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**BARNSELY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

<b>MEETING:</b>	Full Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 27 May 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	The Civic, Barnsley - The Civic

## RESOPNSES TO QUESTIONS

### 27. Questions by Elected Members (Pages 3 - 6)

To consider any questions which may have been received from Elected Members and which are asked pursuant to Standing Order No. 11.

#### (a) Councillor Fielding

*'The temporary new Trinity MAT secondary school to be located on Broadway is due to open in just 14 weeks' time and welcome the 180 students who chose this as their secondary school.*

*At the time of writing, no work has yet commenced on site and parents are understandably concerned that the school will not be ready in September.*

*Is the school expected to be ready to receive its new students in September, and in the event that it isn't ready, what plans are in place to provide a school place for these 180 students?'*

#### (b) Councillor Greenhough

*'Over the last year there have been a large number of incidents at the borough's recycling centres. These incidents saw staff being verbally and physically abused. With the staff on these sites wearing body cameras, can the council confirm whether any offenders have been reported to the police?'*

#### (c) Councillor Hunt

*'It was recently reported that 1,700 littering fines were issued by the council in 2020 - 1,000 less than in 2019. In 2016 the number of fines issued totalled 8,594. Why have the number of fines issued reduced so much since 2016?'*

Sarah Norman  
Chief Executive

27<sup>TH</sup> May, 2021

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**Responses to Council Questions – Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

**Question:** 1.  
**From:** Councillor Fielding  
**To:** Executive Director Children’s Services  
**Response by:** Councillor T Cave

Question:

The temporary new Trinity MAT secondary school to be located on Broadway is due to open in just 14 weeks’ time and welcome the 180 students who chose this as their secondary school.

At the time of writing, no work has yet commenced on site and parents are understandably concerned that the school will not be ready in September.

Is the school expected to be ready to receive its new students in September, and in the event that it isn’t ready, what plans are in place to provide a school place for these 180 students?

Trinity Academy St Edwards will be receiving pupils from September 2021 following the agreement of the Regional Schools Commissioner to establish a new secondary school in Barnsley to meet the need for additional school places in the central area.

The Department for Education, who is leading on the development, has confirmed that the opening of the temporary site at Keresforth Close is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the council's control. However, Trinity MAT and the Department for Education have been working closely with partners to secure a town centre location to open to pupils on the first day of term. Pupils will temporarily attend the Eastgate House campus until the Keresforth site is ready.

Trinity MAT has written to parents and has invited them to face to face meetings on 26 and 27 May, where they will be getting a full update on the site.

It's important that pupils' education is not disrupted and that they can attend a stable environment with the same teachers. Eastgate House campus is deemed a safe, educational and functional setting.

Trinity MAT has held a series of events with parents and pupils over recent weeks. They will be holding further sessions with parents at the end of May to provide them with more details of the arrangements to ensure a smooth and successful transition to the new school.

## MEMBER QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

**Question:** 2.

**From:** Councillor Greenhough

**To:** Executive Director Place

**Response by:** Councillor Lamb

Question:

Over the last year there have been a large number of incidents at the borough's recycling centres. These incidents saw staff being verbally and physically abused. With the staff on these sites wearing body cameras, can the council confirm whether any offenders have been reported to the police?

Unfortunately, we have had instances where staff working at our household waste recycling centres were subjected to verbal and physical abuse including spitting. Nobody should have to face this while doing their job.

There have been six recorded incidents where verbal or physical abuse was reported to the police. One of incident is still progressing through court.

These incidents predominantly occurred at the site on West St, Worsborough.

The main actions from the police have included banning the offenders from the sites and there has been one occurrence where a Community Resolution Order was issued.

## MEMBER QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

**Question: 3.**

**From: Councillor Hunt**

**To: Executive Director Communities**

**Response by: Councillor Platts**

Question:

It was recently reported that 1,700 littering fines were issued by the council in 2020 - 1,000 less than in 2019. In 2016 the number of fines issued totalled 8,594. Why have the number of fines issued reduced so much since 2016?

In 2016, most of the borough had environmental enforcement contracts funded by the Area Councils, which meant more officers were out on the ground issuing environmental Fixed Penalty Notices or FPNs.

As the years have gone by, fewer Area Councils have chosen to fund this service, which means fewer officers to issue environmental FPNs.

Since the start of contracted environmental enforcement in 2016, members of the public became more aware of enforcement action being taken. This resulted in positive behavioural change and reduced offences, and the demand for enforcement capacity.

In response to public feedback, there have also been changes in the way we enforce since 2016, including officers wearing visible uniform at all times. This has meant fewer offences are witnessed by officers due to their presence being known by the public.

Finally, 2020 was the lowest figure due to the COVID19 pandemic. Few people were around during lockdowns, and services were suspended due to the restrictions around face-to-face communication with people to reduce the risk of virus transmission. This service re-commenced earlier this year.

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