

## QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING</b> <b>Councillor Alisa Flemming</b>		
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**CQ013-17**      **from Councillor Andrew Pelling**

**Councillor Alisa Flemming**

Please detail which of Croydon's maintained schools are expected to pay the apprenticeship levy and the estimated total amount expected to be due from those schools in the next financial year.

## **Reply**

All employers will be charged the apprenticeship levy at a rate of 0.5% of their annual pay bill. This includes all schools.

A levy allowance of £15,000 per year per employer applies to offset against the levy paid. Therefore this means the levy applies only if the employer's pay bill exceeds £3 million in a given year. The total value of the pay bill for levy calculation purposes is determined by school's status and who the employer is:

1. For community, voluntary controlled and LA nurseries, the local authority is the employer. Croydon Local Authority has one annual allowance of £15,000.
2. For single voluntary aided schools, foundation schools and academies, the governing body is the employer and therefore each will be entitled to an allowance of £15,000.
3. Multi Academy Trusts are treated as one entity, irrespective of the number of schools in the Trust, and will therefore receive a single annual allowance of £15,000.

If a school becomes an academy part way through a tax year, the academy's governing body will be responsible for the apprenticeship levy from the point of conversion and will get a full allowance of £15,000.

We have 43 schools within category 1 (see attached list of schools) with an estimated total annual levy total of **£505,457**

Once the levy has been declared to HMRC (via monthly payroll), levy payers will be able to access this funding for apprenticeships through a new digital apprenticeship service account. This funding can be used to pay for training and assessment of apprentices. Those LA schools paying the levy via Croydon Local Authority (category 1 above) will have access to the Authority's digital account. Levy payers in categories 2 and 3 will have their own digital accounts. Non-levy paying schools (any schools in category 2 with annual pay bills below £3m) will have different arrangements for accessing funding to pay for apprenticeship training.

Schools	Status
Beaumont Primary School	Community
Beckmead Family of Schools	Community
Bensham Manor School	Community
Beulah Junior School	Community
Coulsdon Nursery School	LA Nursery
Courtwood Primary	Community
Crosfield Nursery & Children's Centre	LA Nursery
Cypress Primary School	Community
Downsview Primary School	Community
Elmwood Infant School	Community
Elmwood Junior	Community
Forestdale Primary	Community
Gilbert Scott Primary	Community
Greenvale Primary	Community
Gresham Primary School	Community
Heavers Farm Primary School	Community
Howard Primary	Community
Kenley Primary School	Community
Kensington Avenue	Community
Keston Primary School	Community
Monks Orchard Primary	Community
Norbury Manor Primary	Community
Orchard Way Primary	Community
Park Hill Infants School	Community
Priory School	Community
Purley Nursery School	LA Nursery
Purley Oaks Primary School	Community
Red Gates School	Community
Ridgeway Primary School	Community
Rockmount Primary	Community
Saffron Valley Collegiate	Pupil Referral Unit
Selhurst Early Years	LA Nursery
Smitham Primary School	Community
St Giles	Community
St Nicholas	Community
The Hayes Primary School	Community
Thornton Heath Nursery	LA Nursery
Tunstall Nursery School	LA Nursery
Winterbourne Infant & Nursery School	Community
Winterbourne Junior Girls	Community
Wolsey Infants	Community
Woodcote Primary	Community

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**CQ016-17**      **from Councillor Mario Creatura**

**Councillor Alisa Flemming**

When the Council is made aware of an incident concerning children that necessitates an emergency placement or somewhere to stay for the night at short notice, how does this work in practice?

Does the Council have any measurable data about the time from reporting concern to removal of the child and successful placement in a temporary safe environment?

Are there enough placements available for emergency situations?

**Reply**

During Office hours, any new referral will be made to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub. If the child and their family is allocated to a social worker already, the social worker will be alerted.

Outside office hours, any referral will be made the Emergency Duty Social Work Service.

The incident will be the subject of an assessment by a social worker who will make a recommendation based upon the circumstances. The recommendation will be submitted to a manager.

Children will only become looked after by the Council with the agreement of a Senior Manager.

The legal basis for becoming looked after will depend on the circumstances of the child. If the parent is requesting that the child becomes looked after, such agreement can only be made if all those with parental responsibility have given their consent. The social worker will need to make every effort to contact all those adults with parental responsibility. In practice, we will seek to avoid children becoming looked after through this route in an emergency.

If the social work assessment is that a child is in need of emergency protection and those adults with parental responsibility are not in agreement with the child becoming looked after, the Council would seek legal advice to ascertain whether there are sufficient grounds to seek an Emergency Protection Order through the Family Court.

In certain circumstances, the Police are able to take a child into Police Protection and ask the Council to ensure their safety for up to 72 hours.

In all of these circumstances, it is the duty of Children's Social Care to investigate whether there is an adult within the child's extended family or close social networks who may be willing or able to offer care for the child.

1. Due to the wide variety of circumstances, it is not possible for the Council to maintain any measurable data regarding the time from the report of concern to the removal of the child.
2. Where a placement is required during office hours, and after management agreement, the social worker will make a referral to a dedicated social work team who will source a suitable placement. The social worker will complete a referral form giving the details of the child and any needs that they are aware of. This form will enable the placement team to make the best possible choice to meet the individual needs of the child.

The Placements Team will liaise with the Council Fostering Service and with independent providers to source a suitable placement.

Unless the child has some very specific needs there are sufficient placements available to meet our needs.

If a placement is required out of hours, the Emergency Duty Team will have a list of available foster carers and agencies.

Again, where a young person has very specific or challenging needs, it may take some time out of hours to find the best possible solution to keep the child safe until the next working day.

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**CQ019-17            from Councillor Mario Creatura**

**Councillor Stuart King**

At the last Traffic Management Committee, Cllr King said that the annual loss of revenue from re-introducing 1 hour free parking in district centres was £155,000.

Could you please provide a breakdown as to how this was calculated please? It would be welcome if annual figures from 2014 to today would be included.

**Reply**

The total cost to extend free parking in the district centres from the current 30 minutes to a full hour of free parking is £154,532 broken down as loss of income of £147,352 and £7,180 in one off revenue expenditure.

The financial effect was calculated through examining the income received in April to the end of August for the 2016/2017 financial year which was then pro-rated to project a full year income. You have requested figures back to 2014 but these have not been supplied as the tariffs changed in 2016 so there is little correlation between the figures of the last year compared to those prior to the tariff change.

In order to calculate the estimated income difference, analysis was undertaken to see what percentage of all transactions related to what charging bands (i.e. 0 to 30 minutes, 1 hour to 2 hours etc.). The percentage that is applicable to 30 minutes to 1 hour of parked for duration was then applied against the full year projection to calculate the amount of income that would be attributable to that duration.

**CQ015-17**        **from Councillor Andrew Pelling**

**Councillor Simon Hall**

Further to the Cabinet Member's very kind answer to CQ045-16 might I seek an update to the answer to reflect the twelve months passage of time since the answer to CQ045-16 was provided?

**Reply**

Please see attached spreadsheet

	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
COUNCIL TAX LEVELS																						
GLA Precept**	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.98	150.88	173.88	224.40	241.33	254.62	288.61	303.88	309.82	309.82	309.82	309.82	306.72	303.00	299.00
Band D including precept	515	527.00	575.00	593.00	624.70	691.93	758.39	807.72	823.87	853.53	1086.47	1165.14	1224.51	1301.94	1357.64	1405.63	1447.71	1467.56	1459.63	1456.83	1474.39	1470.39
Band D excluding precept	369.2	374.53	508.16	522.65	542.94	595.61	653.38	684.74	672.99	679.65	862.07	924.14	970.25	1013.33	1053.56	1095.81	1137.89	1150.11	1150.11	1150.11	1171.39	1171.39
TAX CHANGES																						
Croydon Council Increase		1.4%	35.7%	2.9%	3.9%	9.7%	9.7%	4.8%	-1.72%	0.99%	26.84%	7.20%	4.99%	4.44%	3.97%	4.01%	3.84%	1.07%	0.00%	0.00%	1.85%	0.00%
GLA precept Increase									22.7%	15.2%	29.1%	7.5%	5.5%	13.3%	5.3%	1.95%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.00%	-1.21%	-1.32%
BUDGET CHANGES																						
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Gross Revenue Expenditure	333,999	463,209	487,894	511,370	511,939	527,864	555,843	552,569	581,017	627,014	695,059	874,584	817,146	856,832	796,435	848,904	952,743	982,392	1,016,623	1,069,860	1,147,101	1,052,297
Net cost of services	229,528	263,186	274,974	294,024	289,629	302,467	311,606	336,558	349,075	359,133	391,411	458,197	436,678	275,097	251,337	264,632	299,265	308,057	294,494	309,966	332,336	368,122
% change in net cost of services		14.7%	4.5%	6.9%	-1.5%	4.4%	3.0%	8.0%	3.7%	2.9%	9.0%	17.1%	-4.7%	-37.0%	-8.6%	5.3%	13.1%	2.9%	-4.4%	5.3%	7.2%	10.8%
FUNDING SOURCES																						
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Croydon Council Tax Levy	43.7	44.3	60.5	62.6	65.0	72.6	80.2	84.8	83.4	85.0	108.0	113.9	120.6	125.4	130.9	138.1	143.4	146.5	147.2	148.5	126.1	129.3
% change		1.4%	36.4%	3.5%	3.9%	11.6%	10.4%	5.7%	-1.6%	1.9%	27.1%	5.5%	5.8%	4.0%	4.4%	5.5%	3.8%	2.2%	0.9%	-15.1%	2.6%	
Total amount of Government Grants	185.8	186.3	179.1	185.4	187.2	197.2	205.0	215.0	224.0	231.0	246.0	259.1	273.4	104.7	107.0	114.9	116.8	118.5	123.3	116.0	162.2	146.4
% change		0.3%	-3.9%	3.5%	1.0%	5.3%	4.0%	4.9%	4.2%	3.1%	6.5%	5.3%	5.5%	-61.7%	2.2%	7.4%	1.7%	1.5%	4.1%	-5.9%	39.8%	-9.7%
Total amount of other income	104.5	200.0	212.9	217.3	222.3	225.4	244.2	216.0	231.9	267.9	303.6	416.4	380.5	581.7	545.1	584.3	653.5	674.3	722.1	759.9	814.8	684.2
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE																						
Capital expenditure by the Council £m	41.0	56.6	35.8	37.6	33.5	33.3	25.9	30.1	36.4	25.0	23.4	54.3	68.8	64.1	63.3	66.1	70.9	148.7	193.8	168.9	193.09	181.86
% change		38.0%	-36.7%	5.0%	-10.9%	-0.6%	-22.2%	16.2%	20.9%	-31.3%	-6.4%	131.9%	26.7%	-6.8%	-1.2%	4.4%	7.3%	109.7%	30.3%	-12.8%	14.3%	-5.8%
TAXBASE																						
Taxbase	118,330	118,327	118,970	119,711	119,762	121,877	122,676	123,776	123,949	125,198	125,359	123,293	124,318	123,750	124,261	126,008	126,008	126,531	127,922	129,148	107,618	110,393
% change in taxbase		0.00%	0.54%	0.62%	0.04%	1.77%	0.66%	0.90%	0.14%	0.10%	0.13%	-1.65%	0.83%	-0.46%	0.41%	1.41%	0.00%	0.42%	1.10%	0.96%	-16.67%	2.58%

\* 2017/18 budget is draft and subject to Council approval on Monday 27th February 2017

\*\* From 2006/07 onwards GLA precept includes £20 for Olympic Precept

<b>RPI</b>	
April 1993	140.6
April 1994	144.2
April 1995	149.0
April 1996	152.6
April 1997	156.3
April 1998	162.6
April 1999	165.2
April 2000	170.1
April 2001	173.1
April 2002	175.7
April 2003	181.2
April 2004	185.7
April 2005	191.6
April 2006	198.1
April 2007	206.6
April 2008	214.8
April 2009	213.7
April 2010	228.8
April 2011	234.4
April 2012	242.7
April 2013	250.1
April 2014	256.0
April 2015	258.5
April 2016	263.1
Jan-17	265.5

<b>FIGURES REBASED TO APRIL 1995</b>	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Band D including charges	515.00	513.84	542.58	546.37	561.95	598.31	645.46	667.64	669.19	683.02	843.03	882.17	898.57	924.04	923.93	920.07	952.49	901.83	875.53	843.96	828.87	807.57
Band D excluding charges	369.20	365.18	479.51	481.55	488.40	515.02	556.08	565.99	546.63	543.87	668.91	699.70	711.99	719.20	716.99	717.28	748.65	706.75	689.87	666.28	658.53	643.35
Gross Revenue Expenditure	333,999	451,645	460,389	471,157	460,516	456,443	473,072	456,738	471,929	501,754	539,323	662,178	599,638	608,130	542,008	555,661	626,840	603,690	619,787	644,872	577,941	
Net Revenue Expenditure	229,528	256,615	259,472	270,903	260,536	261,543	265,205	278,190	283,535	287,388	303,711	346,917	320,443	195,248	171,045	173,218	196,896	189,304	176,646	179,568	186,831	202,180
Croydon Council Tax Levy	43.7	43.21	57.05	57.65	58.49	62.77	68.22	70.06	67.74	68.02	83.80	86.27	88.50	89.00	89.08	90.40	94.35	90.03	88.29	86.03	70.87	71.02
Total amount of Government Grants	185.8	181.65	169.00	170.82	168.40	170.52	174.47	177.71	181.94	184.85	190.88	196.15	200.63	74.32	72.82	75.21	76.85	72.82	73.96	67.20	91.17	80.42
Total amount of other income	104.5	195.01	200.90	200.21	199.97	194.90	207.84	178.55	188.39	214.37	235.61	315.26	279.20	412.88	370.96	382.44	429.94	414.39	433.15	440.22	458.04	375.76
Capital expenditure by the Council	41.0	55.19	33.78	34.64	30.13	28.79	22.04	24.88	29.57	20.01	18.16	41.09	50.45	45.47	43.08	43.27	46.65	91.38	116.25	97.87	108.55	99.88