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## MEMBERS QUESTIONS

**I Question from Councillor Nigel Fletcher, to Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Good Growth**

Can the Cabinet Member for Regeneration give an update on plans for the future of the Borough Hall in Greenwich?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Nigel Fletcher for his question.

Submissions have been received from interested parties following the recent marketing of the Borough Halls. A decision is not anticipated until late Spring / early Summer which will allow time for consideration of these submissions.

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**2 Question from Councillor Nigel Fletcher, to Councillor Danny Thorpe, Leader of the Council**

Does the Leader of the Council continue to support the current plans for the Silvertown Tunnel, and what representations he has himself made to TfL on the subject?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Nigel Fletcher for his question.

The project dates back twenty years. There was an initial consultation in 2006 under the then Mayor Ken Livingstone. In 2012 London Mayor Boris Johnson told the London Assembly that "It is because we are ambitious for London that we are pushing ahead with new vehicular river crossings such as a tunnel at Silvertown."

Tory Transport Secretary Chris Grayling approved the project in 2018 and the current London Mayor obviously has also backed it.

I did write to the current Mayor Sadiq Khan last year asking him to consider pausing the project for review and he said that this was not possible.

My view of this project is that construction is already underway according to decisions taken by others in both the Labour and Conservative Parties in higher positions than me, a long time ago.

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**3 Question from Councillor Nigel Fletcher, to Councillor Adel Khaireh, Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities**

Can the Cabinet Member reassure residents that Eltham Lights Up, with the usual lantern parade and evening entertainment on Eltham High Street, will take place next Christmas?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Nigel Fletcher for his question.

With the up-coming election due in May, any decisions regarding events in December will be for the new administration to make. Additionally, until budgets are set, the events schedule for 2022/23 cannot be confirmed. Our events programme aims to be as inclusive and accessible as possible so that all our residents are able to celebrate with their friends and neighbours in the borough, this will remain a priority in any activities I am involved with in the future.

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**4 Question from Councillor Charlie Davis, to Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Good Growth**

Can the Cabinet Member confirm what facility will be offered to community groups who currently use the AstroTurf at OneSpace?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Charlie Davis for his question.

There is already a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Kidbrooke Village (Cator Park North), which is a polymeric surface composed of rubber granules bound with polyurethane, and suitable for all year-round use.

The MUGA is fully floodlit and provides a large space for tennis, netball, basketball and 5-a-side football.

The MUGA is bookable through TwistFizz CIC  
<https://www.twistfizz.co.uk/locations/>.

The courts and pitches are offered for pay & play and can be booked on-line up to 7 days in advance via TwistFizz CIC. The MUGA will hosts some free supervised sessions for local young people to access to site. The space can also be hired locally by community groups to facilitate a range of sporting activities.

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**5 Question from Councillor Charlie Davis, to Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Good Growth**

Will the Cabinet Member confirm whether the Council will consider including a fit for purpose community facility in proposals for the former Thomas Tallis site to replace facilities due to be lost at OneSpace?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Charlie Davis for his question.

You will already be aware that it is the Royal Borough of Greenwich's overarching objective to create a sustainable, thriving hub for community activity in a new facility in Peglar Square, Kidbrooke Village. This facility is currently being fitted out and a procurement exercise is underway to select an operator for this space. It is anticipated that the new facility will be open by the Summer 2022. The Trustees of One Space have been offered the opportunity to continue to use the existing community centre until June 2022.

The new Hub will comprise an integrated community and health centre, including the local GP Practice currently based on Elford Close. There will be dedicated community space including a large hall and rooms of various sizes for community activity, much in the same way that One Space currently operates.

The new hub will support both the existing and new local community and help residents access a range of services and engagement opportunities as part of the major regeneration of the area. To ensure continuity of service provision during the development and construction of the permanent Community Hub in Kidbrooke, the former Ferrier Youth Club building was made available to One Space on a temporary basis in 2012, as the land would not be required for development for some time.

The proposed new Greenwich Builds development at the former Thomas Tallis also contains facilities for community use, and the current programme anticipates this space being available in 2025/26.

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The Council is confident that residents of Kidbrooke Village and the surrounding areas will welcome the facilities available in the new Community Hub, and once a Community Centre operator has been selected that organisation will take up local engagement with residents.

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**6 Question from Councillor Charlie Davis, to Councillor Danny Thorpe, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader confirm whether he has had any correspondence with Lewisham Council since he took the decision to cancel the proposed Horn Park LTN to discuss any potential solutions to the issue of displaced traffic from Lewisham's Lee LTN?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Charlie Davis for his question.

The report was clear that we will continue monitoring traffic levels. This will allow us to assess the impact of external changes on streets in the area, in particular, the effect of changes to the road network in neighbouring areas (including in the London Borough of Lewisham), and changes to travel patterns due to the Pandemic and subsequent recovery.

We will continue contact with the London Borough of Lewisham and will discuss any such changes in traffic patterns that may emerge with them as appropriate.

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**7 Question from Councillor Charlie Davis, to Councillor Jackie Smith, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement**

Can the Cabinet Member confirm the cost of installing and removing the enforcement cameras on Rochester Way by the junction with Crookston Road? Additionally, can the Cabinet Member confirm the amount of revenue generated by this camera prior to it being removed?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Charlie Davis for his question.

1. The cost of installation was £928.50
2. the cost of removal was £1,000 (which included a return to factory, inspection and service)
3. Revenue from PCNs issued at this location up to and including 31st January 2022 is £6,045

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**8 Question from Councillor Charlie Davis, to Councillor Mariam Lolavar, Cabinet Member for Business Economic Growth**

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the allocation of funding from the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant to local businesses within the Borough?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Charlie Davis for his question.

The Royal Borough has to date received funding of £1,356,039 from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy total in respect of the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Scheme.

As of 21st February, £1,183,373 in grants has been awarded representing 300 individual payments.

The scheme closes for applications on Monday 28th February 2022 and all grant payments must be paid by the Royal Borough by 31st March 2022

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**9 Question from Councillor Charlie Davis, to Councillor Mariam Lolavar, Cabinet Member for Business Economic Growth**

Can the Cabinet Member confirm the breakdown by ward of where businesses who received funding from each of the Top-up Additional Restriction Grant schemes are based?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Charlie Davis for his question.

Royal Borough of Greenwich has received 3 separate allocations of ARG Top Up between the period 5 January 2021 to 30 December 2021 of £2,557,804, £1,820,843 and £436,447 respectively.

As of 11 February 2022, a total value of £3,580,424 of grant payments had been awarded against a total grant allocation of £4,815,094, with 731 individual grant payments being made. Applications under the ARG schemes are currently being processed and all the remaining grant funding will be awarded by the 31 March 2022.

The table below provides a snapshot of the distribution of grant payments made by ward.

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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of Grants Paid</b>
Abbey Wood	17
Blackheath Westcombe	21
Charlton	26
Coldharbour and New Eltham	22
Eltham North	49
Eltham South	33
Eltham West	13
Glyndon	13
Greenwich West	130
Kidbrooke with Hornfair	6
Middle Park and Sutcliffe	5
Peninsula	67
Plumstead	49
Shooters Hill	14
Thamesmead Moorings	43
Woolwich Common	38
Woolwich Riverside	185
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>731</b>

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**10 Question from Councillor Geoffrey Brighty, to Councillor Sarah Merrill, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport**

Recommendations have now been made following the recent CPZ review consultation for the Westcombe area. Can the Cabinet Member provide an up-date on when these will be progressed ?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Geoffrey Brighty for his question.

The recommendations following the consultation will need to be formally reported. If changes to streets are required, the necessary Traffic Management Order will be advertised. Officers have informed me that they will seek permission to this in March 2022.

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### **11 Question from Councillor Geoffrey Brighty, to Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Good Growth**

In 2019 I arranged a meeting between Officers and representatives of the Westcombe Society to discuss whether an Article 4 directive would be an option in respect of the Westcombe Park Conservation Area. Various reasons have been given but three years on there appears to have been no progress in recommending whether to move to a public consultation. Could the Cabinet Member advise when Officers might be able to report back on this ?

#### **Reply -**

I thank Councillor Geoffrey Brighty for his question.

Going forward the main priority for the Policy Team is the progression of the new local plan. The current local plan is 7 years old and central government stipulates that local authorities must have a local plan that is less than 5 years old. Previous heritage policy focus and priorities have been the delivery of an expanded conservation area in Woolwich and two new conservation areas in Charlton Riverside. Following these designations the priority is the delivery of conservation area appraisals and management strategies (CAMS) for these conservation areas. Heritage policy work will focus on the local plan as a priority.

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**12 Question from Councillor Pat Greenwell, to Councillor Danny Thorpe, Leader of the Council**

Please can we have an update on the future of the former Wide Horizons site on Bexley Road?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Pat Greenwell for her question.

As explained previously, the Council is considering options to use the developed part of the site for SEND education purposes with the woodland retained for community use. This remains the current strategy and once developed further the proposal will be subject of a future report for consideration by Members. Timescales have not been firmed up yet, but it is likely that the report for the initial decision regarding the likely proposal and investment required will be brought forward in the second half of this calendar year.

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**13 Question from Councillor Pat Greenwell, to Councillor Anthony Okereke, Cabinet Member for Housing**

How often are our tenancy blocks checked for issues such as fly tipping and problems with lighting?

**Reply -**

I thank Cllr Greenwell for her question.

The vast majority of our blocks are checked daily (Mon-Fri) for fly-tips, fire hazards, and other communal safety issues. There are a few small satellite blocks that are checked 3 times per week. We also have a skeleton team working Saturday and Sunday to check for fly-tips and fire hazards on our larger estates and tower blocks.

In addition to our checks, we offer a free bulky item removal service for tenants within estate blocks.

With regards to light checks, the caretakers undertake these on a weekly basis. The caretakers will change any blown bulbs found during the time of inspection. All faulty fittings are reported to the Repairs and Investment team.

The Caretaking Team also respond to any resident requests relating to fly-tipping and blown bulbs between our scheduled checks.

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**14 Question from Councillor Pat Greenwell, to Councillor Mariam Lolavar, Cabinet Member for Business Economic Growth**

It is refreshing to know that the ‘Love your High Street’ campaign has been launched in Eltham. We have been told that leaflets are to be distributed to local shops and businesses to invite them to become involved. Can we be assured that these premises will be visited in person, discussions and ideas shared. Engagement is vital?

**Reply –**

I thank Councillor Pat Greenwell for her question.

Royal Greenwich are pleased to have launched the **Love Your High Street** campaign which aims to get businesses on board, for the benefit of the town centre, maintaining its cleanliness and appeal.

Business engagement, forms a key part of this work and council officers will be visiting Eltham town centre businesses the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to talk about the campaign, encourage sign-ups and will distribute “Love your High Street” window stickers for those that do. Businesses in this way, will be able to show their support, pride of place and commitment to helping to improve the environment, making it even more attractive to shoppers and visitors.

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**15 Question from Councillor Spencer Drury, to Councillor Sarah Merrill, Cabinet Member for Environment Sustainability and Transport**

I note Cllr Davis has already asked a question about the removal of enforcement cameras on the Rochester Way only a few days after the last Council meeting where I raised the issue of speeding on the same road with the Cabinet Member. What progress has the Cabinet Member made in dealing with the issue of speeding on the Rochester Way since the last meeting of Full Council?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Spencer Drury for his question.

The camera referred to by Cllr Davis is not a speed camera. Greenwich Council has never had a speed camera at this location and the enforcement of speed limits within the borough is the remit of the Metropolitan Police and Transport for London, not the council. The council does not have any speed enforcement powers.

That said, I can advise that we have raised this location with the police and have requested that Rochester Way be included in the Metropolitan Police Service Community Roadwatch programme

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**16 Question from Councillor Spencer Drury, to Councillor Sarah Merrill, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport**

At the last meeting of Full Council I raised the problems that the built out pavement on Westmount Road posed for cyclists. The Cabinet Member indicated she was aware of the issue and looking into it. Can I ask what progress she has made and what changes will be made reflecting the concerns raised by cyclists?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Spencer Drury for his question.

Since the last Council meeting, I have spoken to cyclists, and officers and I am of the view that some amendments might need to be made.

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**17 Question from Councillor Spencer Drury, to Councillor Mariam Lolavar, Cabinet Member for Business Economic Growth**

At the last meeting of Full Council the Cabinet Member for Business and Economic Growth offered me a briefing note on the Additional Restrictions Grant but unfortunately I do not seem to have received it. Is it possible for her to arrange for it to be sent to me?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Spencer Drury for his question.

A briefing has been prepared and will be sent

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**18 Question from Councillor Spencer Drury, to Councillor Sarah Merrill, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport**

At the November meeting of Full Council, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport, in response to a question on the Eltham Controlled Parking Zone informed me that "A final report on the outcome of the consultation is currently being finalised for consideration by me". The subsequent follow up was a little confused with a suggestion that responses were in the public domain, which I do not believe is the case. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the proposals for the Eltham CPZ and when they are likely to be placed in the public domain?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Spencer Drury for his question.

The consultation results from the scheme have not yet been published and are not in the public domain. The report will outline the background to the parking scheme, the various consultations that have been undertaken over the years and the recent feedback from the statutory consultation.

This report will be published shortly and all directly affected residents and businesses will be notified of the outcome.

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**19 Question from Councillor Spencer Drury, to Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Good Growth**

I note that Manston Properties Limited have applied for prior approval to demolish the Eltham Police Station building. Can the Cabinet Member confirm what contact they have had with any relevant authority responsible for selling the building or with Manston Properties Limited about the future of the former Eltham Police Station? What vision does the Council have for the use of this building or the space it now occupies in the future?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Spencer Drury for his question.

The Council does not own the building and there has been no contact with the owners of the property in respect of their intention to either sell the building or their future intentions for the building or site. The Council is not aware of the owner's vision for the use of the building and would assess any future planning application on its planning merits at the point of submission or pre-application engagement. Planning Services has received a prior approval application for the demolition of Eltham Police Station Building (ref 22/0376/D1) and has until 2nd March 2022 to determine to prior application.

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**20 Question from Councillor Matt Hartley, to Councillor Sarah Merrill, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport**

It is good to see that along with most other London Boroughs, there will be no charges imposed by RBG for residents who apply for road closures to host street parties on the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend (June 4th and 5th) as long as applications are received by 23rd March. How many applications have been received for Platinum Jubilee Street Parties in the borough so far?

**Reply -**

I thank Councillor Matt Hartley for his question.

We have received 20 applications to date and they quite widely spread throughout the borough.

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### 21 Question from Councillor Matt Hartley, to Councillor Miranda Williams, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult's Social Care

In September 2021 Full Council unanimously passed a motion stating that:

“This Council believes that greater access to AEDs/PADs will save lives in the Royal Borough, and resolves to:

- work with local sporting and health organisations including Charlton Athletic to encourage greater provision of defibrillators at sports clubs and community centres.
- contact voluntary organisations, social clubs and hospitality venues to encourage them to sponsor the provision of defibrillators in public places.
- conduct an audit to establish the locations of existing defibrillators and identify public places where additional installations can be made, including outside Council buildings. “

Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the 3 actions outlined above? Has an audit to establish existing and potential defibrillator installations been started, and what engagement with local organisations by RBG on this issue since the motion was passed in September 2021?

#### Reply -

I thank Councillor Matt Hartley for his question.

There is clear evidence that following cardiac arrest the prompt use of an automated defibrillator can improve survival rates to in excess of 50%. The Council recognises that for defibrillators to be effective, ambulance services need to know their location and they need to be easily accessible, this can be via a public access defibrillator or one located in a publicly accessible building.

We looked into the current position regarding any list or map of devices within the borough; no organisation has been identified which holds such a definitive list. The London Ambulance Service (LAS) does have a list, but it is out-dated and incomplete. Therefore, we reviewed it on the basis that it could form a baseline for the development of a new accurate list and interactive map. There is also a map of sites, including within the borough

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on the 'Heartsafe' website; an organisation which makes and sells devices. Again, this is incomplete and not up-to-date. However, together with the LAS data, these two sources have provided a useful starting point.

One national development which should assist with the need for more up-to-date and accurate data about the provision of these devices is under development. 'The Circuit' is a National Defibrillator Network which is attempting to map all defibrillators across the UK. It is planned that it will connect them directly and automatically to ambulance services. Its primary aim is to locate and register the UK's estimated 100,000 defibrillators, so that ambulance services can direct bystanders to their nearest defibrillator and increase a person's chances of survival. In the future, 'The Circuit' will be able to analyse location data and identify where more defibrillators are needed, providing a valuable source of intelligence about need.

We contacted every organisation on the LAS list and asked 3 questions:

1. Can you confirm that you have a defibrillator?
2. Can you confirm that it is publicly accessible, at least during your hours of business or when the building is open?
3. Is it registered with the British Heart Foundation/London Ambulance 'Circuit' Scheme which is the national network for defibrillators. See link for more information <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>

We had confirmation of 37 locations with a defibrillator and used this information to form a baseline list, which has been sent to the 'The Circuit' asking them to compare their information on the locations of defibrillators in the borough to see if they reconcile and to inform us of any additional locations they are aware of.

We have been unable to find a nationally agreed evidence base indicating the most effective locations for defibrillators. However, the Resuscitation Council suggests that they should be located in areas where Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests (OHCA) have occurred in the last 3-5 years, places where physical activity takes place, such as gyms and leisure centres, and areas where large numbers of people tend to congregate such as transport hubs, busy shopping areas, sports venues etc.

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Recent research has shown that the choice of where to install defibrillators has been driven mainly by local ad-hoc initiatives rather than a more strategic approach. There is a risk, therefore, that publicly accessible defibrillators may be placed in more affluent areas with lower OHCA incidence.

Utilising the baseline list, taking account of the Resuscitation Council criteria and recent research we are planning to take the following approach:-

- Continue to work with the DRES Business Support Team to:
  - Explore the possibility of those businesses located in areas without a defibrillator sponsoring additional defibrillators.
  - Encourage all businesses with a defibrillator to register with 'The Circuit'
- Work with DRES and the Council's Communications Team to produce an accurate interactive map of the location of defibrillators that can be included, with information and publicity material on 'The Circuit', on the Council's website
- Continue to work with TFL to integrate their information into the Council's local map and criteria
- Develop local criteria to prioritise the location of new defibrillators or making existing ones more publicly accessible
- Work with local organisations, including Charlton Athletic to encourage greater provision of defibrillators including sponsorship opportunities
- Explore the possibility of commissioning more Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for Council staff in Community and Children's Centres and partner organisations.