

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CQ098-18 from Councillor Vidhi Mohan

Councillor Stuart Collins

Could you please let me know what the total cost of the new recycling and waste collection arrangements are?

This includes the cost of supplying the new wheelie bins, cost of publicity material, administrative costs, etc.

Reply

The wheeled bins for paper and landfill waste were included as part of Veolia's bid for the SLWP Lot 1 contract which has saved the Council in excess of £5M per year. The decision to reduce the size of the landfill bins and to containerise the dry mixed recycling in wheeled bins is estimated to save at least £10M in avoided landfill costs over the next decade; which when added to the contract saving, makes a combined saving of over £60M over the next decade. This will more than make up for the initial investment of around £2.3M for the smaller landfill bins and will also fund the employment of staff to engage with residents plus the communications and publicity associated with the scheme and will still generate significant saving for the council. It will also help Croydon to become one of the cleanest, greenest boroughs in London.

CQ109-18 from Councillor Margaret Bird

Councillor Stuart Collins

Can the Cabinet member please tell me how often the street bins in Old Coulsdon should be emptied?

How this is monitored to prevent them overflowing?

And what is being done when they are found filled with bags of householder/ business rubbish?

Reply

The street litter Bins are emptied on a daily basis. With regards to fly tipping, this is followed up by the NSO team. When there is a persistent problem of either commercial fly tipping or household waste, searches are undertaken and followed up should any evidence be found. If evidence is found then a FPN is issued – a fine. The street monitoring officers check the state of the bins regularly to see if a change in frequency of emptying is needed.

CQ108-18 from Councillor Margaret Bird

Councillor Simon Hall

The Council posts its statutory notices in the free paper, the Croydon Guardian which was delivered to all addresses in the Borough.

With the withdrawal of a delivery by the newspaper in my Ward, Old Coulsdon, and I understand there are others, will there be a review of where the statutory notices are published to enable all residents to be kept informed?

Reply

Thank you for your question.

The Council publishes a broad range of different public notices under a variety of different legislative requirements dependent upon the service that the notice relates to.

In all cases, the Council fully complies with its statutory duties, which vary across the different pieces of legislation.

If there is a specific area that is causing you or your residents concern, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me directly.

CQ104-18 from Councillor Simon Hoar

Councillor Stuart King – Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration – Job Share (Acting)

1. TfL are undertaking a 25% reduction in the 412 bus frequency, a route that serves one of the largest schools in the borough and is a lifeline to the residents of Riddlesdown reliant on public transport. Will the Cabinet Member, and through him the council, lobby TfL and the Mayor to reverse this cut for the benefit of residents along the whole route, from West Croydon to Purley?
2. TfL propose changing the turnaround process for the 412 bus in Purley from turning right on to Brighton Road and the around the Purley Oaks centre, to going straight on at Purley Cross, along Banstead Road, Foxley Lane, Pampisford Road and right into Christchurch Road before turning right again into Brighton Road. This diversion will take the 412 through some of the areas most congested roads and then into a tight right-hand turn that will be difficult for a double decker bus to manoeuvre around the traffic island. Will the Cabinet Member and Council lobby TfL and the Mayor to look again at this change instead of relying on desk based research of a map to make changes?

Reply

1. I do not support the changes to the frequency of the 412 bus service that were introduced in September, and the council has made its position clear to TFL. The improved efficiency arising from the changes in the turnaround arrangements, which I support, make the need for further changes unnecessary.

In addition the new routeing enables passengers to access Purley Hospital from Pampisford Road and interchange with bus route 405. Hopefully this should also encourage higher passenger numbers and therefore increased revenue. Council officers have put this argument to TFL and received an assurance that they will continue to monitor the usage and capacity of this route.

2. The previous end of service routeing arrangements were inefficient and in need of change. Buses were required to run empty for a

considerable distance simply to turn around. That empty running was of no direct benefit to passengers but was a cost to TfL. The recent change means that the empty running is greatly reduced and additional passenger stops are served. The change was made following requests from passengers, the operator and Council officers via the Public Transport Liaison Panel. Again TfL has committed to monitor the bus usage and reliability/performance.

As TfL are initially introducing this as a temporary change the council will continue to press TfL to return the 412 to its previous frequency, particularly in the light of the anticipated operation efficiencies arising from the route change.

Finally, I acknowledge the challenges TfL are faced with given the considerable cuts imposed on them by central Government. In that context the councillor should not be surprised if the outcome is a reduced frequency for some services.