

Feedback on issues - Peckham and Nunhead Community Council on 24 September 2012

Question	Responses
<p>Question 3: Public question raised at the last community council on 20 June 2012. The resident stated that the former London Assembly Mayor sent out information to residents which indicated that Londoners would pay as part of their council tax payment, 38 pence per week from 2006/7 until 2016/2017.</p> <p>He asked why council tax payers were charged this amount up 2017 (after the Olympics had taken place) and why couldn't TfL cover the cost for infrastructure and road maintenance and were these extra payments necessary?</p> <p>He asked for further clarification on the following:</p> <p>What did the previous London Mayor say about the 38 pence charge to council tax payers?</p> <p>What is the actual time frame for these payments?</p> <p>What exactly would the money be used for?</p>	<p>Response from the GLA - Mandu Reid, London 2012, City Operations, Borough Engagement Lead</p> <p>The information below has been provided by our finance department in response to Roy King's questions:</p> <p>The £20 per year band D council tax contribution is designed to raise the £625 million that the previous Mayor agreed with Government would come from London council tax payers over the period 2006-07 to 2016-17.</p> <p>The Mayor is continuing to raise council tax in line with this agreement. By the end of the 2011-12 financial year a total of approximately £353 million has been raised from London council tax payers towards the cost of the Games.</p> <p>Current estimates of the growth in the council taxbase indicate that the £625 million can be raised by levying £20 per year at band D up to 2015-16 and approximately £8 in 2016-17.</p> <p>This information is included in the Mayor's annual formal budget proposals that are subject to scrutiny by the London Assembly and which can be viewed on the GLA's public website.</p> <p>The £625 million contribution from London taxpayers is part of the £9.3 billion public sector funding package for the Games which includes £6.2 billion from central government i.e. the biggest contribution is from national taxpayers. The specific contribution by Londoners is in recognition of the fact that the benefit of hosting the Games will be felt most keenly by people living in London.</p> <p>Most of the council tax contribution has funded the capital cost of delivering the Games infrastructure including the venues and other upgrades supporting the delivery such as to transport.</p> <p>However £27 million has funded a 'Look and Feel' programme which contributed to making London such an attractive host city. This included city dressing and 'spectaculars' such as the rings and agitos on Tower Bridge and lighting of bridges and the London Outdoors Arts Festival.</p> <p>In addition some £12 million was used to fund other GLA Games programmes such as the highly successful Team London Ambassador volunteer programme and the running of the London Media Centre for the thousands of additional journalists in London during the Olympics and Paralympics.</p> <p>A further £22 million funded additional costs borne by the boroughs who were most affected by the hosting of the Games such as for extra street cleaning and refuse disposal.</p> <p>Sincere apologies for the delay</p>