

Committee: Ordinary Council	Date: 23 June 2021
Subject: Chairs' reports and Members' Questions	Wards Affected: All
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In accordance with the Council's Constitution a brief written report by each committee Chair covering their area of responsibility is provided for Members' information at each Ordinary Council meeting.

Any Member may ask a Chair a written or oral question on

- (a) any matter included in a Chair's written report; or
- (b) any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Council's area and which falls within the area of responsibility of the Chair's committee.

The period allowed for Chairs' reports, written and oral questions and answers will not exceed 60 minutes without leave of the Mayor.

One written question has been received from Cllr Dr Barrett, as follows:

"Has the council had any engagement with highways England about the proposed community woodland at Hole Farm Warley - what are the plans for Brentwood Borough Council involvement and input?"

Two written question has been received from Cllr S Cloke as follows:

Question 1

"Residents of Brentwood that use communal waste facilities. e.g. those living in blocks of flats, do not all have access to locally positioned glass recycling bins. The expectation of Brentwood Council is that these residents, who are more likely not to have access to cars to transport bulk waste, must take their glass to a Recycling Centre or a supermarket or simply send it to landfill in black sacks. This results in wasted opportunities for recycling of glass as well as contamination of other recycling bins when residents dispose of their glass in bags or bins that are not designed for this type of recycling. When will the council provide glass recycling facilities equally to all residents by supplying communal glass recycling bins to all of those who live in accommodation with communal waste collection?"

Question 2

“Since the rollout of the new recycling scheme in Brentwood around a year ago the council has transformed its residential recycling scheme from a cost to an income. This has been achieved by limiting the collected items, re-educating residents on what can be collected and, most importantly, by providing a real time feedback loop to residents who put contaminated recycling out for collection as their bags are not collected. Unfortunately there is still a large minority of Brentwood residents who do not have equal access to the recycling scheme, which is any resident using communal bins. These residents continue to fill orange sacks, which I understand are generally sent to landfill due to contamination. Many residents are unaware their orange sacks are being sent to landfill and many do not understand fully what should and should not be included in the recycling as they do not have the same real time feedback loop that individual recycling bag users have. The council has offered to trial communal recycling bins in these areas on request but this option is not being properly publicised and such trials will fail without the associated education of residents. When will the council proactively provide communal recycling bins along with proper education and feedback on the appropriate contents for these to all relevant residents across the borough?”

Appendices to this report

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Appendix A: Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Appendix B: Community and Health Committee

Appendix C: Environment, Enforcement and Housing Committee

Appendix D: Planning & Licensing Committee

Appendix E: Policy, Resources and Economic Development Committee