

**REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**Public Questions**

None.

**Questions by Members**

<b>Question by</b>	<b>To be answered by</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1. Councillor Ms S. Finch	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Parks and Recycling (Councillor A.J. Kay)	Recycling
2. Councillor S.A. Kulka	Executive Member for Property and Regeneration (Councillor Mrs N.J. Bramhall)	Traffic Chaos

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**Councillor Ms S. Finch** will ask the **Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Parks and Recycling, Councillor A.J. Kay** the following question:

### **Recycling**

At the July 2013 Council meeting, Cllr Mrs Brunt asked the portfolio holder for Recycling and Street Services to give members an update on the progress and plans for the extension of the new recycling service to our residents with communal bins and living in flats.

Cllr Kay told us that this phase of the project was underway and would take around 24 months, beginning in September 2013 and completing in August 2015 or thereabouts.

Please could the portfolio holder (now for Parks and Recycling) give a further update?

Specifically could the Deputy Leader tell us:

- a) How many flats and homes with communal bins have been added to the recycling service since Cllr Mrs Brunt asked her question?
- b) How many flats and homes with communal bins remain to be added in the next year?
- c) When will the recycling service be completely rolled out to all flats and homes with communal bins?

### **OBSERVATIONS**

Good progress is being made

- a) 200 flats have been added to the new recycling service since July 2013.
- b) A further 8,500 flats will be added to the new service by October 2015
- c) A kerbside recycling service will be offered to all flats and homes with communal bin areas by 31 March 2016.
- d) A short delay to the introduction of kerbside recycling to flats occurred because of concerns and issues around the contamination of recycling. After the lessons learnt and actions taken from the initial pilot on kerbside recycling, we now have a set of planned actions. Part of the plan is to deliver bespoke solutions for individual blocks of flats taking into consideration the space available for additional recycling containers.

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**Councillor S. Kulka** will ask the **Executive Member for Property and Regeneration, Councillor Mrs N.J. Bramhall** the following question:

**Local traffic chaos.**

Redhill and Reigate have recently been subject to severe traffic congestion due ongoing road works.

This has resulted in significant delays, not only inconveniencing local residents but causing untold costs to local businesses.

Could the Executive Member for Property and Regeneration please explain why this appeared to be such a surprise to her, given her comments in the local media and why it wasn't planned for?

**OBSERVATIONS**

The disruption to residents and businesses resulting from road works currently taking place in various locations affecting the borough - Pebble Hill, Hooley Lane, Redhill town centre and the M23 - does concern me as I have stated publicly on a number of occasions.

Borough members and officers are working with colleagues at Surrey County Council to try to ensure inconvenience to local residents and businesses arising from works to local roads is minimised where possible. Not being the highway authority however, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council has no control over the planning, co-ordination or delivery of highways schemes. It is clear though that the reality of this is often complex and dependent on many variables.

The borough council and Surrey County Council working together have successfully attracted significant sums of public and private investment into the borough in recent years in order to improve its transport infrastructure, for drivers, cyclists, public transport users and pedestrians alike and to support the delivery of published regeneration plans. The disruption will be short term but the gains for local residents and businesses will be long term.