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## COUNCIL

**Monday 11 March 2024**

### 8 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN. (Pages 3 - 8)

Please note that motion (C) Household Support Fund has been withdrawn by Cllr Igoe.

Amendments for the following motions are attached –

#### Motion (A) Police Base Re-Openings

- From Cllr Stammers
- From Cllr McPartlan

#### Motion (D) Live Streaming Council Meetings

- From Cllr Arnold

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## 8 (A)

### COUNCIL

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Motions

#### (A) Police Base Re-Openings

##### **Amendment to be moved by Councillor Alison Stammers and seconded by Councillor Mark Smith**

To add the words “and Chislehurst” as follows -

“The Council thanks the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Mark Rowley, for coming to Bromley last summer to present his ‘New Met for London’ plan. This Council broadly welcomes the measures in the plan, especially the commitment to restoring community policing. In line with this, Council calls on the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to provide the necessary funding so the Metropolitan Police can re-open bases in Penge/ Crystal Palace, West Wickham **and Chislehurst**, as well increasing the number of bases it has in the rural parts of the Borough. Council welcomes the reopening of the base at Green Street Green in Chelsfield. This will help to achieve the Commissioner’s target of ensuring that no Police officer is more than 20 minutes away from the communities which they serve.

Council also calls on the Metropolitan Police to review the bureaucracy around volunteers covering front desks at the local police bases. In addition, this Council is concerned that too many of the Borough’s Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) are based out of Bromley Police Station. As such, their ability to patrol local neighbourhoods depends on the availability of public bus transport. Council calls on MOPAC to ensure all SNTs have access to Police vehicles so they can travel to these neighbourhoods whenever necessary, not when a bus can take them.”

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Delete everything after 'community policing' and replace with:

“Council recognises the funding challenges that the Metropolitan Police face and that the proportion of the Met police budget provided by City Hall has now increased from 19 per cent in 2016 to 27 per cent in the proposed budget for 2024-25. It also recognises the additional strain on funding recent extractions are having.

This Council will therefore work with Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley, Chief Superintendent Andy Brittain and Superintendent Luke Baldock to re-open bases in Penge/Crystal Palace and West Wickham, as well increasing the number of bases it has in other parts of the Borough. Bromley Council also calls on the Home Office to provide additional funding if this cannot be achieved within existing budgets.

Council welcomes the reopening of the base at Green Street Green in Chelsfield. This will help to achieve the Commissioner’s target of ensuring that no Police officer is more than 20 minutes away from the communities which they serve.

In addition, this Council is concerned that too many of the Borough’s Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) are based out of Bromley Police Station. As such, their ability to patrol local neighbourhoods depends on the availability of public bus transport. Council will work with Chief Superintendent Andy Brittain and Superintendent Luke Baldock to ensure all SNTs have access to Police vehicles so they can travel to these neighbourhoods whenever necessary, not when a bus can take them. It will call on the Home Office to provide additional funding if this cannot be achieved within existing budgets.”

This would leave the full amended motion as follows:

"The Council thanks the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Mark Rowley, for coming to Bromley last summer to present his 'New Met for London' plan.

This Council broadly welcomes the measures in the plan, especially the commitment to restoring community policing. Council recognises the funding challenges that the Metropolitan Police face and that the proportion of the Met police budget provided by City Hall has now increased from 19 per cent in 2016 to 27 per cent in the proposed budget for 2024-25. It also recognises the additional strain on funding recent extractions are having.

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### Motions

#### **(D) Livestreaming of Council Meetings**

Amendment for the motion to read as follows, to be proposed by Councillor Jessica Arnold (seconded to be confirmed.)

“Council notes:

(1) Online access to Council meetings improves local democracy by encouraging more residents to engage in Council business with convenient access, whilst increasing transparency and accountability in Council decision-making. This is particularly important for allowing people with disabilities or reduced mobility, caring responsibilities or evening/shift working patterns to attend Council meetings.

(2) That an increasing number of local authorities are recording and streaming Council meetings live routinely.

(3) Bromley Council has successfully livestreamed Council meetings during COVID and after.

(4) That most Bromley Council meetings are already hybrid meetings, with attendees in the Council Chamber and Council Officers and Councillors viewing and/or participating online.

(5) There are cost and resourcing implications in providing a 5-star livestreaming service; however, the Council has existing resources to offer basic online viewing access and to upload recordings of Council meetings online with minimal cost implications.

Therefore, Council moves to:

(1) Provide online viewing access to Full Council meetings and Committee meetings held in public from no later than three months after the move of these meetings into our new premises at Churchill Court.

(2) To robustly consider what an appropriate length of time should be to keep recordings of meetings available for public access online, recognising the pros and cons of either short or long periods of access, to be considered by the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

(3) Continue to investigate affordable enhancements to livestreaming and availability of recordings online to improve access without incurring significant costs, and keep our arrangements under review for quality and cost, with future updates coming to the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.”

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