

## COUNCIL MEETING

7.00 PM, MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2014

### LIST OF DECISIONS

1	Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Botting, Carr, Ellis, Fookes and Nathan.
2	To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th October 2014	Minutes confirmed.
3	Declarations of Interest	Cllr Fawthrop declared an interest as an employee of British Telecom in relation to motion (1).  Cllr Ball declared an interest as her husband was employed in the financial sector in relation to motion (2).
4	Questions from members of the public where notice has been given.	One question had been received – this will receive a written reply. A second question had been withdrawn.
5	Oral questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given.	12 questions for oral reply and 1 urgent question were dealt with.
6	Written questions from Members of the Council	Answers to 22 questions for written reply were tabled.
7	To consider any statements that may be made by the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.	No statements were made.
8	Treasury Management - Performance Q2 2014/15 and Mid-Year Review.	The recommendation to approve changes to the 2014/15 prudential indicators was approved.
9	Council Tax Support/Reduction - 2015/16	The recommendation to adopt the Local Council tax Reduction Scheme for 2015/16 was approved.
10	To consider Motions of which notice has been given.	Three motions were considered as follows -  (1) Superfast Broadband (Moved by Cllr Will Harmer and seconded by Cllr Lydia Buttinger  <i>"This Council notes the Government's recent £1 billion investment to secure superfast broadband to 90% of the UK by 2016 and has already seen the positive impact that this investment has in supporting businesses both across the country</i>

		<p><i>and in the neighbouring County of Kent.</i></p> <p><i>However, it is disappointed that as a London Borough, Bromley is ineligible for any funding under the Superfast Broadband Programme to improve the very poor provision of Superfast Broadband in the rural parts of the Borough.</i></p> <p><i>It requests that the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the Greater London Authority (“GLA”) meet with the Council to discuss how best it can meet the Programme objectives and the needs of our residents and businesses in rural areas and if funding could be extended to provide the required investment.”</i></p> <p>The motion was carried.</p> <p>(2) Financial Transaction Tax (Moved by Cllr Angela Wilkins and seconded by Cllr Ian Dunn)</p> <p><i>“It is wrong that local authority funding is continuing to be cut and essential services are being hit in order to pay for the bailout to the financial sector. This Council therefore calls on the Government to introduce a Financial Transaction Tax in order that more resources can be made available to local councils.”</i></p> <p>The motion was lost.</p> <p>(3) Devolution of powers and finance to local councils (Moved by Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP and seconded by Cllr Colin Smith)</p> <p><i>“This Council notes the proposal to give Scotland more devolved responsibilities and tax raising powers and believes that, as far as practicable, responsibility for local services and their financing should also be devolved down to the most appropriate level of government in England and therefore calls upon the Government to examine how this can be achieved as soon as possible.”</i></p> <p>The motion was carried.</p>
11	The Mayor's announcements and communications.	The Mayor thanked members for attending recent events and summarised a number of forthcoming events.

The Meeting ended at 8.56pm.