

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2012

LIST OF DECISIONS

1	Apologies for absence	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Fortune and Mrs Anne Manning. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Julian Bennington, Nicky Dykes and Samaris Huntington-Thresher.</p> <p>The new Executive Director of Education and Care Services, Mr Terry Parkin, was welcomed to his first meeting of the Council.</p>
2	To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th June 2012	The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed subject to a minor correction to an oral Council Question reported by the Portfolio Holder for the Environment.
3	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor Auld reported that in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 he had a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest in item 8 (Localised Pay and Conditions of Service) as his wife worked for the local authority. He would therefore not be taking part in any discussion or voting on this issue and as required under the Council's Local Code of Conduct would leave the chamber whilst the item was being considered.</p> <p>Councillors Colin Smith and Diane Smith both declared personal interests as their daughter worked part-time for the Library Service although this was not a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest.</p>
4	Questions from members of the public where notice has been given.	Two members of the public attended to ask one oral question each at the meeting.
5	Oral questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given.	There were 3 oral Council questions asked.
6	Written questions from Members of the Council	There were 7 written questions.

7	To consider any statements that may be made by the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.	<p>1) The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety made a Statement on SLAM and Bethlem Hospital in response to the oral question and request from Cllr Nicholas Bennett J.P.</p> <p>2) The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation made a Statement on the latest situation concerning the provision of Christmas Lights in West Wickham High Street.</p>
8	Localised Pay and Conditions of Service	The Recommendations were agreed.
9	Fourth Report of the Constitution Working Group	<p>The Recommendations were agreed, subject to the amendments circulated at the meeting including the proposal that Recommendation 6 (that Council should be the appropriate authority to consider major planning applications etc.) should not proceed. It was also agreed that Area Committees should not be proceeded with.</p> <p>The corresponding changes to the Constitution arising from these amendments were also agreed.</p>
10	Review of Financial Regulations	The revised Financial Regulations were adopted.
11	Treasury Management	The Recommendations were agreed.
12	Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 - 2116	The revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2011-2016 was adopted with immediate effect.
13	Revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for 2013 - 2016	The revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for 2013-2016 was adopted with effect from 1 st January 2013.
14	To consider Motions of which notice has been given.	Notice of 4 Motions had been received and decided upon as set out in the attached appendix.
15	The Mayor's announcements and communications.	<p>The Mayor thanked those Councillors who represented the Borough at the Remembrance Sunday Services and also to those who attended the various services throughout the Borough.</p> <p>He also thanked those Councillors who had supported his Charity Appeal to date and members of the golf, cricket and bowls teams, together with their Captains.</p>

		<p><u>Dates for the diary:</u></p> <p>The annual Staff Carol Concert would be held in the Council Chamber on Friday 14th December at 11.00 a.m. and all were welcome to attend.</p> <p>A Charity Indian Evening would take place at the Cinnamon Culture on Wednesday 16th January 2013 and a Quiz Evening on Friday 8th February 2013.</p> <p>Further details would be circulated nearer the time.</p>
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The Meeting ended at 10.26pm

COUNCIL MEETING

12th NOVEMBER 2012

MOTIONS

1. Library Service (Revised version)

Moved by the Councillor Tom Papworth and seconded by Councillor Reg Adams -

“Bromley Council

1. reiterates its commitment to ensuring that all residents of the London Borough of Bromley of Bromley are able to easily access library services;
2. acknowledges the receipt of a petition in 2011 of over 1,000 signatures from residents (especially from Crystal Palace, Penge & Cator and Clock House) calling on Bromley Council to save Anerley Library
3. notes with concern the threat to the long term future of Upper Norwood Joint Library by the 60% cut in funding imposed by Croydon Council;
4. **notes** the excellent service provided by **Anerley** and Upper Norwood **Libraries** to Bromley residents in the Crystal Palace Ward
5. seeks the commitment from the Executive that some library services continue to be provided from the Anerley Town Hall site, following the development of a new library in Penge town centre
6. seeks assurances from the Leader and Portfolio Holder that they will work with Croydon and Lambeth Councils to explore how the long term future and governance of the Upper Norwood Joint Library can be secured.”

The above Motion was LOST.

2. Government Planning Policies

Moved by the Councillor Peter Dean and seconded by Councillor Alexa Michael -

“This Council notes with great concern the recent proposed planning changes announced by Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

In particular, this Council is concerned about specific proposals to allow residents to build conservatories and single storey rear extensions of up to eight metres (30 feet) in domestic gardens without having to apply for planning permission until late 2015, and the proposal to encourage Councils to use the National Planning Policy Framework to vary the extent of the Green Belt in their areas.

This Council believes those proposals:

- would have an adverse and irrevocable impact on the character of the Borough, including further encroachment of the Green Belt and undesirable changes to properties;
- would reduce the quality of life for neighbours and Borough residents generally;

- would undermine both the ability of individual residents to object to planning proposals that affect them and elected Councillors' power to refuse bad planning applications.

This Council therefore urges the Secretary of State to reconsider the above proposals and also calls on the Borough's MPs to lobby against the proposals."

The above Motion was agreed.

3. European Union

Moved by the Councillor Colin Smith and seconded by Councillor Richard Scoates -

"This Council notes with profound concern, recent widespread reports that the European Union intends to seek significant additional financial contributions from the UK over coming years, further to expand its own still un-audited and wasteful budget. This at a time when the Coalition Government is quite rightly trying to eliminate the worrying domestic deficit it inherited from its predecessors.

The EU provides little obvious benefit to the residents of this Borough. This Council therefore firmly believes that with valued local services facing acute ongoing pressure as a result of Central Government's 28% cut to Local Government funding, that the EU must be forced to play its part in the solution too, by reducing its call on the Bromley taxpayers' purse.

Accordingly, this Council respectfully calls on the Coalition Government to inform the EU of its intention to make large, real time reductions to the UK's future contributions to the EU's budget and likewise respectfully requests the Borough's 4 MPs to use their influence within the House of Commons to promote this desired outcome."

The above Motion was agreed.

4 Hospital Services

Moved by the Councillor John Getgood and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bance -

"This council welcomes the positive and helpful recommendations of the Special Administrator to deal with the financial problems associated with the South London Health Trust in his initial report published on 29th October 2012.

However, this Council is deeply concerned that the proposals to close Orpington Hospital, the Lewisham A&E and Maternity units and to withdraw services from the Beckenham Beacon will be harmful to the standards of health care for people living in Bromley.

This council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to respond to the consultation by drawing attention to these concerns and to approach the four Members of Parliament representing the Borough to present a united response to the Special Administrator on the recommendations he will finally make to the Secretary of State for Health."

The above Motion was referred to the Care Services PDS Committee for consideration at the meeting on 4th December 2012 when the Trust Special Administrator will be attending whilst members discuss the proposals.

The Leader of the Council agreed to write to the Trust Special Administrator seeking an extension to the consultation period following the Council Meeting.
