

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.00 pm on 14 December 2015

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Kim Botting**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Alan Collins**

Councillors

Vanessa Allen	Robert Evans	Ian F. Payne
Graham Arthur	Simon Fawthrop	Sarah Phillips
Douglas Auld	Peter Fortune	Tom Philpott
Teresa Ball	Hannah Gray	Chris Pierce
Kathy Bance MBE	Ellie Harmer	Neil Reddin FCCA
Julian Benington	Will Harmer	Catherine Rideout
Nicholas Bennett J.P.	Samaris Huntington-	Charles Rideout QPM CVO
Ruth Bennett	Thresher	Michael Rutherford
Eric Bosshard	William Huntington-	Richard Scoates
Katy Boughey	Thresher	Colin Smith
Kevin Brooks	Charles Joel	Diane Smith
Lydia Buttinger	David Livett	Melanie Stevens
Stephen Carr	Kate Lymer	Tim Stevens J.P.
David Cartwright	Russell Mellor	Michael Tickner
Mary Cooke	Alexa Michael	Pauline Tunncliffe
Peter Dean	Peter Morgan	Michael Turner
Ian Dunn	Keith Onslow	Angela Wilkins
Nicky Dykes	Tony Owen	
Judi Ellis	Angela Page	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Kim Botting

132 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Fookes, David Jefferys, Terence Nathan, Stephen Wells and Richard Williams.

133 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th October 2015 and the special meeting held on 25th November 2015

It was noted that an updated version of the reply to written question 1 in Appendix C to the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2015 had been circulated. Subject to including this, the minutes were confirmed.

The minutes of the special meeting held on 25th November 2015 had also been circulated and these were confirmed.

134 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

135 To consider any petitions received
Report CSD15142

A petition had been received from the Knoll Residents Association. At the request of the lead petitioner this was deferred to the next meeting.

136 Questions from members of the public where notice has been given.

Two questions had been received from an Honorary Alderman. The questions and replies are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

137 Oral questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given.

Fifteen questions had been received from Members of the Council for oral reply. These are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

138 Written questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given

Sixteen questions for written reply had been received from Members of the Council. These are set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

139 To consider any statements that may be made by the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Councillor Graham Arthur made a statement on the budget process as the process of confirming the 2016/17 budget was about to start. The pay award for staff under national pay and conditions was going to be 1%, but he was proposing that Bromley's staff would benefit from a 1.2% increase plus merit pay awards. The Portfolio Holder recognised the excellence of Bromley's staff and reported that absences were very low at 5.8 days per annum.

140 Budget Monitoring 2015/16 - Transfer from Central Contingency to the Growth Fund
Report CSD15140

A motion to agree that £6.5m of the underspend on services and the Central Contingency be transferred to the Growth Fund as detailed in paragraph 3.10.3 of the report was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr and **CARRIED**.

141 Council Tax Support/Reduction 2016/17
Report CSD15139

A motion to adopt, for the financial year 2016/17, a scheme whereby entitlement for working age claimants was calculated on 75% of the household Council Tax liability (thereby the maximum assistance provided to a claimant of working age was 75% of his/her Council Tax liability) was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur and seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr. (Other elements of the proposed scheme would remain unchanged to that in place for 2015/16 except where revision was required as a result of revised legislation/guidance and/or annual uplifting.)

An amendment to the motion to retain the level of support for working age people at 81% was moved by Councillor Ian Dunn and seconded by Councillor Angela Wilkins. This amendment was **LOST**.

The original motion was **CARRIED**.

142 Beckenham Public Realm Improvements
Report CSD15138

A motion to increase the capital estimate of the Beckenham Public Realm Scheme by £1.44m to £4.697m was moved by Councillor Peter Morgan, seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr and **CARRIED**.

143 Treasury Management - Performance Q2 2015/16 & Mid-Year Review
Report CSD15137

A motion to note the report and approve changes to the 2015/16 prudential indicators, as set out in Annex B1 to the report was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr and **CARRIED**.

144 Our Healthier South East London (OHSEL) - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
Report CSD15136

A motion to authorise participation in the non-executive joint committee with other local authorities for the purpose of scrutinising the "Our Healthier South East London" (OHSEL) project, to appoint two members to serve on the

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Committee (amended to be Councillors Judi Ellis and Hannah Gray) and to delegate to the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Care Services PDS Committee, authority to make any other detailed arrangements relating to the Council's representation on the non-executive joint committee that are necessary, was moved by Councillor Judi Ellis, seconded by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe and **CARRIED**.

145 Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules
Report CSD15135

A motion to approve the updated Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules was moved by Councillor Tim Stevens, seconded by Councillor Diane Smith and **CARRIED**.

146 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.

No motions had been received.

147 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor thanked all Members who had attended the Sci-Fi event on 14th November. The event had been a huge success and feedback was very good indeed. About £1,200 had been raised for the Mayor's charities. The Mayor also thanked member who had attended the Mayoral and Civic Carol Services on 8th December, where the collection had raised £805, and the Charity Dinner at Tamasha which 65 people attended and which raised £3,000.

The Mayor informed members about the following future events –

- The Mayor's Quiz Evening – 19th February 2016
- Preview of "Far from the Madding Crowd" at Bromley Little Theatre" – 10th March 2016
- The annual Mayor of Bromley awards in March.

The Meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Mayor