

COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 26 MARCH 2012
STARTING AT 7.30PM**

LIST OF DECISIONS

1	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Auld, Hastings, Grainger, Mrs Manning, Diane Smith and Colin Smith. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Benington, Buttinger, Samaris Huntington-Thresher and Tickner.
2	To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th February 2012	Minutes confirmed, subject to the addition of Councillor Beckley to the list of members present.
3	Declarations of Interest	Councillor Lymer declared an interest in item 8 – Financial Allocations – Special one-off initiatives and Transfer of PCT Funding as her mother worked in Public Health.
4	Questions from members of the public where notice has been given.	One member of the public attended to ask an oral question at the meeting.
5	Oral questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given.	There were 9 questions asked.
6	Written questions from Members of the Council	There were 13 questions asked.
7	To consider any statements that may be made by the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.	There were no Statements made at the meeting.
8	Financial Allocations - Special one-off initiatives and Transfer of PCT Funding	Recommendation 1 amended at the meeting and the following agreed: 1a) approval be given to set aside, from the current years projected underspend a sum of £2.62m to be earmarked against the member priority initiatives announced at the last Council Meeting on 20 th February 2012;

		<p>1b) these priority schemes to be delivered by the Executive or Portfolio Holders, as appropriate after consultation with Ward Members and to be subject to pre-decision scrutiny in the normal way;</p> <p>2) it also be noted that the detailed arrangements for these initiatives will be reported to the Executive as appropriate; and</p> <p>3) approval be given for a sum of £4,995,000 to be set aside as an earmarked reserve to ensure the support of key initiatives relating to the integration of health and social care.</p>
9	Revision of Licensing Policy 2012	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <p>The changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy set out in appendices 1, 2 and 3 be adopted.</p>

10	Programme of Meetings and Start Times of Meetings	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <p>From 2012/13 onwards the normal evening start time for full Council meetings, Committees and Sub-Committees shall be 7pm, subject to each body retaining the flexibility to start at a different time if necessary, and further daytime meetings be permitted where there is agreement from all relevant Members.</p>
10	Members Allowances Scheme 2012/13	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <p>The proposed Members Allowances Scheme 2012/13 onwards be approved, including –</p> <p>a) freezing the allowances in the light of the current economic circumstances with no other changes to the existing scheme; and</p> <p>b) the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowances be agreed at the same rate as last year.</p>

10	Pay Policy Statement	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <p>The Pay Policy Statement attached as Appendix A to the report be approved, subject to changing the words “seeking to localise” to “considering localising” at paragraph 3.3. (iv).</p>
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11	Changes to the scheme of delegation to officers and the Constitution	The recommendations were agreed.
12	To consider Motions of which notice has been given.	<p>Notice of 3 Motions had been received and were dealt with as follows:</p> <p>1) Loyal Address – The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee – <i>(moved by the Mayor, Councillor David McBride, and seconded by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Carr)</i></p> <p>“Your Majesty</p> <p>The Mayor, on behalf of the Councillors, Honorary Aldermen and the residents of the London Borough of Bromley, sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty on the occasion of the Diamond Anniversary of your accession to the throne.</p> <p>For sixty years Your Majesty has provided wise counsel and dedicated and exemplary service to the people of this country and the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Throughout your reign you have been supported by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and we send him our warmest thanks and greetings.</p> <p>The people of Bromley recall with great pleasure your previous visits to the Borough and, in particular, that in 1986 when you formally opened our Council Chamber.</p> <p>Your Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee is a unique occasion in the history of our Nation, and it is with great pride that we look forward to Your Majesty’s visit to the London Borough of Bromley on 15th May and give you our warmest wishes for the coming years.”</p> <p>The above was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>2) Mayor of London <i>(moved by Councillor Will Harmer and seconded by Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP)</i></p>

		<p>“This Council believes it is in the best interests of the residents of Bromley that Boris Johnson be re-elected Mayor of London.”</p> <p>The above was agreed.</p> <p>3) PCSOs <i>The following amended Motion was agreed:</i> <i>(moved by Councillor Tim Stevens and seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr)</i></p> <p>This Council notes the loss of 59 Police Community Support Officers in the Borough who have gone to begin training to become full time Police Officers, and welcomes all party support calling on the Mayor and Commissioner to make sure Bromley goes back up to its full allocation of 141 Police Community Support Officers as quickly as possible.</p>
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13	Director of Children & Young People Services	The Leader and the Mayor paid tribute to Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services as this was her last Council Meeting before leaving. All members joined in thanking Gillian Pearson for her valued work on behalf of the Council and wished her well in her retirement.
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14	The Mayor's announcements and communications.	<p>The Mayor announced the death of a former Mayor of the Borough in 1977-78, Mr Bernard Gillman-Davies whose funeral will take place on 4th April 2012 in Sussex. Further details can be obtained from the Mayor's secretary if anyone wishes to attend.</p> <p>The Mayor would be hosting a Charity Dinner at Mings Restaurant in Petts Wood on 25th April and he reminded members of the Barn Dance being arranged in the Great Hall on 11th May 2012. Details of both these events would be circulated in the next week or so.</p> <p>The Council Meeting scheduled for 23rd April 2012 has been cancelled.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Members for their cards and best wishes over the birth of his daughter.</p>
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The Meeting ended at 9.10pm.