

Question Number	Question asked by:	Subject
CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES Councillor Simon Hall		
CQ007-20	Councillor Robert Canning	Average proportion of gross or net household income that is used to meet council tax bills
CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN GREEN CROYDON Councillor Stuart Collins		
CQ010-20	Councillor Helen Pollard	Grass Verges

CQ007-20 from Councillor Canning

Councillor Hall

“What estimate has been made of the average proportion of gross or net household income that is used to meet council tax bills in the borough and how does this vary across the different council tax bands A to H?”

Reply

The Council does not hold information on gross or net household income and therefore it is not possible to answer this question.

CQ010-20 from Councillor H. Pollard**Councillor Collins**

“Please can you tell me what the schedule is for cutting grass verges in Croydon? There are currently very overgrown and need to be cut.”

Reply

The usual cut cycle for grass verges in Croydon is every three weeks although this is not an exact science as there are external factors such as the weather which influence the ability to cut. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the cutting of residential grass verges was suspended, with grounds maintenance staff deployed within parks and cemeteries which continued to play a key role in residents' health and wellbeing. The GM was working with reduced staffing levels due to COVID related sickness and self isolation cases but continued to maintain the verges on key gateways into the boroughs and ensure sight lines were not compromised during this time. Residential verges are now being cut, however it is likely to be some time before we get back to a 'business as usual' cutting cycle, particularly with the popularity of our parks and open spaces during this difficult time. I'd like to take this opportunity to praise the hard work of the Council's in-house Grounds Maintenance who worked throughout the past few months to ensure people in Croydon could continue to use our parks and cemeteries and helped promote and enforce social distancing in these open spaces. I'm sure everyone here will join me in thanking staff for their magnificent efforts. Work is ongoing to promote biodiversity in the borough by creating areas for wildflower meadows for wildlife to flourish. In the meantime I'm sure we all understand the reasons for the grass being slightly longer than normal, and given the circumstances are prepared to show some patience until things get back to normal.