	1	0.44%
SE4	5	2.18%
SE6	38	16.59%
SE8	1	0.44%
SE9	2	0.87%
SE12	4	1.75%
SE13	6	2.62%
SE14	1	0.44%
SE15	1	0.44%
SE16	1	0.44%
SE18	1	0.44%
SE20	6	2.62%
SE21	1	0.44%
SE22	1	0.44%
SE23	7	3.06%
SE24	1	0.44%
SE25	3	1.31%
SE26	7	3.06%
SE27	1	0.44%

BR1	33	14.41%
BR2	8	3.49%
BR3	68	29.69%
BR4	5	2.18%
BR5	2	0.87%
BR6	2	0.87%
BR7	1	0.44%
BR8	1	0.44%
W1	1	0.44%
NW1	1	0.44%
N11	1	0.44%
N14	1	0.44%
N17	1	0.44%
SW4	1	0.44%
SW12	1	0.44%
WC2E	1	0.44%
TN4	1	0.44%
TN10	1	0.44%
CR0	3	1.31%
CR2	1	0.44%
CR4	1	0.44%
ME7	1	0.44%
ME10	1	0.44%
SM1	1	0.44%
CI2	1	0.44%
PR12	1	0.44%
DA15	1	0.44%



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 40

Priority 3

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Richardson

Member to reply: The Mayor

Question

I did hear it on 'The Grapevine' that our new directly elected Mayor is to decide on Policy Matters by means of sharing with Cabinet Members the details of matters requiring decisions before conclusions are made.

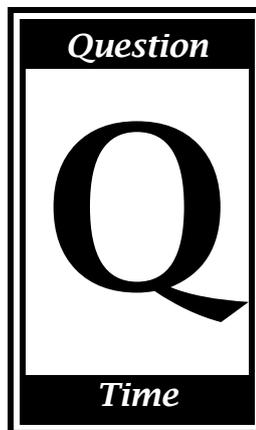
Is this an attempt to Bring Back Democracy to Lewisham residents, rather than continue with the Autocratic Rule of the previous Administration?

Is this method of decision making within the remit of a Directly Elected Mayoral system?

Reply

I have implemented a new collective approach to decision-making in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000. By delegating executive decision-making to meetings of Mayor and Cabinet, I have given more involvement and ownership in decisions to members of my Cabinet. Meetings of Mayor & Cabinet are open to the public to attend.

The Council will shortly be launching a Local Democracy Review which will make recommendations about how the Council could enhance openness and transparency, further develop public involvement in Council decisions and promote effective decision-making.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 41

Priority 4

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Carole Hope

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

In view of the fact that a small team of officers and other selected individuals invited to four forums are responsible for making decisions about major changes to the usage of Beckenham Place Park, please advise whether, in the interests of openness and transparency, the council will publish the minutes of the four forums on the website and also why the Friends of Beckenham Place Park have been refused representation on the main Steering Group?

Reply

The Council has created four forums for current and potential park users to contribute towards improvements and activities in the park. They are:

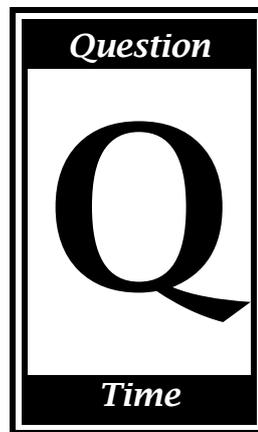
- Nature, history and interpretation
- Active
- Children young people and schools
- Arts and events

The forums are designed to give those who want to volunteer their time to develop elements of the park's offer under these broad headings a space where they can put forward and develop ideas for future implementation.

The forums are not responsible for making decisions about major changes in the usage of the park. Any such proposals would at the least have to be agreed by the Head of Greenscene (the Council's Parks Department).

The Friends of Beckenham Place Park take part in the forum meetings and have access to the minutes of the meetings. We would have no objection if they chose to publish them on their website, but we think they are of limited interest to the public so we do not intend to publish them ourselves.

The Friends of Beckenham Place Park are not represented on project's steering group because this is made up of key partners from a professional sphere including councillors, officers and partner organisations.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 42

Priority 4

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: David Da Silva Pereira

Member to reply: Councillors McGeevor

Question

What is the Council going to do about the fly tipping in Evelyn Ward?

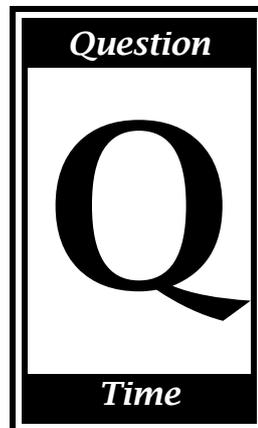
Reply

Answer is as per PQ34.

The Council continues to take fly-tipping very seriously and investigates a substantial amount of incidents every month. The Council is deploying CCTV cameras at fly-tipping hotspots borough wide and has invested in three new high spec Automatic Number Plate Recognition High Definition cameras during the past 12 months at a significant cost.

Borough wide (including Evelyn & New Cross Wards) the Council's Clean Streets (Enforcement) Team take a zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping issuing on the spot fines to those fly-tipping and to those not maintaining waste disposal documents. In Evelyn & New Cross 68 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for waste offences in the past 12 months. We continue to issue £400 fly-tipping Fixed Penalties and have doubled the litter penalty from £75 to £150 earlier this year.

We are also in the process of looking at whether joint up working with the London Borough of Southwark may be necessary to resolve issues in the Evelyn area on the Lewisham/Southwark boundary.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 43

Priority 4

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mrs Richardson

Member to reply: Councillor Slater

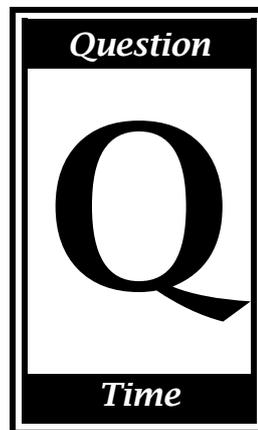
Question

Adult Education (ALL) in Lewisham seems to be reducing certain classes to be available at one centre only (Brockley Rise), in the borough. In particular this may affect exercise, movement, dance - all of which are valuable to maintain good health, especially for the older residents. The borough stretches from Forest Hill to Lee and from Deptford Strand to Grove Park. In spite of financial constraints and sometimes the inability to attract students, how does Lewisham Council propose that such activities could be more widely accessible? The previous Mayor conducted a Poverty Commission for the borough and I understand 25% of the population is under 19 and of those 30% live in poverty, 25% of the pensioners in the borough live in poverty. Will this have any impact on the provision of Adult/Community Education for Lewisham's residents?

Reply

Lewisham Council remains committed to the value of adult learning and its positive impact on Lewisham's communities and residents. Resources are limited, but there remain three adult learning centres across the borough, each with its own specialist rooms. It is important that we run classes in the most appropriate settings, and currently Brockley Rise is the only adult learning centre with a hall suitable for movement/dance/exercise. However, recent research has shown that an adult learning class in general (not only physical exercise classes) has a positive impact on health and wellbeing, particular for older learners. So attending a class in any of the three centres will help enable older residents to maintain good health, and we would like to continue to promote that message.

Lewisham Council also remains committed to reducing poverty across the borough, and to understanding the role that adult learning has to take in helping to do this. With that in mind Adult Learning Lewisham has been taking part in research to understand the learning and work travel patterns in areas of high deprivation in the borough, which shall be used to plan adult education provision in future.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 44

Priority 4

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Mr Williams

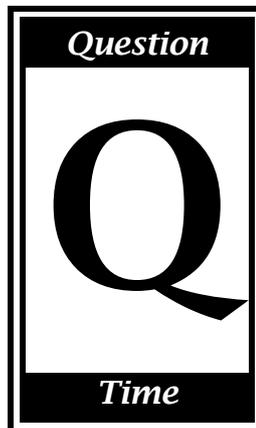
Member to reply: Cllr Bell

Question

During the recent heatwave the local community in Evelyn Ward has had to do the work of Lewisham Homes and turn out to water young, recently-planted trees along Rainsborough Avenue SE8. Will the Mayor ensure that Lewisham Homes recognises its responsibility to these trees in future, ensuring that local environmental assets are maintained?

Reply

The land in question is owned by the Council. The landscaping referred to was paid for & carried out in connection with an adjoining private residential development scheme. The trees were not planted by Lewisham Homes therefore I have asked officers from the Councils Open Space Management team to inspect the site, assess the condition of the trees and arrange for any necessary maintenance.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 45

Priority 4

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Rosalind Huish

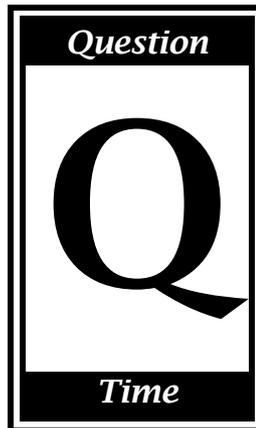
Member to reply: Cllr McGeevor

Question

Has an air impact assessment been carried out at Beckenham Place Park since the felling of trees?

Reply

Air quality impact assessments (AQIA) may sometimes be required to support planning applications where there are significant concerns that the new development will generate pollution, such as gas emissions, particulates etc. The restoration of the park is not likely to cause any such issues and therefore no air quality impact assessment (AQIA) has been carried out for the restoration of Beckenham Place Park.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 46

Priority 4

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Andy Tonge

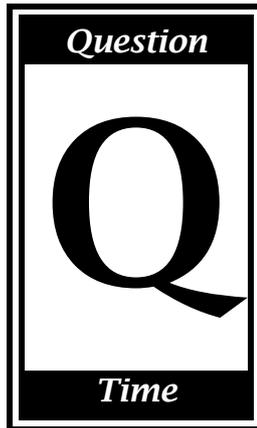
Member to reply: Cllr McGeevor

Question

Paragraph 9.2 of the Beckenham Place Park landscape tender Jan 2018 said “Please detail other projects that you have been involved in within the last three years which have involved works of a similar nature and budget, particularly those in public parks. You must demonstrate your experience/ your sub contractor’s experience of creating lakes or water features, as this is a key part of the landscape works. You should describe at least 2 highly relevant case studies and not more than 4.” Please advise the experience of id Verde in creating lakes

Reply

Idverde are the lead landscape contractor for this project and their team includes a specialist sub-contractor Miles Water Engineering Ltd who will deliver the lake restoration. MWE have a strong track record of delivering projects of this nature including the enlargement and reshaping of the lake in Burgess Park, Southwark. They were also responsible for restoration and creation of significant water features and earthworks at Boughton House one of the most important 18th Century designed landscapes in England. Their website <http://www.miles-water.com> shows further examples from an extensive portfolio work.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 47

Priority 5

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: David Da Silva Pereira

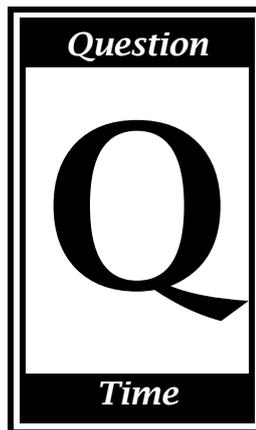
Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

What is Network Rail's plans for the Arches on Silwood Street?

Reply

Lewisham and Southwark are currently working on a joint feasibility study with Network Rail looking at the future role of land around Bermondsey Dive Under which includes the Silwood Rail Arches. At present this is at an early stage in development. This study will look at viable, safe and secure uses, appropriate for the area. The Council is otherwise not aware of any long term aspirations of Network Rail.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 48

Priority 5

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: Rosalind Huish

Member to reply: Cllr McGeevor

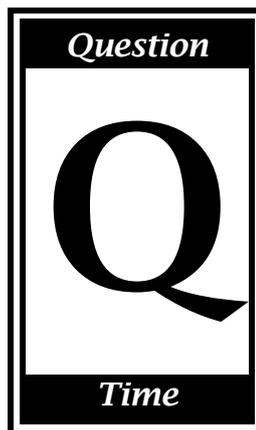
Question

Will there be any water quality and water safety policies that will be in place ahead of wild Swimming at Beckenham Place Park?

Reply

Water quality in the lake will be tested at regular intervals. We expect that it may take a little time after completion for the aquatic plants to develop sufficiently to achieve optimum water quality. The plants will remove nutrients from the water and this will prevent algae from growing in warm conditions.

Water safety policies will be developed before swimming or other any use is permitted. Safety notices and buoyancy aids will also be provided.



PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 49

Priority 6

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

18 JULY 2018

Question asked by: David Da Silva Pereira

Member to reply: Councillor McGeevor

Question

What is the Council going to do about residents on Silwood Estate who reserve parking places for themselves by placing wheelie bins in the bay outside their house?

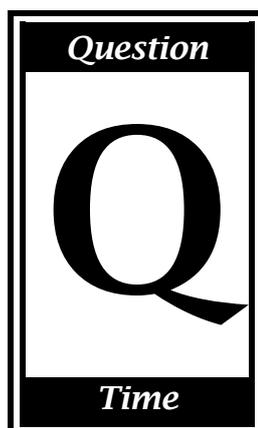
Reply

The roads on the Silwood Estate have been adopted by Lewisham/Southwark Council.

At present there are no parking restrictions on the Silwood Estate. Lewisham Council do not enforce on the Silwood Estate, other than on double yellow lines.

L&Q, who manage parts of the Silwood Estate do not police the parking areas, as they are adopted highways.

However, where the alleged parties are L&Q residents, L&Q have informed the council that they can enforce the terms of the tenancy stating that residents should not cause a nuisance and that all residents have the right to enjoy their home. Residents will be informed of the breach via letter and will be followed up with a site visit if this reoccurs. Persistent L&Q residents will be passed over to the internal Case Management Team, to individually manage the issue going forward.



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Priority 6

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

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Question asked by: Rosalind Huish

Member to reply: Councillor Barnham

Question

How will you practically prevent Lewisham schools becoming academies and how will you market Lewisham secondary schools to parents given 40% choose to go out of borough at the moment?

Reply

We are committed to supporting and improving the Lewisham family of schools, opposing all forms of selection and providing the knowledge and support to parents, teachers and governors who are fighting academisation in their schools.

Local authorities and local communities have little say over whether a school becomes an academy. This trend has continued since 2010 as a result of policy and legislation of central government – both Conservative-controlled and during the Liberal Democrat-Conservative coalition.

We believe that the best way of maintaining the existing Lewisham family of schools is by ensuring that all of our schools provide a good education. As well as being good for Lewisham children, if we ensure that no Lewisham schools are judged to be inadequate by Ofsted – which I am pleased to note is currently the case – we avoid those schools receiving an academy order. We do this through using our 'School Improvement Framework' which aims to 'catch schools before they fall'. We want to ensure that being part of Lewisham is as attractive as possible through good quality support services and a supportive school improvement offer through Lewisham Learning, our school-led school improvement partnership.

I recognise that parents and local communities are not always aware of the achievements and success of our schools and the young people in them. We are therefore supporting secondary schools in improving their marketing strategies and improving public understanding of the many positives and good news stories about all our schools.

