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COUNCIL

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9 BUDGET (REVENUE AND CAPITAL) AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING - TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FROM THE MEETING ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2015 (Pages 3 - 14)

The following proposed amendments to the Budget recommendations are attached –

- (i) Recommendations from the Director of Finance
- (ii) Recommendations from the Conservative Group
- (iii) Recommendations from the Labour Group
- (iv) Recommendations from the UKIP Group.

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Report of the Director of Finance re. Item 9 (2015/16 Council Tax)

Changes required to the Council Tax Resolution (recommendations from the Executive to Council).

There were no changes to the final Mayoral precept accepted by the London Assembly on 23rd February 2015.

On 18th February 2015 the Environment Portfolio Holder considered a report entitled "Revision to Kerbside Paper Collection Service". Minutes of the meeting are attached. Council are requested to approve an allocation of £558k from overall underspends in the Council's 2014/15 Central Contingency sum for the purchase of three split bodied vehicles as detailed in recommendation 2.4 below.

The above changes will require the following proposed amendments to be made to the recommendations of the Executive:

Amended Recommendation (2.1)

- (g) sets a 1.99% increase in Bromley's council tax for 2015/16, compared with 2014/15, and a 1.34% reduction in the GLA precept;
- (h) notes the final position on the GLA precept, as accepted by the London Assembly on 23rd February 2015;

Amended Recommendation (2.2)

Council Tax 2015/16 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Subject to 2.1 (a) to (j) above, if the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase/decrease (-) %
Bromley	1,010.07	1,030.14	1.99
GLA	299.00	295.00	-1.34
Total	1,309.07	1,325.14	1.23

Amended Recommendation (2.3)

- (iv) to note that the Greater London Authority (GLA) has issued a precept to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Additional Recommendation (2.4)

- (i) Council approve an allocation of £558k from overall underspends in the Council's 2014/15 Central Contingency Sum for the purchase of three split-bodied vehicles.

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Council Meeting on 23rd February 2015**Amendment to Item 9 – 2015/16 Council Tax****Proposed: Cllr Carr****Seconded: Cllr Smith**

After allowing for the report from the Director of Finance the following amendments are proposed to the recommendations of the Executive set out in the Blue Book on pages 55-96.

The following changes be made to the recommended budget for 2015/16:

Recommendation 2.1:

- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets for 2015/16 with the following amendments:
 - (i) agree that a sum of £77k be set aside from 2014/15 underspends as an earmarked reserve to contribute towards the funding of Bromley Youth Music Trust in 2015/16 to enable the savings in the 2015/16 and future years budgets to be realised.

Recommendation 2.3:

- iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
 - (a) £560,423k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £431,522k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

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Council Meeting on 23rd February 2015**Amendment to Item 9 - 2015/16 Council Tax****Proposed: Cllr Wilkins****Seconded: Cllr Dunn**

After allowing for the report from the Director of Finance the following amendments are proposed to the recommendations of the Executive set out in the Blue Book on pages 55-96.

The following changes be made to the recommended budget for 2015/16:

Recommendation 2.1:

- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets for 2015/16 with the following amendments:
 - (i) that the following revenue savings in 2015/16 do not proceed:
 1. total of £1,865k in 2015/16 as marked Recommendation 1 in the attached spreadsheet;
 2. total of £1,283k in 2015/16 as marked Recommendation 2 in the attached spreadsheet;
 3. line 66 of savings options totalling £202k in 2015/16 - cease funding for BME groups. Ethnic Comms Programme/Somali women and men, BACA, Pineapple club (£111k). Keyring service (£91k);
 4. line 71 of savings options totalling £230k in 2015/16 – Bromley Youth Music Trust.
 - (ii) agree the utilisation of funding as follows:
 - a sum of £2m is set aside from underspends in 2014/15 as an earmarked reserve to contribute towards the budget shortfall in 2015/16;

- the balance of £1,580k be utilised from general fund balances in 2015/16 to support the revenue budget.
- (iii) We note that work is ongoing on proposals for use of at least £3m of the PIL funds namely the Bromley Town Centre Housing Zone Bid. We hope that this is successful and would further urge that every effort is then made to expedite this project as soon as possible.

Bromley needs housing, whether affordable, supported, for purchase or rent, or otherwise e.g. respite/care homes, to reduce the housing register, reduce spend on emergency accommodation, and also to help people who are in substandard or unsuitable housing.

On the basis of the above, Council are requested to agree that the sum of £4.4m of New Homes Bonus set aside to increase the Council's investment Fund in 2015/16 Budget instead be invested in the construction of affordable and social housing.

Recommendation 2.3:

- (iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
- (a) £563,776k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £434,875k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

Recommendation 1

£'000s

Line	Division	Saving Option	15/16
9	Contact Centre	Reduce contact centre SLA from 80% of calls answered in 30 seconds to 50% of calls answered within 1 minute	31
12	Contact Centre	Parking fine appeals to only be online only	4
15	Democratic Services	Remove coordination of complaints/FOI	50
21	Management Accounting & Systems	Delete further two finance posts within management accounting teams (if frequency of BM reduced to quarterly & response for financial information not so timely)	30
28	Public Protection and Community Safety	Review of staffing to reduce services to the statutory baseline, which would include the deletion of 10 posts within the following areas: - Trading Standards, Food Safety, Licensing, Public Health & Nuisance, Community Safety and Housing	169
29	Community Safety	Reduction of the Portfolio Holder grant budget	50
30	Public Protection	Reduction of CCTV staffing costs	50
37	Waste Services	Introduce charges for collection of domestic clinical waste, or transfer costs back to health authority	30
46	Care and Resources	Personal Education Allowances	30
48	Safeguarding and Care Planning	Bromley Gypsy Traveller - SLA	33
51	Bromley Youth Support Programme	Further efficiencies within the YOT Service	50
53	Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	Reorganisation of the service	27
54	Assessment and Care Management	Deletion of one vacant post and a further post being redeployed	81
59	Direct Services	Carelink	25
60	Direct Services	Reduce extra care housing capacity	150
61	Learning Disabilities Day and Short breaks Service	Staffing restructure - vacant posts	70
62	Learning Disabilities Day and Short breaks Service	Stop My-Time activities	52
63	Learning Disabilities Day and Short breaks Service	Running expense reduction	26
64	Learning Disabilities Care Management	Integration of Services, restructure to achieve integration	100
70	Housing Needs	Withdrawal of Winter Shelter contribution, peer education and CAB advice (specific housing advice contract)	51
72	Youth Service	Service Redesign	506
73	Children's Centres	Income Generation/Savings	120
74	Schools & Early Years Commissioning and QA	Reorganisation of service including charging some elements to DSG	130

Sub Total

1,865

Recommendation 2

Line	Division	Saving Option	15/16
33	Street scene and green space	Restructuring of SSGS division including; a fully commissioned park service and a review of the client contract monitoring function across the whole division.	182
47	Care and Resources	Reorganisation of the service	50
49	Referral and Assessment	CAMHS Funding, already achieved through recommissioning of service	125
50	Children's Disability Services	Changes to playgroup funding, cessation of floating support, and CIN play schemes already achieved	66
52	Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	Volunteers in Child Protection, already achieved	38
55	Assessment and Care Management	Older People contract efficiencies already achieved	181
56	Assessment and Care Management	Care management - new contracting arrangements already achieved	130
57	Assessment and Care Management	Implementation of IMPOWER work	250
65	Supporting People	Review service levels at retender for all contracts	213
76	Schools & Early Years Commissioning and QA	Contract efficiencies already achieved	48

1,283

Recommendation 3

Line	Division	Saving Option	15/16
66	Commissioning	Cease funding BME groups. Ethnic Comms Programme/Somali women and men, BACA, Pineapple club (£111k). Kevring service (£91k)	202

Sub Total

202

Recommendation 4

Line	Division	Saving Option	15/16
71	Youth Service	Bromley Youth Music Trust	230

Sub Total

230

Overall Total

3,580

Funded by

2014/15 underspend
Use of reserves

2,000
1,580

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Council Meeting on 23rd February 2015**Amendment to Item 9 - 2015/16 Council Tax****Proposed: Cllr Livett****Seconded: Cllr Nathan**

After allowing for the report from the Director of Finance the following amendments are proposed to the recommendations of the Executive set out in the Blue Book on pages 55-96.

The following changes be made to the recommended budget for 2015/16:

Recommendation 2.1:

- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets for 2015/16 with the following amendments:
 - i. agree a council tax freeze in 2015/16 resulting in reduced income from council tax of £2,511k offset by council tax freeze grant of £1,391k (net loss of income £1,120k);
 - ii. increased income from interest on balances of £659k (from £2,741k to £3,400k);
 - iii. closure of garden satellite sites at start of year £190k (includes additional income of £65k from extra wheelie bin sales) [line 35 of saving options];
 - iv. reduction in basic Member allowances of £57k;
 - v. increase in Mayoral allowance of £6k;
 - vi. committee structure to be re-instated providing a saving of £110k;
 - vii. the 2015/16 Central Contingency Sum be reduced by £110k.
- (e) approve a revised Central Contingency sum of £13,707k to reflect the changes in (b) and (d);
- (g) set a nil variation in Bromley's council tax for 2015/16 compared with 2014/15 and a 1.34% reduction in the GLA precept.

Recommendation 2.2:

Council Tax 2015/16 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Subject to 2.1 (a) to (j) above, if the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase/decrease (-) %
Bromley	1,010.07	1,010.07	0.00
GLA	299.00	295.00	-1.34
Total	1,309.07	1,305.07	-0.31

Recommendation 2.3:

- (ii) calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 is £126,390k;
- (iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
 - (a) £559,950k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £433,560k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £126,390k being the amount by which the aggregate at (iii) (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (iii) (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
 - (d) £1,010.07 being the amount at (iii) (c) above, divided by (i) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (v) that the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2015/16 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
673.38	785.61	897.84	1,010.07	1,234.53	1,458.99	1,683.45	2,020.14

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
196.67	229.44	262.22	295.00	360.56	426.11	491.67	590.00

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
870.05	1,015.05	1,160.06	1,305.07	1,595.09	1,885.10	2,175.12	2,610.14

- (vi) that the Council hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2015/16, which reflects a nil increase, is not excessive. The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2015/16 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England in 2015/16. The Council is required to determine whether its relevant basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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