

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CQ036-19 from Councillor Simon Hoar

Councillor Stuart King

In the last 12 months prior to the 20 mph policy being operational Borough wide, how many road traffic accidents were recorded in Croydon Borough? Please breakdown by minor and serious accidents.

Reply

The area wide 20mph speed limits were introduced over a period of around a year and a half, from September 2016 to March 2018. The most recent 12 month period prior to the completion of the 20mph limits would be for 2017, during which there were 939 personal injury collisions throughout the borough of Croydon. This can then be broken down to show 5 fatal injury collisions, 111 serious injury collisions and 823 slight injury collisions.

CQ037-19 from Councillor Simon Hoar

Councillor Stuart King

In the first 12 months of the 20mph speed limit being operational Borough wide, how many prosecutions have there been for vehicles driving at 20-25 mph and how many for 26-30mph?

Reply

Speeding prosecutions are issued by the Metropolitan Police and this question should therefore be addressed to them.

CQ033-19 from Councillor Lynne Hale

Councillor Alison Butler

Please could you let me know what the Council's response is to reports of 'cuckooing' involving:

- a) *Council tenants.*
- b) *Non - Council tenants*

Please could you advise how many reports have been received:

- a) *On an annual basis 2014 – 2017*
- b) *On a quarterly basis 2017 – date*

Reply

The Council handles complaints or reports of cuckooing (a form of crime in which drug dealers take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for drug dealing) in the same manner for both Council tenants and other residents.

The information is usually received from the Police as the cuckooing is usually linked to drug dealing and or drug taking and associated anti-social behaviour. The anti-social behaviour complained about is almost identical in each case of cuckooing. People attending the address at all hours of the day and at night, loud music, shouting, screaming and fighting, residents being verbally abused and threatened, criminal damage to the property and the inability of the tenant/resident to gate-keep. The tenant/resident is invariably vulnerable due to their own substance and alcohol misuse or due to mental health issues.

An ASB Officer will join police at an s23 drugs Warrant and collect information about the tenant and the risks to the tenant and others in the area. This will be followed up by referrals to appropriate support agencies including GPS, SLAM, Social Care etc. and a multi-agency case conference will be held to discuss the case, share information and plan action. In serious cases this will involve making an application to the Magistrates Court for a Closure Order to bring an immediate end to the ASB and to give relief to the residents. We will then work with the vulnerable individual to arrange suitable accommodation. This may be supported accommodation so that others cannot gain access at the new address. On a number of occasions the individual will be accommodated outside of the Borough where they can receive support from services and or family members. Council tenants will also receive appropriate support from their Tenancy Sustainment Officer.

A number of referrals of cuckooing are received from members of the public, attendees at the monthly Risk and Vulnerability Management Panel, attendees at the monthly anti-social behaviour forum and also from housing associations.

The Council does not currently hold data on cuckooing cases from 2014 to date. However, we have asked for this to be incorporated into the ASB Case Management system so that accurate records can be kept/provided.

CQ026-19 from Councillor Robert Canning

Councillor Simon Hall

What weighting or additional consideration, if any, does Croydon Council give to responses to public consultations submitted by Members of the Council, particularly in relation to a consultation on an issue that impacts directly on their ward, when compared with the consideration given to a response submitted to the same consultation by an individual member of the public?

Reply

Some of the weighting is governed by specific legislation or protocols. For example, on planning matters, there are specific provisions for the role of a member of the general public and a the role of a councillor.

In other consultations, the Council is very mindful, when evaluating responses to public consultations, of the representative role of councillors and so the collective nature of their response. This is then fully recognised when evaluating responses.