

QUESTIONS FOR CABINET MEMBERS

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from Councillor Lynne Hale

Councillor Alisa Flemming

Question No. CQ056-18

Please advise the number of cases assessed and the Ofsted gradings awarded to each case, for the past four Practice Week Audits, including the one carried out in January 2018.

Reply

Children's social care in Croydon developed the use of practice weeks in the autumn of 2016. The practice week model is used to understand practice and drive forward thematic areas of improvement. It forms part of a quality assurance framework that has recently been refreshed with the assistance of Achieving for Children.

For the practice week in January 2018 a total of 53 cases were audited. Grading's outcomes were 1 good, 19 requires improvement and 33 inadequate. Ofsted were not involved in the practice week. Outcomes from previous practice weeks were not formally collected so it is not possible to report upon the grading outcomes.

We apply both the Ofsted audit tool and inspection methodology. Grading's are arrived at as a judgement on current practice and the continuing impact of historic practice. This means that the majority of cases are still being considered to be inadequate overall even though this may be within the context of more recent improvement.

Achieving for Children have supported Croydon to review our Quality Assurance Framework and Camden's intensive peer support has begun to support strengthening further the audit process.

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from Councillor Andrew Pelling

Councillor Alison Butler

Question No. CQ077-18

Please detail the number of council properties owned at 18 Bramley Hill and Albury Court.

Reply

18 Bramley Hill - 16 flats – 7 leaseholders, 9 tenants
Albury Court 1-16 – 16 flats – 4 leaseholders, 12 tenants.
Albury Court 17-32 – 16 flats – 8 leaseholders, 8 tenants.

from Councillor Andrew Pelling

Councillor Alison Butler

Question No. CQ078-18

Please detail the number of kitchens that have been refurbished at council properties at 18, Bramley Hill and Albury Court since 2008-09.

Reply

18 Bramley Hill – 2 (of 9 tenanted properties)
Albury Court 1-32 – 16 (of 20 tenanted properties)

Kitchens are refurbished/replaced according to the modern facilities criteria as defined within the national decent homes standard. We inspect council homes on cyclical basis and also respond to resident requests for inspections outside the usual cycle. Where the modern facilities criteria is found to not be met (or our records show that a renewal is due) properties are added to the capital programme for refurbishment/replacement.

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from Councillor Andrew Pelling

Councillor Alison Butler

Question No. CQ079-18

Please detail by block the window replacement schedule of the blocks at 18, Bramley Hill and Albury Court since 2014-15.

Reply

18 Bramley Hill – Windows completed in 2014/15

Albury Court 1-16 – Due for replacement in 2029/30 (Current windows installed in 2004)

Albury Court 17-32 – On the 2019/20 programme (Current windows installed in 1995)

Windows are replaced on a cyclical basis based on the age and condition of repair of the windows.

Decisions about the buildings and components that are included each year in the council's capital investment programme are based on regular inspections and analysis of data held across all 14000 properties within the HRA housing stock and their respective components. Spend is prioritised according to age and need, including the need for essential health and safety works and continuing to meet the decent homes standard – currently 99.7%).

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from Councillor Mario Creatura

Councillor Hamida Ali

Question No. CQ072-18

Residents and Residents' Associations in Broad Green have contacted me concerned about the recent publicity and designation of this part of Croydon as 'historic Broad Green'.

I wonder if you could please answer the following questions:

1. What is the reason for changing the community name to 'Historic Broad Green'? How and why was the project conceived?
2. Could you please provide a map of the 'historic Broad Green area'?
3. What is the criteria for an area to be called 'historic'?
4. Friends of Broad Green (previously Broad Green RA) have said they were not involved in the process. Please detail the process by which the community was consulted including a list of stakeholders.
5. Could you please outline how the branding was agreed to by the local community? Including the reason for the colour choices.
6. The banners (below) that have recently been erected include 'West Croydon Voice'. Could you please tell me what this organisation is? Include how many members this organisation has; what geographic and democratic mandate it has (when was their last AGM where they were appointed etc); and why its logo appears on the banners but not those of other local community groups (like the Friends of Broad Green).

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7. The banners also include the logo for 'Big Local Broad Green' - this is not a community group either. Despite a lot of local people being involved at the beginning, residents tell me it is now only a small group fraught with management issues, with little community representation or engagement. Could you please tell me what your understanding of this organisation is? Include how many members this organisation has; what geographic and democratic mandate it has (when was their last AGM where they were appointed etc); and why its logo appears on the banners but not those of other local community groups (like the Friends of Broad Green).'

Reply

Elected Councillors decide how their ward budgets are spent and the project was agreed with the local community.