

Question Number	Question asked by:	Subject
CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT Councillor Oliver Lewis		
CQ006-20	Councillor Helen Pollard	Parks Investment
CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES Councillor Simon Hall		
CQ004-20	Councillor Andrew Pelling	CQ007-19 Update on Council Tax

CQ006-20 from Councillor H. Pollard

Councillor Lewis

“1. Which 6 parks will get a new playground by Summer 2020 (spending £500k) as per the March 2020 Council bulletin?”

2. Which 6 allotment sites will benefit from the £360k investment by Summer 2020?

3. Please provide a list of projects (with budgets) that took place to deliver the parks masterplans a) in 2019 and b) plans for 2020”

Reply

1. The 6 playgrounds within the Playground Investment Programme (PIP) which will see whole-site regeneration are:
 - a. Phase 1 - Addington Park, Northwood Road Playground and Grangewood Park.
 - b. Phase 2 – Ashburton Park, Edgecoombe Playground and Northborough Recreation Ground.

Phase 1 sites are currently scheduled for completion during Summer 2020.

Phase 2 sites are currently scheduled for completion during Spring 2021. For this reason the bulletin states the end of the programme as 2021.

2. The 6 directly-managed allotment sites that will benefit from the Allotments Capital Programme are:
 - a. Mickleham Way Allotments, New Addington
 - b. Orchard Avenue Allotments, Addiscombe
 - c. Hartley Down Allotments, Coulsdon
 - d. Pampisford Road Allotments, South Croydon
 - e. Midday Sun Allotments, Coulsdon
 - f. Sanderstead Allotments, South Croydon

3. Response below.

A) The following projects and works have been delivered during 2019 in the 6 masterplan parks:	B) The following projects and works will be delivered/progressed during 2020:
<u>Ashburton Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a new trim trail - £15.5k • Regeneration of the tennis courts - £33k 	<u>Ashburton Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration of the playground through the PIP - £75k
<u>South Norwood Lake & Grounds</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing / Access platforms replaced with new, recycled plastic platforms - £22k • Installation of new, non-turf cricket wicket – c£10k • Path Accessibility Improvements - £2.5k • Multiple Water Quality Improvement Interventions – c£2k 	<u>South Norwood Lake & Grounds</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England Cricket Board activation project of the new, non-turf cricket wicket – Budget TBC.
<u>Happy Valley</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of the London's third NNR – South London Downs National Nature Reserve – No budget allocation. • Installation of infrastructure and service amends to reduce ASB – No budget allocation. 	<u>Happy Valley</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to paths and visitor infrastructure – est.£1k • Improvements to paths and visitor infrastructure in Hawkhurst Wood (part of the NNR) – est.£1k
<u>Norbury Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a new outdoor gym - £40k • Creation of new wildflower meadow within the park – No budget allocation. 	<u>Norbury Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility work for Norbury Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme will continue to be progressed – No budget allocation. • Set up of ParkRun in park will continue to be progressed – no budget allocation. • Installation of a new, non-turf cricket wicket – c£10k
<u>Lloyd Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of cycle path infrastructure - c£345k 	<u>Lloyd Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential extension of the cycle path – Budget TBC.
<u>Park Hill Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relining of the tennis and basketball courts - £3k • Multiple workstreams related to masterplan delivery have been progressed during 2019, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Walled Garden Improvements, Gateway & Wayfinding Improvements, Water Tower Activation, Playground Improvements. 	<u>Park Hill Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility and infrastructure improvements to Walled Garden - c£30k • Infrastructure improvements to toilets - £10k • Progression of Gateway & Wayfinding project - £50k

CQ004-20 from Councillor Pelling

Councillor Lewis

“Further to the Cabinet Member's very kind answer to CQ007-19 might I seek an update to the answer to reflect the twelve months' passage of time since the answer to CQ007-19 was provided?”

Reply

Please see the below table.

	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	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 **	2019/20	2020/21
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	295.00	276.00	280.02	294.23	320.51	332.07
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	1466.39	1494.13	1558.93	1636.96	1716.82	1784.1
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	1171.39	1218.13	1278.91	1342.73	1396.31	1452.03
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%	0.00%	3.99%	4.99%	4.99%	3.99%	3.99%
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%	-1.34%	-6.44%	1.46%	5.07%	8.93%	3.61%
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	£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	1,046,315	910,948	827,579	940,028	926,097	877,587
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	337,735	281,908	281,438	289,854	337,279	313,266
% 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%	-8.3%	-16.5%	-0.2%	3.0%	16.4%	-7.1%
FUNDING SOURCES		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£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	133.4	143.5	155.1	167.4	180.0	192.7
% 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%	0.5%	0.9%	-15.1%	2.6%	3.2%	7.6%	8.1%	8.0%	7.5%	7.1%
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	128.6	112.8	99.8	90.8	83.8	85.7
% 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%	-12.2%	-12.3%	-11.5%	-9.1%	-7.7%	2.3%
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	708.6	629.0	546.1	650.2	588.8	564.3
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	156.121	176.185	413.825	313.466	183.474	301.546
% 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%	-14.2%	12.9%	134.9%	-24.3%	-41.5%	64.4%
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	113,893	117,795	121,243	124,641	128,931	132,729
% 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%	3.17%	3.43%	2.93%	2.80%	3.44%	2.95%

** 2018/19 figures restated where applicable. The Gross Revenue Expenditure has increased due to a number of services coming back in house such as libraries and grounds maintenance

FIGURES REBASED TO APRIL 1995	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	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
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	797.58	798.46	810.00	833.90	845.19	863.19
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	637.13	650.97	664.50	684.01	687.40	702.53
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	609,800	619,787	644,872	577,941	569,098	486,808	429,999	478,869	455,915	424,600
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	183,696	150,651	146,231	147,658	166,041	151,566
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	72.56	76.68	80.57	85.28	88.61	93.25
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	69.93	60.26	51.87	46.24	41.24	41.45
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	385.40	336.16	283.77	331.21	289.87	273.03
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	84.92	94.15	215.02	159.69	90.32	145.90