

Penge & Cator News

News from your Labour Team – March 2018

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Controlled Parking Zone Update



Previous newsletters have reported the introduction of a controlled parking zone in roads around Penge East Station. As residents in the roads affected will already be aware, the rollout of the controlled parking zone by the Council has not gone smoothly. There have been various issues including charges within pay and display bays, incorrect signage and enforcement times.

Acting on complaints from affected residents, we raised these problems with officers and we were able to get the Leader of the Council to put a hold on the implementation until they are corrected. He has also agreed that charges for permits will only begin when the adjusted scheme comes into force. The council have apologised for the mix up and the Penge councillors continue to feed in the concerns of residents.

Breaking news- Penge BID

The vote for the Penge Business Improvement District (BID) has been successful. This will lead to greater investment in our high street. We thank the owners of local Penge businesses who have worked hard to achieve this success and continue to support them in their efforts.

Proof of Identity Required to Vote in May Elections

Bromley council has signed up to a Government pilot scheme that means you will need to take identity documents with you to be able to vote in the Council elections on 3rd May.

To be able to vote- you will need to bring a photo ID (such as a passport, driving licence or Freedom Pass) or **two** other documents from a list including your polling card, debit or credit card, birth certificate, a recent bank statement, utility or council tax bill. One of the documents (such as the polling card) must show the address you are registered to vote at.

While we agree preventing fraud in voting is important, your Labour councillors have heard of no evidence that this is a problem in Bromley and we are worried that these requirements could lead residents being unfairly prevented from voting.

If you are worried you or your family might not be able to provide the documents, you can make sure you keep your vote by registering for a postal vote or applying for a certificate of identity.

For more information on these requirements, go to Bromley.gov.uk and search '[Voter ID](#)' or '[Postal Vote](#)', or feel free contact us using the details below.

Our Alternative Budget for Bromley

This week, Bromley council adopted its budget for 2018. Sadly, but unsurprisingly, our proposals were once again rejected by the councils' Conservative majority, but the Labour group presented our proposals for better services and prioritising Bromley residents over council profits.

Our budget accepted the same overall increase in council tax as the Tories; key proposals include the following key commitments (costed and funded from Investment and Save to spend funds):

- To establish a special purpose vehicle in order to build new council /social housing
- Set up register of landlords and act to protect private rented tenants / improve housing conditions
- Stop buying commercial properties outside Bromley and invest in people and services
- Introduce London Living Wage for all council staff and all new/renewed contracts
- Invest in prevention / early intervention / public health / food hygiene teams
- Full audit of all contracts >£250k to ensure proper management/monitoring / 'savings'
- Implement road safety measures / 20 MPH limits at schools / air pollution monitoring
- Introduce business recycling

How to contact your local Labour Team



You can meet your local councillors outside the Post Office on Penge High Street on the 1st Saturday of every month between 10.45am and 12.15pm.

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