

## TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Bromley is to be held in the Council Chamber at Bromley Civic Centre on Monday 16 October 2023 at 7.00 pm which meeting the Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend.**

### Prayers

## A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 July 2023  
(Pages 3 - 28)
- 4 Questions  
(Pages 29 - 38)

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, general questions must have been received in writing 10 working days before the date of the meeting – by 5pm on Monday 2 October 2023.

Questions clarifying reports on the agenda should be received within two working days of the normal publication date of the agenda. Please ensure that any questions specifically on reports on the agenda are received by the Democratic Services Team by 5pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

- (a) Questions from members of the public for oral reply.
- (b) Questions from members of the public for written reply.
- (c) Questions from members of the Council for oral reply.
- (d) Questions from members of the Council for written reply.
- 5 To consider any statements that may be made by the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.
- 6 Budget Monitoring 2023/24 (Pages 39 - 84)
- 7 Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter 1, 2023/24 (Pages 85 - 102)
- 8 Local Pension Board Annual Report (Pages 103 - 118)

- 9 Local Pension Board - Appointment of Board Member (Pages 119 - 124)
- 10 To consider Motions of which notice has been given. (Pages 125 - 126)
- 11 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

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**Ade Adetosoye CBE**  
**Chief Executive**

**BROMLEY CIVIC CENTRE**  
**BROMLEY BR1 3UH**  
**Friday 6 October 2023**  
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# Agenda Item 3

## LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

### MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the  
Council of the Borough  
held at 7.00 pm on 17 July 2023

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor Mike Botting**

**The Deputy Mayor  
Councillor Keith Onslow**

#### Councillors

Hannah Gray  
Christine Harris  
Jeremy Adams  
Jonathan Andrews  
Jessica Arnold  
Felicity Bainbridge  
Kathy Bance MBE  
Yvonne Bear  
Kim Botting FRSA  
Mark Brock  
Graeme Casey  
Will Connolly  
Aisha Cuthbert  
Peter Dean  
Sophie Dunbar  
Robert Evans  
Simon Fawthrop

Adam Jude Grant  
Dr Sunil Gupta  
FRCP FRCPATH  
Colin Hitchins  
Alisa Igoe  
Julie Ireland  
Mike Jack  
Simon Jeal  
David Jefferys  
Josh King  
Andrew Lee  
Kate Lymer  
Tony Owen  
Christopher Marlow  
Ruth McGregor  
Tony McPartlan  
Alexa Michael

Angela Page  
Chloe-Jane Ross  
Will Rowlands  
Shaun Slator  
Colin Smith  
Diane Smith  
Alison Stammers  
Melanie Stevens  
Harry Stranger  
Ryan Thomson  
Michael Tickner  
Thomas Turrell  
Sam Webber  
Rebecca Wiffen

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair  
The Mayor  
Councillor Mike Botting

Before commencing with formal business, the Mayor presented a scroll to the previous Mayor, Cllr Hannah Gray, in appreciation of her service as Mayor for 2022/23.

**10 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Nicholas Bennett JP, David Cartwright QFSM, Kira Gabbert, Charles Joel, Kevin Kennedy-Brooks, Jonathan Laidlaw, Chris Price, Mark Smith and Pauline Tunnicliffe.

**11 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**12 To confirm the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 24th April and 10th May (special and annual meetings)**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the special meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and the annual meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.**

**13 Questions**

Four questions had been received from members of the public for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

Fourteen questions had been received from members of the Council for oral reply. The questions, with the replies given, are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

Eleven questions had been received from members of the Council for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

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

At the request of Cllrs Simon Jeal, Alisa Igoe and Tony McPartlan, the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing, Cllr Yvonne Bear, made a statement on the removal of mobile telephone antennas from the top of Burnt Ash Heights as part of the building's impending demolition. She explained that the masts had been removed as part of the demolition of the building and the redevelopment of the site. Planning policy did not provide for the replacement of the equipment, and any decision to do so would be a commercial decision for the mobile phone companies. The Council was working with telecoms providers to improve full fibre and mobile connectivity across the borough – this work was being led by the Economic Development Team. The Council had no powers to force telecoms providers to install equipment but where areas of poor coverage are identified officers would endeavour to seek collaborative solutions. The Portfolio Holder was not aware that concerns had been raised about this location, but now that she was aware officers were investigating what could be done with the telecoms providers to improve services for local residents.

In response to questions, the Portfolio Holder stated that it was in the interests of the providers to deliver good coverage. She confirmed that the Council had good relationships with the providers and officers had spoken with both telecoms companies. They were looking for temporary solutions and any developments would be reported as soon as the Council was informed. The Portfolio Holder agreed that the possibility of including relevant policies in the Local Plan could be looked at, and she re-stated that there were options being looked at with the providers.

**15 Renewal of the Armed Forces Covenant**  
Report CSD23074

A motion to note the renewal of the Armed Forces Covenant was moved by Cllr Colin Smith, seconded by Cllr Mike Botting and **CARRIED**.

**16 Provisional Final Accounts 2022/23**  
Report CSD23098

A motion to agree that a sum of £2,000k be set aside as a contribution to the Building Infrastructure earmarked reserve as detailed in paragraph 3.8.2 of the report was moved by Cllr Christopher Marlow, seconded by Cllr Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

**17 Constitution Update**  
Report CSD23100

Report WITHDRAWN.

**18 Request for Waiver of Six Month Attendance Rule**  
Report CSD23072

A motion to grant a waiver of the six-month attendance requirement to Cllr Jonathan Laidlaw to extend his absence for up to an additional six months was moved by Cllr Colin Hitchens, seconded by Cllr Christine Harris and **CARRIED**.

**19 Committee Membership and Proportionality**  
Report CSD23075

A motion to accept the following recommendations was moved by Cllr Colin Hitchens and seconded by Cllr Christine Harris:

- (1) The changes to proportionality involving creation of three additional Sub-Committee seats be agreed as set out in section 3 of the report.
- (2) The following changes to Committee membership be agreed –
  - (i) Cllr Michael Tickner replaces Cllr Jonathan Laidlaw on Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee;

- (ii) Cllr Andrew Lee replaces Cllr Jonathan Laidlaw on General Purposes and Licensing Committee;
  - (iii) Cllr Dr Sunil Gupta replaces Cllr Jonathan Laidlaw on Audit and Risk Management Committee;
  - (iv) Cllr Simon Fawthrop replaces Cllr Jonathan Laidlaw on Pensions Committee.
- (3) It is noted that Cllr Jonathan Laidlaw will be appointed to Industrial Relations Sub-Committee and Rights of Way Sub-Committee by General Purposes and Licensing Committee and to Plans 1 Sub-Committee by Development Control Committee at the earliest opportunity.

On being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

**20 Local Pension Board - Appointment of Board Members**  
Report CSD23096

A motion that Emma Downie and Chloe West be appointed as Employer Representatives to the Local Pension Board for four year terms of office commencing on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 was moved by Cllr Keith Onslow, seconded by Cllr Christopher Marlow and **CARRIED**.

**21 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.**

**(A) Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

The following motion was moved by Cllr Julie Ireland and seconded by Cllr Will Connolly:

“Bromley Council, like other authorities, has a responsibility to house refugees and asylum seekers. The Council recognises the importance of supporting these individuals and the local community. While the Home Office leads the support for refugees and asylum seekers, the Council plays a role in ensuring they receive the necessary local services.

Council appreciates the valuable work to set up and run the Ukrainian Support Hub and aims to expand on its success. Additionally, Council acknowledges the generosity of the voluntary sector in the borough, which is eager to collaborate with the Council in supporting the new arrivals.

Therefore, Council recommends that the Executive:

1. Establish a Support Hub Service to coordinate local services and connect refugees and asylum seekers with other available support.
2. Collaborate with local partners, including other levels of government, non-profit organisations, and community groups, to ensure the effective delivery of services and support to refugees and asylum seekers in the borough, with a particular focus on preparedness for their arrival.

3. Serve as a liaison with the Home Office regarding the welfare of refugees and asylum seekers in the borough, with a strong emphasis on monitoring the quality of services provided by the Home Office's local contractors responsible for accommodation and meals.

4. Provide public information about the Council's role in supporting refugees and asylum seekers in the borough.

5. Allocate resources from existing budget allocations to operate the Support Hub and advocate for additional funding and support from other sources.”

The following amendment was moved by Cllr Simon Jeal and seconded by Cllr Jessica Arnold:

Add the following words after the second paragraph:

“The Council’s ability to support refugees is limited by lack of government funding and processes which instead diverts money to private companies making profit from the asylum dispersal scheme, which not only raises accommodation costs for local authorities competing with them when trying to source temporary accommodation, but also results in inadequate support for refugees and asylum seekers, as recently demonstrated by people accommodated in the borough who recently presented at community food providers because they were not being provided with enough appropriate foods.

The Council resolves that the Chief Executive should write to the Home Secretary, to raise these deficiencies and call for an urgent and immediate change in contract terms with the current contract providers so that sufficient funding can be provided directly to local councils including Bromley, who (partnering with our strong local voluntary sector) are better able to deliver a cost effective and supportive service for refugees and asylum seekers, as demonstrated through the delivery of our Ukrainian Support Hub.”

Remove the following text:

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5. Allocate resources from existing budget allocations to operate the Support Hub and advocate for additional funding and support from other sources.”

Motion, if amended, to read in full -

“Bromley Council, like other authorities, has a responsibility to house refugees and asylum seekers. The Council recognises the importance of supporting these individuals and the local community. While the Home Office leads the support for refugees and asylum seekers, the Council plays a role in ensuring they receive the necessary local services.

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On being put to the vote, the amendment was **LOST**.

The original motion was put to the vote and **LOST**.

### **(B) Council Support for LGBTQ+ Equality**

The following motion was moved by Cllr Simon Jeal and seconded by Cllr Kathy Bance -

“Bromley Council notes with concern the record rise in homophobic and transphobic hate crime in London and across the UK in recent years. The Council unequivocally condemns such acts - including the recent incident on 27th June (during Pride Month) of hate-crime motivated vandalism of floral displays, created by local primary school children, on Bromley High Street.



We reiterate our unwavering commitment to supporting LGBTQ+ people living, working and studying in Bromley, including the Council's own staff and those accessing Council services. We will continue to work with Police, Health Service partners, Schools and employers across the borough to challenge anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination and provide inclusive services in line with our Equality Policy.

As part of this commitment, the Council agrees to establish a cross-party members' task and finish group to consider options for Bromley Council, within existing budgets, to mark and celebrate events of significance to LGBTQ+ residents as part of the Civic calendar. To provide recommendations to this effect to the Mayor."

It was moved by Cllr Thomas Turrell and seconded by Cllr Simon Fawthrop that the motion be amended to read –

"Bromley Council notes with concern the record rise in reported homophobic and transphobic hate crime in across London which remains the responsibility of Mayor of London Sadiq Khan to get a grip of. The Council unequivocally condemns such acts - including the recent incident on 27th June in Bromley of hate-crime motivated vandalism of floral displays, created by local primary school children, on Bromley High Street.

The Council reiterate our unwavering commitment to treat all Bromley residents, employees and members of society fairly, whatever their background without fear or favour."

The following members voted in favour of the amendment:

Councillors Jonathan Andrews, Felicity Bainbridge, Yvonne Bear, Kim Botting, Mark Brock, Aisha Cuthbert, Peter Dean, Robert Evans, Simon Fawthrop, Adam Grant, Sunil Gupta, Christine Harris, Mike Jack, David Jefferys, Andrew Lee, Kate Lymer, Christopher Marlow, Tony Owen, Angela Page, Will Rowlands, Shaun Slator, Colin Smith, Diane Smith, Melanie Stevens, Harry Stranger, Michael Tickner and Thomas Turrell (27)

The following members voted against the amendment:

Councillors Jeremy Adams, Jessica Arnold, Kathy Bance, Graeme Casey, Will Connolly, Sophie Dunbar, Alisa Igoe, Julie Ireland, Simon Jeal, Josh King, Ruth McGregor, Tony McPartlan, Chloe-Jane Ross, Alison Stammers, Ryan Thomson, Sam Webber and Rebecca Wiffen (17).

The following members abstained:

Councillors Mike Botting Hannah Gray, Colin Hitchins and Keith Onslow (4).

The amendment was **CARRIED**.

The motion as amended above was put to the vote and **CARRIED**.

**22           The Mayor's announcements and communications.**

The Mayor thanked Members for attending the Armed Forces Day Ceremony and signing of the Armed Forces Covenant on 21<sup>st</sup> June and the Bromley Stars evening on 7<sup>th</sup> July. He reminded Members about the Annual Civic Reception for Volunteers on 27<sup>th</sup> July, the Charity Ball on 21<sup>st</sup> October and the Dinner at the East India Club on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Events being planned included a Sunday Lunch to raise funds for Ukraine in January, a Wine Tasting in December, the Carol Service in December, a visit to the Bromley little Theatre in January and the Mayor's Quiz in February – details would be available in due course.

The Meeting ended at 9.06 pm

Mayor

**Council**

**17 July 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply**

**1. From Janet Worth to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement**

What is the Council doing to enforce TPO 2888?

**Reply:**

The Council's strategic response to the apparent breach of TPO 2888 comprises three strands. The first is the injunction which has been granted by the court, pending a second hearing on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The purpose of the injunction is to provide an even greater deterrent to further unauthorised tree felling. The second is the process of enforcing replanting of the felled area. There is a lot of preparatory work preceding any actual physical action on-site, which we expect to be taken when the planting season commences in autumn. The third strand is the investigation into the apparent breach of TPO that could potentially lead to prosecution of those responsible if legal tests are passed. This process commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> June when we began gathering evidence. We are currently processing the evidence received so far. Once we have a clear understanding of all the evidence any suspects will be interviewed under caution. Finally, an expediency assessment will be undertaken to determine what if any further action should be taken, one of the options being prosecution.

**2. From Dermot McKibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

What is happening regarding the installation of solar panels on the spa and pavilion leisure centres, when will they be fully operational and how much savings will be generated. Will the Council roll out these win-win projects throughout the borough?

**Reply:**

The solar panel scheme is still in its early stages with discussions on going between Mytime and the Council as to the installation and lease terms. At this time a planning application has been progressed for the Spa but not yet for the Pavilion. Officers will update Councillors once there is further news. The process will determine the viability of taking similar schemes forward on other buildings. Officers in the Environment and Public Protection Department are working with the Property team to identify energy efficiency projects on Council buildings as part of initiative 2 in the Council's Carbon Net Zero Action Plan.

### **3. From Kyle Sewell to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

Does the Council agree that, in solidarity with LGBTQ+ people who have faced a rising number of homophobic attacks and discrimination, the Council should have celebrated Pride in June by raising the rainbow flag?

**Reply:**

No, the Council does not agree. Although it is true that the number of hate crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales has risen year on year, in their latest data release Home Office statisticians note that “due to significant improvements in police recorded crime made in recent years, it is uncertain to what degree the increase in police recorded hate crime is a genuine rise, or due to continued recording improvements and more victims having the confidence to report these crimes to the police” (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-england-and-wales-2021-to-2022/hate-crime-england-and-wales-2021-to-2022>). As for the claim regarding discrimination, it is not clear why this would be the case, considering that the British public’s acceptance of homosexuality has increased dramatically since the 1980s (e.g. see graph on page 129 of a recent British Social Attitudes report: [https://www.bsa.natcen.ac.uk/media/39363/bsa\\_36.pdf](https://www.bsa.natcen.ac.uk/media/39363/bsa_36.pdf)).

It is Bromley Council’s policy to fly only the Union Flag and on occasion the Cross of St George. These flags represent the unity of the people of Bromley both as part of England and the United Kingdom. The only exception to this is the Armed Forces Day Flag. We have no intention of changing this policy. Bromley Council fully supports the right of private organisations and individuals to fly flags of their choice from their buildings or residences, or wear and display them about their person, in full exercise of their rights to freedom of speech.

As an employer the London Borough of Bromley complies with all its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and all related legislation with respect to LGBTQ+ people.

### **4. From Gary Kent to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

Will the Council urgently consider greater flexibility in car parking payments by, for instance, allowing scratch cards to ease difficulties for residents?

**Reply:**

At this current time there are no plans to introduce a voucher system for car parking. To implement such systems would be expensive and these costs would need to be passed back to the customer. Officers are holding 2 future drop-in sessions in Beckenham and Orpington Library where they will be happy to help motorists with any queries they have using the RingGo system.

**Council**

**17 July 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply**

**1. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement**

Will LBB liaise with the perpetrator of the felled trees in Kings Hall Road, to allow a competent and experienced tree surgeon to access the field to properly coppice all the remaining felled oak trunks to allow those trees to then regrow as multi-stem coppice trees which will then be of wildlife value?

**Reply:**

There is a legal requirement for the landowner to replant trees which have been illegally felled. The Council will be approaching the landowner regarding the options for replanting. Unfortunately, however, the Council cannot dictate the exact method and this will ultimately be for the landowner to decide providing it meets the overall requirement to restock the illegally felled trees.

**Supplementary Question:**

Is there a plan? Who is responsible for clearing the felled trees? There are 131, so there is a large amount of debris.

**Reply:**

This case goes across three portfolios, so I will have to get back to you on that.

**2. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Spaces and Open Spaces**

Did London Borough of Bromley participate in 'No Mow May' for parks, green spaces and grass verges across the borough this year?

**Reply:**

No.

**Supplementary Question:**

Thank you for that concise reply which clears up confusion for many residents who thought that the Council was participating in "No Mow May." As the Portfolio Holder is aware, many of the open spaces across the borough were not mown in May. Can she please explain what the issues that arose with idverde, the Council's contractor, were and what action she is taking to prevent these from occurring again?

**Reply:**

I would say that I am taking this very seriously and I am seeing officers regularly about this. In the contract with idverde we do have that the grass is cut as often as is needed.

**3. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety – In the absence of Cllr Nicholas Bennett the reply was provided by the Leader of the Council**

Environment PDS Committee 29/06: in answer to a resident's written question, you apologised for the delay of the start of the EV on-street charging pilot and said it would now start 03/07. This year long pilot was approved 21/03/22, due to commence autumn 2022, with results reported back to committee in Spring 2024. Could you please elaborate on what are the reasons for the delay?

**Reply:**

The EV charging Gul-E trial commenced at the start of this month (there are 8 installations at addresses across the Borough). More Officer time can now be dedicated to the procurement of the on-street charging equipment, which is the other aspect of the trial.

The on-street aspect of the EV charging trial has taken longer than the Council would have liked which is due to a number of factors. The procurement has been more complex than anticipated due to the nature of the pilot scheme, whereby officers wish to make a genuine comparison between different types of chargers and different suppliers. EV charging technology has continued to develop and we wish to ensure that we trial systems that will be future-proofed as far as that is possible.

Officers have recently made significant progress in solving this issue and the tender process is due to commence shortly.

**Supplementary Question:**

We should be looking at Oxfordshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils. Do you truly think that we are ambitious enough with our EV charging strategy?

**Reply:**

Yes, I do. I am against spending far too much money too quickly on kit that will become obsolete within a few years, such is the pace of technological change. We need to take considered steps.

(During consideration of this question Councillor Simon Fawthrop declared that he owned an electric vehicle.)

**4. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

How can litter that is blown out of kerbside recycling boxes be reduced across the borough and if appropriate, how does the Council plan to increase the take up of the nets sold in our libraries to cover the boxes?

**Reply:**

We have got Environment Matters, which goes out biannually, that is delivered to every household.

Also, I will be up at 5am with the Veolia Team doing a video giving key messages for residents about recycling and our waste programme, and I will also be talking about the netting. If any Members have any particular requests or questions that could be addressed in the video please get in touch with me.

**Supplementary Question:**

I am glad to hear that this is being promoted. Can you please ensure that, where residents do use these nets, Veolia staff do not discard them into the refuse.

**5. From Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Resources Commissioning and Contract Management (In the absence of Cllr Price a written reply was provided to his question)**

Please can you inform the Council in regard to the outturn of the 2022/23 Household Support Fund.

- A. How many residents applied
- B. How many were successful
- C. What was the total spend?

**Reply:**

- A. 13,857
- B. 13,620
- C. £3,468,994.29

**6. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety - In the absence of Cllr Nicholas Bennett the reply was provided by the Leader of the Council**

Accessing the facilities on our local high streets and shopping parades can be difficult, and sometimes impossible, for wheelchair and mobility scooter users. What are we doing to ensure our high streets and shopping parades are accessible to as many of our residents as possible?

**Reply:**

Whenever a town centre improvement scheme is undertaken the needs of wheelchair users are considered and drop kerbs etc are installed. However, there are locations around our town centres where the addition of new ramps will help make access easier. Where such locations are brought to the attention of Officers or Members, the Environment and Public Protection Department will consider what can be done to make suitable improvements.

**Supplementary Question:**

Has the Council ever considered working alongside local businesses to improve High Street and Shopping Parade accessibility as part of grant applications.

**Reply:**

I do not have intimate knowledge of what the Department is doing about accessibility, but certainly we have done this and I am in favour of it. It is what we are all about, trying to lever in money wherever we can get it.

## **7. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

I'm aware that I and a number of other councillors have been told that their applications to the Small Parades Initiative have had funding either removed in full or in part.

Can the Portfolio Holder list all applications by ward and amount of funding where this has happened in the last 6 months?

### **Reply:**

It is not true that funding has been removed. However, it is true that some projects that had funding agreed cannot now be delivered or have been identified as at risk due to insufficient business support. The project is recorded as a whole so the date I can provide is for the whole project, not just for the last 6 months. However, I can confirm that over 42% of the funding has already been spent on works that have either been completed or nearing completion, and 17% of the funding is at risk of not being spent on the originally identified works. These funds will be returned to the central pot for Members to bid for again. A detailed breakdown by Ward is provided in the written response to Cllr McPartlan's question.

### **Supplementary Question:**

Does the Portfolio Holder understand that many businesses who have suffered hardship during the Covid lockdown and now the cost of living crisis feel that the Council is withdrawing funding and is not supporting them?

### **Reply:**

The scheme is for capital funding, it does not involve revenue funding, that has never been included in any of the proposals associated with this pot. It has never been part of this project to consider revenue funding.

## **8. From Cllr Jeremy Adams to the Leader of the Council**

Can the Council Leader guarantee that any charity displaced by the proposed sale of Community House will be offered appropriate and affordable accommodation in the Direct Line building?

### **Reply:**

The Council made the decision to sell the freehold interest in Community House with the existing tenant, Bromley Voluntary Sector Trust (BVST), in situ under the 1954 Act protected lease they currently hold. BVST sub-lets to various tenants on commercial terms to which the Council is not party. Therefore to clarify, the sale will not displace the current tenant, and only the current tenant has the legal ability to displace any sub-tenants in accordance with any commercial terms that are provided for within their sub-lease agreements.

A previous commitment during full Council in December 2022 was made, welcoming any sub-tenants to relocate themselves into the Council's new Civic Centre should they be displaced from their current premises at Community House by their landlord



BVST, making assurances that no single current sub-lessee of BVST would be worse off financially if that route was pursued. That offer remains open to this day.

**Supplementary Question:**

Has the Council been approached by any of the sub-tenants with any form of request for alternative accommodation?

**Reply:**

At this point in time I have not been involved with the officers dealing with this. It is possible - the Chief Executive will email you if there is any further information that I am not party to. I suspect that everyone involved is waiting to see what happens with the expressions of community interest in the building. If there is any further information you are entitled to see it.

**9. From Cllr Jessica Arnold to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health**

On page 79 of the public pack, an update is given on persistent underspending of Public Health budgets, as follows:

*“Public health has had underspends in each of the last six years. These were £141k in 2014/15, £152k in 2015/16 and £330k in 2016/17, £395k in 2017/18, £761k in 2018/19 and £358k in 2019/20. This total balance of £2,137k was carried forward to 2020/21. £282k of this was used in 2020/21, and there were underspends again in 2021/22 of £109k and £910k in 2022/23. It is requested that the cumulative balance of £2,874k is carried forward to fund public health initiatives that may be required in 2023/24 and future years.”*

What plans are in place to ensure that this year’s funding, which has been allocated for improving Public Health for Bromley residents, is fully spent on such, and are plans being developed with partners to effectively utilise the rather large cumulative balance of £2.9m over coming years?

**Reply:**

I am advised by the Director of Public Health that planning for the allocation of both the 23/24 Public Health Budget as well as any additional initiatives, where evidenced based health outcomes have been identified to justify additional spending from the accumulated reserve, is at an advanced stage.

As well that a paper detailing the Public Health team’s recommendations will be presented to Health & Wellbeing Board Members at its next meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**10. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Cllrs who won in the Local Parades grants have been advised that incomplete bids have been closed out and the monies returned to a central pot for other wards to bid for. Why were these incomplete bids not discussed with the ward Cllrs before this decision was made? Why can't the awarded bid money be used in the wards where the bids were won?

**Reply:**

When the second Local Parade initiative was first announced in 2017, ward members were required to bid for certain works for their ward by 2018 – these were then costed. Due to a range of issues, these works have experienced delays, substantially due to Covid where these works were paused for almost two years. Officers are now trying to deliver as many of the schemes as possible, but some of these works have now been identified as no longer possible, no longer relevant or no longer carrying business support. Ward members have been contacted where this is the case, and asked to try to obtain business support by August if that is the outstanding issue. It was never the intention of this fund to be for specific wards, but rather for specific works within local parades, therefore if the original works cannot be delivered the funding needs to be returned to the central pot for consideration of new schemes which Members are at liberty to bring forward. Ward members have been updated on this. A general verbal update was provided at the RRH PDS meeting in June and a further report is due in September.

**Supplementary Question:**

We did not bid for the works in a particular parade, it was the parades that won the bids and the works to be undertaken there. I spent two years working to get some of these works done. We were never told that this work is likely not to go ahead, everything I received was positive. The other issue is that, yes, we decided which parades needed improvement and we made suggestions but we were directed by the officers working with us to which parts we could bid for. For example, a notice-board was included but the officer cut it out. And now, the money is not going to be spent and that is absolutely wrong. Where work can be done, even an alternative type to overcome the problem that has arisen, that money should be spent in those parades.

**Reply:**

I do not know the specifics of the works you are talking about. There are a host of reasons why something might not receive funding, including that we found water mains underneath. The officers can tell you that, if they have not already done so, which I thought they had. We will take that away as an action to give you a full briefing on why your proposal is no longer viable. If a way can be found to make it viable then we can proceed with it, but if we cannot you can put in for revised works.

**Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Alisa Igoe:**

I was told that Plaistow ward had £12k left.

**Reply:**

There is an amount left over from specific projects in Plaistow. If you look at the written reply to Cllr McPartlan that explains where everything is.

**11. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement**

Could you please provide recent examples of how you have engaged the Metropolitan Police and other public bodies with the aim preventing and tackling hate

crime in Bromley, including the Council's actions in response to the worrying rise in anti-LGBT+ incidents, such as occurred on Bromley High Street on 27<sup>th</sup> June?

**Reply:**

As you are no doubt aware, individual incidents are led by the Police and the Council provides a strategic overview.

The welcome introduction of the Borough team means that we can have far more direct conversations about what is affecting us locally and discuss the trends. Also, Superintendent Luke Baldock now co-chairs the SBPB where addressing hate crime is one of the four priorities, this is in addition to the quarterly meetings attended by myself and the Assistant Director with the BCU's Chief Superintendent, Andy Brittain.

Additionally, the Council also receives weekly Hate Crime updates from South BCU which are then discussed identifying actions for various partners. Further we attend the annual Pan London Hate Crime Forum with the Metropolitan Police Service and the quarterly BCU-wide Hate Crime Trends and Updates Meeting.

**Supplementary Question:**

Can she confirm when was the last time that she met with the Metropolitan Police's LGBT Community Liaison Officer for Bromley BCU?

**Reply:**

Officers may well have done, and I can check that.

**Additional Supplementary Question from Cllr Sam Webber:**

Does the Portfolio Holder welcome the Bromley BID's support for the LGBT community and will she be increasing engagement with the Bromley BID as part of supporting this important minority community in the borough?

**Reply:**

I am always happy for things to be brought to me, if they want to approach me that is absolutely fine.

**12. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Leader of the Council**

Does the Leader feel the Council is providing residents with adequate services and value for money, as we have now (a) employed, at extra cost, a second contractor to work on the backlog of potholes (b) an additional provider is needed to plant new trees, at a 42% cost increase (£566k) over that originally approved and (c) the Portfolio Holder for Green Services says she will now hold bi-weekly meetings with the CEO of our grounds maintenance provider to discuss getting work back on schedule?"

**Reply:**

Yes, clearly. As well, that where delivery falls short on occasions or circumstances change, it is rightfully challenged and mitigating measures put in place as quickly as possible to address the cause. Including such as:

(a) Employing additional suppliers to meet the increased demand. Possibly the Labour Party opposite would prefer it if the record number of potholes on the Borough's roads after last winter were left unfilled for longer than they have been whilst no doubt attempting to make cheap political capital out of that as well?

(b) As with (a), it would have been helpful had the Labour Party advised us in advance that inflation was set to spike to 11% and make financial provision for it in their 2023/24 alternative Council budget to at least moderate the increase. Possibly they would prefer it if the 'Treemendous' scheme were abandoned and no further money spent on that too?

(c) It is called scrutiny/holding contractors to account, which I had hitherto foolishly assumed that the Labour Party opposite thought might be a good idea.

**Supplementary Question:**

With the 42% cost increase for planting trees, can you tell me the percentage increase of employing a second contractor?

**Reply:**

I cannot, but that could be available through the PDS Committee if you ask for it.

**13. From Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing (In the absence of Cllr Price a written reply was provided to his question)**

With a growing social housing waiting list of nearly 3,000 households, what is the Council's in-borough target for additional social housing over the next 5 years?

**Reply:**

All Boroughs in London and the South-East are facing the same difficulties as reflected in the comparative number of households in TA including:

Bromley – 1,544  
Lewisham – 2,661  
Croydon – 1,935

The current target for Council acquisition and development as set out in the homelessness and housing strategies is 1,000 additional units and progress has regularly been reported through the RR&H PDS Committee. Against this target the Council has so far secured a supply of 615 new affordable units through its acquisition and new build schemes and is currently undertaking feasibility work for the development of up to a further 230 new affordable homes. Work is also underway with housing association partners to support the regeneration of existing estates and increase the supply of new affordable units across the borough. The Homelessness and Housing strategies aim to not only increase the supply of affordable housing but to also support residents to prevent homelessness wherever possible, including assisting more than 130 households into privately rented accommodation last year. The Council continues to keep the supply and demand under review and to maximise the supply of affordable housing.

**14. From Cllr Jessica Arnold to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

Councils are required to spend section 106 monies received from developers within a five-year time limit. Of the £9,446,000 section 106 monies projected at year end 2022/23 (page 132 of the public agenda pack), how much of this funding is due to expire and therefore will be lost if it is not spent, during 2023/24? Is there a plan for spending any such 'at risk' funds so they are not lost?

**Reply:**

The management and spending of section 106 money is something we have taken seriously for a long time. In the previous municipal term I led a cross-party working group looking at the issue across all portfolios. And while the processes were robust a few changes were proposed. I am happy to confirm to you that, of the £9,446k in the final accounts, 2% is subject to payback risk and officers are looking at ways to spend that money rather than paying it back.

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**Council**

**17 July 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply**

**1. From Cllr Kathy Bance MBE to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement**

Can we be assured that officers will do all they can to prosecute those responsible for cutting down trees with TPOs?

**Reply:**

Yes. As with any crime, we will look to take forward a prosecution where the evidence exists.

**2. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families**

Does the Council have figures for how many looked after children, born between September 2002 and January 2011, received Government funds into their Child Trust Funds (CTFs) and as Corporate Parents did Bromley Council contribute money into their CTFs?

**Reply:**

We do have records for these children. We can also confirm that all of these children will have received payments into their individual Children's Trust Funds. As a Council we have historically not added in any additional funds directly into CTF. However, all of our young people do instead receive savings as soon as they come into care.

**3. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families**

What action has the Council taken to ensure care leavers and looked after young people who received Child Trust Funds and have turned 18, or will do soon, are aware of and can access the money within their CTF?

**Reply:**

At age 18 we write to all of our young people and let them know the details of how they can access their funds.

#### **4. From Cllr Graeme Casey to the Leader of the Council**

Will the Council commit to demanding an explanation from Royal Mail as to why some areas are receiving such a poor service from the Royal Mail? We have had reports of some residents having to wait 10 days or more for their post.

##### **Reply:**

I can do better than that for you. Having written to the CEO of the Royal Mail on two occasions myself as long ago as January 2021, only to be completely ignored, enquiries of this nature for Bromley & Chislehurst residents were streamlined and are being pursued directly by Sir Bob Neill and his team at Westminster.

Sir Bob is in regular correspondence with Royal Mail as delays are reported, has visited Sherman Road sorting office and held talks on site there with senior Royal Mail Managers, as well as meeting local postmen and women and Trade Union representatives, explaining directly the impacts that these delays have on local residents and businesses.

With that in mind, you might find it helpful to steer any of your constituents who approach you complaining of delays directly to his office.

#### **5. From Cllr Graeme Casey to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

Can the Portfolio Holder please confirm the replacement rate for newly planted trees across the borough? The street where I live previously had six trees replaced due to vandalism and is due to have three of those replaced once again for the same reason. Is this an issue across the borough? Of the trees planted in public areas, how many of those have died within 12 months of being planted, and how many have been replaced?

##### **Reply:**

Although it can take up to three years for newly planted trees to establish, we can report that the estimated mortality rate for trees planted in 2021/22 is 7% (88 trees).

Unfortunately, vandalism of newly planted trees accounted for the death of 1% of trees planted in 2021/22 (14 trees). Of those planted in 2022/23, the mortality rate is at <1% (16 trees) but these are all due to vandalism.

Vandalism does occur across the borough, although there are hotspots where repeated acts of vandalism are a particular risk.

The Council aims to replace all trees which fail to establish, and under our Tree Management Strategy are committed to replacing any trees which need to be removed. Officers will usually attempt to replace trees in the same locations up to twice if the site remains viable, after which an alternative site may be located.



## **6. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement**

*There has been much discussion of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) in the media recently and their impact on homeowners and landlords. However is the Council aware of how EPCs now affect commercial properties?*

*As of April 2023, it is illegal to let or continue to let any building with an EPC rating lower than 'E' (on a scale of A-G) under the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (or MEES) rules. The minimum standards level is expected to rise over the coming years to 'C' in 2027 and 'B' in 2030. As the ultimate enforcer for these measures, I understand the Council has the power to issue fines ranging between £5,000-£150,000.*

How will Officers work to enforce these standards, to ensure that commercial property stock locally is improved and made more energy efficient? Is this something our Enforcement team is already working on alongside other agencies? Do Officers anticipate any extra income for the Council as a result of non-compliant commercial properties?

### **Reply:**

Trading Standards are the regulatory body for overseeing commercial premises and their EPC status under these new duties. Presently there is no national funding grants for this increased demand. Therefore, this is not a current enforcement priority when compared to other demands on the service.

## **7. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing, for written reply**

Please detail how much money was initially awarded to schemes as part of the local parades improvement initiative, and please detail how much of this has yet to be spent. Please split this out by ward.

### **Reply:**

There was a total of £250k allocated to the local parades initiatives in 2017 and ward members were invited to apply for funding for specific initiatives in 2018. The initiatives that could be applied for were where capital monies could be utilised to enhance a local parade in conjunction with local businesses, and had to be supported by local ward members. However, as with all capital monies the funding cannot be utilised for revenue costs often associated with maintenance. To date £106k has been expended the breakdown of which is provided in the table below.

Ward	Parade	Approved Funding	Actual Spend (Year end 2022/23)	Funds allocated for items unable to be progressed
Penge & Cator	Kent House Parade	£8,150.00	£4,742.06	
	Newlands Park Parade	£19,587.00	£11,782.94	£1,710
	Parish Lane	£1,887.96	£297.22	£1,280
Biggin Hill	Roundway Biggin Hill	£8,825.30	£8,023.00	
	Rosehill, Biggin Hill	£21,725.00	£1,112.00	£13,920
	The Pantiles, Biggin Hill	£4,600.00	£742.00	£300
Chislehurst	Royal Parade	£24,942.50	£17,504.59	
	Old Hill Chislehurst	£8,453.50	£353.46	
	Belmont Parade	£21,466.50	£10,019.00	£3,000
Chelsfield	Green Street Green	£10,677.70	£9,149.82	
Clock House	Clock House Parade	£9,546.94	£7,531.93	
	Upper Elmers End/Marlow Rd	£7,875.00	£375.00	£4,910
Crystal Palace & Anerley	Anerley Hill/Crystal Palace Park	£21,373.00	£6,168.33	£4,920
Bromley Common & Holwood	Chatterton Road	£10,780.00	£4,280.00	
Bromley Common & Keston	Keston	£486.76	£442.16	
Shortlands & Park Langley	Park Langley - 1 item	£221.76	£221.76	
Kelsey & Eden Park	Eden Park Parade - Upper Elmers End Road	£19,885.00	£16,098.85	
Bromley Common & Keston	Keston	£486.76	£442.16	
West Wickham	Red Lodge Road	£17,921.20	£2,355.80	
Plaistow	Burnt Ash Lane	£21,843.06	£4,392.11	£14,015
Mottingham	Mottingham Village	£25,000.00		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£265,734.94</b>	<b>£106,034.19</b>	<b>£44,055.00</b>

## 8. From Cllr Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety

When will the Council be undertaking a review of progress against the objectives set out in the 2019 LIP "Bromley's Transport for the Future"?

### Reply:

The Council reviews progress against targets set out in the 2019 LIP on a regular basis.

## **9. From Cllr Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

In the 2019 LIP "Bromley's Transport for the Future" the then Portfolio Holder promised "the development of a new public transport infrastructure in the Borough to provide new connectivity to other parts of London and Kent". What progress has been made towards this objective in the 4 years since the report was published?

### **Reply:**

The Council is currently developing a scheme to provide bus priority measures through the installation of bus lanes on Anerley Hill between Crystal Palace Parade and just to the south-east of Seymour Villas. The project is planned to be implemented during the 2024/25 financial year. Also, TfL will shortly be deploying state of the art electric buses on Service 358 and as this is one of the main services that uses Anerley Hill it will complement the measures soon to be provided. TFL recently announced plans to introduce a network of limited stop/express orbital bus routes, called 'Superloop', intended to provide new travel opportunities, and quicker, and for Bromley will potentially provide new links to Canary Wharf, West Croydon and Bexleyheath. The details are still to be confirmed and are currently subject to discussion with ourselves and other London Boroughs.

## **10. From Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

Residents have reported concern about recent sewage discharge into the River Ravensbourne and River Beck, how does Bromley Council work with Thames Water to ensure our rivers are clean and what reporting does Thames Water provide to the Council when such discharge occurs?

### **Reply:**

Bromley Council's work with Thames Water involves ensuring illegal connections from private properties into natural systems of drainage are rectified to reconnect appropriately with the main sewers. Permits to discharge effluent into local waterways by Thames Water are regulated by the Environment Agency, which is the lead authority for the quality and health of rivers. Therefore, any data reporting is between TW and EA.

If there is a specific local concern, Bromley Council will engage with both parties to rectify the matter. Any large pollution incidents are reported to LB Bromley's Emergency Planning team who would move into action.

## **11. From Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross to the Chairman of General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

Will Bromley Council ensure that reminders about Voter ID are put into the upcoming Environment Matters Newsletter and any other publication going out to all households in the borough before the next Mayoral and General Elections?

**Reply:**

We have an extensive, wide-ranging communications and engagement plan, which is already underway and builds upon work undertaken as part of the pilot scheme that the Council was part of previously. Details of the new measures, including Voter ID, are already published on the Council website -

[www.bromley.gov.uk/ElectionsAct2022](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/ElectionsAct2022)

and specifically Voter ID - [www.bromley.gov.uk/VoterID](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/VoterID)

Other communications activity will include sending direct communications to all residents/electors/households via various Council publications, including with all Canvass communications. Posters will be published on digital screens but also distributed in places like libraries, with messaging also placed on the Council's social media channels and news releases also published.

This activity is already underway and will gradually increase over the coming months and will build up to the next scheduled election in Bromley which is the GLA election on 2 May 2024.

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## **Council**

**16 October 2023**

### **Questions from Members of the Public for Oral Reply**

**1. From Dermot Mckibbin to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Why were the two 3 bedroomed Council owned properties recently put up for sale and then withdrawn from the auction, when was the last time these two properties were occupied, why have they not been allocated to rehouse households in housing need and when will they be re-occupied?

**2. From John Haddock to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

How can the Council justify putting the price of a residents permit up by 50% when state pension only went up by 10.1% and wages far less.

**3. From Tony Banfield to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

The Churchill Theatre and Library are purpose built, valued cultural assets. In view of the public concern over their future will the Council commit to preserving these facilities either in the present building or to the same quality of facility in any new development?

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**Council**

**16 October 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Public for Written Reply**

**1. From Steve Wehrle to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

I am concerned about the number of empty premises in Orpington High Street. Some retail premises have been unoccupied for more than 5 years. What is the Council's position regarding the 'compulsory purchase' of these premises please?

**2. From Richard E Hart to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Can you please supply details of the Council's policy about the use of compulsory purchase orders as a way of bringing back certain long term vacant properties into use and explain why the Council will not use such powers to reduce the number of long term empties.

**3. From Thomas Murphy to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Please produce a table by ward of plots of land that the Council owns, in and outside Bromley and show how the Council intends to develop these sites to increase the number of homes built and to reduce expenditure on temporary accommodation.

**4. From Kathryn Heller to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Please produce a table by ward showing a list of residential properties that the Council owns in its list of assets, whether in or outside the borough by bedroom size, whether they are currently occupied, and how long they have been empty for.

**5. From Duncan Shrubsole to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

High Elms Country Park is much used for exercise and as a place for families to get together. The public toilets are only open Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm. Why are they shut at weekends and evenings when the park is busiest and can they be opened then asap?

**6. From Jeff Royce, Chairman, Friends of Bromley Town Parks & Gardens, to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Space**

Will the Council ensure that good public access to the retained park is provided, during both the construction phase of work and beyond, on the former Civic Centre site?



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**Council**

**16 October 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Council for Oral Reply**

**1. From Cllr Michael Tickner to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

Under the current Legislation and Government Guidance does a resident or business in a Conservation Area need to notify the Local Planning Authority and obtain consent to use the whole of their garden as a car park?

**2. From Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross to the Leader of the Council**

Given the disgusting misogynistic comments broadcast by GB News on 26th September, will the Leader of the Council be asking his Conservative colleagues, and any other inclined Councillors, to refrain going on the discredited GB News Channel in their capacity as Councillors representing the good people of Bromley?

**3. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

When were the waterways in Kelsey Park, Crystal Palace Park, Betts Canal and others across the borough last desilted and why was an ongoing requirement for regular desilting not included in the contracts for parks management and related services, awarded to idverde in 2019?

**4. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Referencing this article: <https://www.mylondon.news/news/south-london-news/terminally-ill-south-londoner-trapped-27516863>

Following the Ombudsman's decision and after calling this case an "injustice", what lessons have been learnt and changes put in place that ensure we offer residents with complex medical needs the best housing service possible?

**5. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

*Reference: GOV.UK - Active Travel England announcement 29 September 2023.*

*“£60million government investment to transform the school run for 2 million children”*

It's good to see this investment in walk and cycle to school programmes over the next 2 years, including £50million in Bikeability cycle training. £5million will, via charity Living Streets, support walk to school programmes aimed at hundreds of thousands of pupils across England.

Does the Portfolio Holder support Living Streets' aim “to tackle the barriers that prevent families choosing to walk to school, such as unsafe walking environments” and how will he break down those barriers?

**6. From Cllr Ruth McGregor to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

Is the Portfolio Holder aware of whether the Council or any of their contractors employ the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in determining access to services or for any other purposes, or whether they have the intention to do so?

**7. From Cllr Jessica Arnold to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Bromley Council recently refused planning permission for a hand car wash business to operate from the Council-owned car park of Beckenham Spa. However, the business was already operational and has a contract to rent the site from the Council.

Will the Council be enforcing the planning permission refusal and terminating its contract with the business, or continuing to draw an income?

**8. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Portfolio Holder for Children, education and Families**

What is the current waiting time for Autism Assessments?

**9. from Cllr Chris Price to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families**

The Mayor of London is funding Free School Meals for children in years 3 to 6 at £2.65 per meal at an expected take up rate of 90%. Bromley Council have received the funding. Can you confirm that all Bromley primary schools have received their full first term grant?

#### **10. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

There was yet another accident on Elmers End Road at the end of September which involved an overturned car and a trapped occupant. Residents are concerned that given the repeated serious accidents on this road it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality.

What is the Portfolio Holder doing to prevent this?

#### **11. From Cllr Kevin Kennedy-Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

'What is the Portfolio Holder's justification to more than doubling the rents of community centres run by unpaid volunteers. An action which essentially prices out renters which leads to the prevention of important community services for the most vulnerable residents.

#### **12. From Cllr Jeremy Adams to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

The cost of the capital programme for the refurbishment of Churchill Court has risen by £4.25 million. There are also added costs of £1.8 million for dual running of two HQs. Can the Portfolio Holder guarantee that the costs of the move to Churchill Court will not rise significantly further?

#### **13. From Simon Jeal to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

Over a year on since the camera was removed outside Harris Kent House Primary on Kent House Road, the school has reported daily incidents to the Council of unsafe driving and parking by parents, putting children at risk of harm, while a civil enforcement officer said in April the number of incidents was "more than at any school" they had observed.

Why is the Council refusing to move the camera back?

#### **14. From Cllr Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

On 27/09/23 two annual residents' surveys opened on the Council website, a) Street Cleansing, b) Recycling & Waste Collection, with only 27 days, until 24/10/23, to complete. In 2022 Veolia sent surveys to a statistically representative sample of homes, and held face to face surveys in Bromley Town centre, receiving only 395 respondents (123 postal & 272 on-street).

How many of our 330,000 residents are you hoping will complete the surveys this year?

**15. From Cllr Kathy Bance to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

We are suffering from a sudden increase of graffiti that is costing our residents large sums of money to rid their vans, shopfronts and properties of the painted TAGS/Dates. Is the rest of Bromley suffering from this increased problem and if so, is anything being done Bromley-wide to address this issue?

**16. From Cllr Tony McPartlan to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Bromley is one of just a handful of local authorities where there is a shortfall of over £20 per week between Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates and 30th percentile rents for two bedroom homes. This means private rental properties are unaffordable to those on housing benefit. Are we lobbying the government to increase LHA rates?

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**Council**

**16 October 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply**

**1. From Cllr Mike Jack to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

It has been claimed that 20mph limits during school hours only, are a more effective deterrent than blanket 20mph zones. What evidence does the Council have to support this claim?

**2. From Cllr Jessica Arnold to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

How many sites across Bromley is the Council leasing it's land or buildings to businesses or other uses that do not have planning permission; how much income would we lose if we enforced planning rules at all of these sites; and are there any guidelines that we have adopted in Bromley to ensure consistency of approach in both the initial leasing of sites and the planning enforcement action that is taken?

**3. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management**

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm that Officers will draw up a list of objects and assets in the grounds of the Civic Centre which will need to be relocated when the site is sold? The art deco ornamental lamps outside the public entrance to the Chamber came from the old Beckenham Town Hall for example and there are also benches in memory of former Councillors and staff. Could some of these items be relocated into the adjacent Bromley Palace Park which is being retained by LBB as a public park?

**4. From Cllr Sam Webber to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces**

Would the Portfolio Holder consider works by our contractors to remove the trees which have fallen into the lake in Bromley Palace Park and are causing it to get silted up. Could removing these trees be undertaken as part of an ongoing programme to improve this park for the residents who use it and want to see it restored to its former glory.

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Report No.  
CSD23123

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:**       **COUNCIL**

**Date:**                   **Monday 16 October 2023**

**Decision Type:**       Non-Urgent                   Executive                   Key

**Title:**                   **BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24**

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**Ward:**                    (All Wards)

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1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Executive considered the latest Budget Monitoring report for 2023/24 (attached). The report had also been scrutinised by Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Executive approved the recommendations, which included references to full Council relating to the 2023/24 central contingency and the capital programme.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Council are requested to:**

- (1) agree a sum of £1.8m be drawn down from the 2023/24 contingency as detailed in paragraph 3.2.2 of the report to the Executive.**
- (2) agree a sum of £4.25m be transferred to the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 3.2.15. of the report to the Executive.**

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable

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## Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:  
(5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.

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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost
3. Budget head/performance centre: Council-wide
4. Total current budget for this head: £256.1m
5. Source of funding: See appendix 1 to the Executive report

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## Personnel

1. Number of staff: 2,249 fte posts (as per 2023/24 Budget) including Schools
2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:

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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: See attached report
2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Full Council decisions are not subject to call-in.

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## Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable

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## Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable

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## Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable

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## Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: Not Applicable

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## Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: Not Applicable

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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*current and projected*): All residents and businesses.

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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

<b>Non-Applicable Headings:</b>	See attached report
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	See attached report



**Decision Maker:** EXECUTIVE

**Date:** Wednesday 20 September 2023

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Finance

**Ward:** Borough Wide

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report provides the first budget monitoring position for 2023/24 based on expenditure and activity levels up to the end of June 2023. The report also highlights any significant variations which will impact on future years as well as any early warnings that could impact on the final year end position.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **Executive are requested to:**

- (a) consider the latest financial position;
- (b) note that a projected net overspend on services of £6,137k is forecast based on information as at June 2023.
- (c) consider the comments from Chief Officers detailed in Appendix 2;
- (d) note the carry forwards being requested for drawdown as set out in para 3.3;
- (e) note a projected reduction to the General Fund balance of £445k as detailed in section 3.4;
- (f) note the full year cost pressures of £9.750m as detailed in section 3.5;
- (g) agree to the release of funding from the 2023/24 central contingency as detailed in paragraphs 3.2.2 to 3.2.15;

- (h) note the use of the Homes for Ukraine grant in para. 3.9;**
- (i) identify any issues that should be referred to individual Portfolio Holders for further action;**

**2.2 Council are requested to:**

- (a) agree a sum of £1.8m be drawn down from the 2023/24 contingency as detailed in paragraph 3.2.2.**
- (b) agree a sum of £4.25m be transferred to the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 3.2.15.**

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: None arising directly from this report
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## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
  2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Council wide
  4. Total current budget for this head: £256.1m
  5. Source of funding: See Appendix 1 for overall funding of Council's budget
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## Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 2,249 fte posts (per 2023/24 Budget) which includes 481 for budgets delegated to schools
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: The statutory duties relating to financial reporting are covered within the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government Finance Act 1998, the Local Government Act 2000, the Local Government Act 2002 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
  2. Call-in: Applicable
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## Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: None arising directly from this report
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The 2023/24 budget reflects the financial impact of the Council's strategies and service plans which impact on all of the Council's customers (including council tax payers) and users of our services.
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Council Wide

### 3. COMMENTARY

#### 3.1 Summary of Projected Variations

3.1.1 The Resources Portfolio Plan included a target that each service department will spend within its own budget. Current projections show an overall net overspend of £6,137k within portfolio budgets and a £6,336k credit variation on investment income, central items and prior year adjustments.

3.1.2 A summary of the 2023/24 budget and the projected outturn is shown in the table below:

	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Budget £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	2023/24 Variation £'000
<b>Portfolio</b>				
Adult Care & Health	84,178	85,418	85,868	450
Children, Education & Families (inc. Schools Budget)	55,253	58,087	60,229	2,142
Environment & Community	38,033	38,278	38,901	623
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<b>Total Controllable Budgets</b>	<b>245,143</b>	<b>250,247</b>	<b>256,384</b>	<b>6,137</b>
Capital Charges and Insurance	16,604	16,604	16,604	0
Non General Fund Recharges	Cr 938	Cr 938	Cr 938	0
<b>Total Portfolio Budgets</b>	<b>260,809</b>	<b>265,913</b>	<b>272,050</b>	<b>6,137</b>
Income from Investment Properties	Cr 8,777	Cr 6,277	Cr 6,277	0
Interest on General Fund Balances	Cr 9,841	Cr 9,841	Cr 10,841	Cr 1,000
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>Cr 18,618</b>	<b>Cr 16,118</b>	<b>Cr 17,118</b>	<b>Cr 1,000</b>
Contingency Provision	26,631	15,871	12,708	Cr 3,163
Other Central Items	Cr 13,400	Cr 9,600	Cr 11,600	Cr 2,000
General Government Grants & Retained Business Rates	Cr 51,735	Cr 51,735	Cr 51,735	0
Collection Fund Surplus	Cr 14,511	Cr 14,511	Cr 14,511	0
<b>Total Central Items</b>	<b>Cr 53,015</b>	<b>Cr 59,975</b>	<b>Cr 65,138</b>	<b>Cr 5,163</b>
<b>Total Variation on Services and Central Items</b>	<b>189,176</b>	<b>189,820</b>	<b>189,794</b>	<b>Cr 26</b>
Prior Year Adjustments	0	0	Cr 173	Cr 173
<b>Total Variation</b>	<b>189,176</b>	<b>189,820</b>	<b>189,621</b>	<b>Cr 199</b>

3.1.3 A detailed breakdown of the latest approved budgets and projected outturn for each Portfolio, together with an analysis of variations, is shown in Appendix 3.

3.1.4 Chief Officer comments are included in Appendix 2.

#### 3.2 Central Contingency Sum

3.2.1 Details of the allocations from and variations in the 2023/24 Central Contingency are included in Appendix 4.

3.2.2 Dual running of Civic Centres - £1,800k Dr

There is a report elsewhere on the agenda which refers to the dual running costs arising from the new civic centre acquisition and the cost of the scheme. The report also refers to the

longer term savings from the acquisition of the new site and the disposal of the existing site. There are however additional costs in the current year that needs to be funded that reflects the need for dual running costs. The report requests a sum of £1.8m. This assumes that it is funded from the risk reserve contained within the central contingency This has been reflected in the projections

### 3.2.3 Star Lane - £150k Dr

In March 2023, the Council purchased a parcel of land adjacent to the Star Lane Traveller Site, known as 18 the Birches.

The site has been assessed and to manage risk to public safety, it is recommended that the buildings and structures on the site are demolished, services are isolated and removed, abandoned vehicles and burnt-out caravans are removed, a manhole cover is replaced, and the site is cleared of general debris. It is also recommended that steps are taken to prevent public access into the site.

The estimated cost for these works, including contingency, is £150k.

### 3.2.4 Legal Support - £170k Dr

Part of the review of Legal services reported in November 2020, it was agreed to include a sum of £170k to be held in Central Contingency for locum costs for additional childcare and adults social care legal support. Demand for these services has continued this financial year and the full provision has now been drawn down.

### 3.2.5 Revenue impact of capital financing programme - £2,500k Dr

The 2023/24 budget included a provision of £6.6m for the financial impact of the operational property disposals and any ongoing reduction in income received arising from disposals as well as any financing costs. The final outcome for this year will be dependent on the impact of any slippage on the capital programme as well as any changes in the timing of any disposals. At this stage a sum of £2.5m has been released from the central contingency leaving a balance at this stage of £4.1m. The financial impact will be monitored closely and any changes will be reflected in any future monitoring reports.

### 3.2.6 ASC Discharge Fund - £1,084k Cr

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is providing this funding to support local authorities to build additional adult social care and community-based reablement capacity to reduce hospital discharge delays through delivering sustainable improvements to services for individuals.

### 3.2.7 Accommodation for Ex Offenders grant - £74k Dr & Cr

The aim of the Accommodation for Ex-Offenders programme (AFEO) is to increase access to new private rented sector tenancies for ex-offenders who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless. The project is intended to:

- a) Reduce the number of homeless prison leavers sleeping rough on release.
- b) For prison leavers owed a homelessness duty, increase the proportion that secure a PRS tenancy as their outcome, with every individual being in settled accommodation with a minimum expected tenancy length of 12 months.
- c) Increase in the number of offenders that are in settled accommodation 3-months post release.

### 3.2.8 Rough sleepers initiative grant - £214k Dr & Cr

The Council receives grant funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) to enable it to undertake work with to tackle rough sleeping. £214k has been received to date out of a total 23/24 funding award of £428k and this funding is proposed to be drawn down to the Housing service revenue budget to support work in this area.

### 3.2.9 Homelessness Prevention Grant – additional allocation - £363k Dr & Cr

The 2023/24 budget already includes a sum of £3.4m for the Homelessness Prevention Grant which is ringfenced for the following principles:

- a) To fully enforce the Homelessness Reduction Act and contribute to ending rough sleeping by increasing activity to prevent single homelessness.
- b) Reduce family temporary accommodation numbers through maximising family homelessness prevention and reduce the use of unsuitable B&Bs for families.
- c) Ensure financial viability of services by contributing to the costs of statutory duties, including implementing the Homelessness Reduction Act and supporting with the costs of temporary accommodation.

The final allocation of £3.75m is an increase of £363k, and it is requested that this is drawn down to the housing budget, with £69k allocated for Domestic Abuse work in line with the grant allocation, and the remainder used to offset increased temporary accommodation pressures.

### 3.2.10 Homelessness Prevention Grant HFU top up - £1,117k Dr & Cr

In June 2023, the Government announced a Homes for Ukraine funding top up to the Council's Homelessness Prevention Grant, amounting to £1,117k for LB Bromley. As a top-up to the existing Homelessness Prevention Grant, this grant is ringfenced for homelessness to target those most in need and to ensure local authorities are resourced to take action to prevent homelessness and continue to implement the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017. It is requested that this funding is drawn down to mitigate pressures on the Temporary Accommodation budget.

### 3.2.11 S31 Leaving Care uplift grant - £68k Dr & Cr

This is a two year allocation of £68k per year. Statutory guidance requires local authorities to provide a leaving care allowance, to enable care leavers to purchase essentials (such as furniture, white goods and carpets/curtains) when they move into their first home. DfE guidance currently recommends that local authorities should pay a minimum of £2,000.

The independent review into children's social care recommended that the minimum amount should be increased. We are increasing the minimum recommended amount to £3,000 from April 2023. The grant was given to cover Bromley's additional costs.

### 3.2.12 GLA free school meal payment - £6,036k Dr & Cr

The Council has received a one-year (2023/24) grant of £6,036k from the Greater London Assembly for the provision of free school meals (FSM) to Key Stage 3 pupils not eligible under benefit related criteria. The grant criteria indicates an assumption of a 90% take up of meals, with the funding set at £2.65 per meal.

Officers have worked in partnership with Bromley schools, which hold the responsibility for providing free school meals to eligible pupils. Some school leaders have indicated that the level of grant will not meet all costs of extending FSM eligibility at school level, which will create a financial pressure for the school/academy. Schools were provided with the ability to opt out of the scheme, in the event that the associated costs or physical capacity to deliver additional meals was not deemed viable.

The Council will passport funding to Bromley schools in accordance with the grant criteria for the one-year extension of free school meals.

### 3.2.13 Market sustainability and improvement fund grant - £1,810k Dr & Cr

The Department for Health & Social Care (DHSC) announced a further tranche of MSIF funding in July 2023. It is intended to enable local authorities to make tangible improvements to adult social care, in particular to increase social care capacity through increasing social care workforce capacity and retention, reducing social care waiting times and increasing fee rates paid to social care providers.

### 3.2.14 ICB funding for hospital discharges - £1,511k Dr & Cr

This is one-off funding to 'secure the continued provision of social care services in line with presenting need and discharge standards.' It is intended that this is used to fund the cost of hospital discharge packages following the cessation of central funding from NHS England during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 3.2.15 Transfer of funding to the capital programme - £4.25m

There is a report elsewhere on the agenda which refers to the transfer of funding to the capital programme for Churchill Court. The report requests a sum of £4.25m which comprises of £2m from Building Infrastructure Fund in the central contingency and £2.25m from earmarked reserves. This has been reflected in the projections.

## 3.3 Carry Forwards from 2022/23 to 2023/24

3.3.1 After allowing for government grant funding, a net sum of £644k has been carried forward into 2023/24 from underspends in 2022/23. This was approved by the Executive on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 subject to the funding being allocated to the Central Contingency to be drawn down on the approval of the relevant Portfolio Holder.

3.3.2 The carry forwards being requested are summarised in the table below and details will be reported to the relevant PDS Committee as described above. Details of the brought forward balances are also contained in Appx 4. The figures contained in this report assume that these requests will be agreed:

	£'000
Renewal, Recreation and Housing	2,901
Adult Care and Health	6,370
Environment and Community	245
Public Protection	139
Children, Education & Families	1,972
Resources, Commissioning & Contracts	1,052
	<b>12,679</b>
Government Grant Income	Cr 12,035
<b>Total Net Carry Forwards Requested for Drawdown this Cycle</b>	<b>644</b>

### 3.4 General Fund Balances

3.4.1 The level of general reserves is currently projected to reduce by £445k to £19,705k at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 as detailed below:

	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000
<b>General Fund Balance as at 1st April 2023</b>	<b>Cr 20,000</b>
Net Variations on Services & Central Items (para 3.1)	Cr 199
	Cr 20,199
Adjustment to Balances:	
Carry Forwards (funded from underspends in 2022/23)	644
<b>General Fund Balance as at 31st March 2024</b>	<b>Cr 19,555</b>

### 3.5 Impact on Future Years

3.5.1 The report identifies expenditure pressures which could have an impact on future years. The main areas to be considered at this stage are summarised in the following table:

	2023/24 Budget £'000	2024/25 Impact £'000
<b>Adult Care &amp; Health Portfolio</b>		
Assessment & Care Management - Care Placements	31,308	3,095
Learning Disabilities - Care Placements & Care Management	42,273	456
Mental Health - Care Placements	6,598	800
		<u>4,351</u>
<b>Renewal, Recreation &amp; Housing</b>		
Supporting people	1,070 Cr	148
Housing Needs - Temporary accommodation	6,418	3,347
		<u>3,199</u>
<b>Children, Education &amp; Families Portfolio</b>		
Children's Social Care	49,440	2,200
		<u>2,200</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>9,750</u></b>



3.5.2 Given the significant financial savings that the Council will need to make over the next four years, it is important that all future cost pressures are contained and that savings are identified early to mitigate these pressures.

3.5.3 Further details are included in Appendix 5.

## **Investment Income**

### **3.6 Income from Investment Properties**

3.6.1 There is a £2.5m projected shortfall on investment income for the 2023/24 financial year due largely to the sale of the Glades site which took place in April. This property contributed £1.9m of income of per annum which will no longer be received, the rest of the gap is due to the pending disposal of the parades which brings in around £1m per annum of income for LBB, this is expected to be fully disposed of by September hence a part year impact. This has been addressed by a budget adjustment from contingency which brings the overall position back to balance.

### **3.7 Interest on Balances**

3.7.1 The budget for Interest on Balances for 2023/24 has been set at £9,841k, which was an increase of £7m over the 2022/23 budget. This reflects the significant increase in anticipated interest earnings as a result of the significant increases in the Bank of England base rate, partly offset by an expected reduction in balances available for investment as a result of the utilisation of capital receipts and grants/contributions as well as earmarked revenue reserves.

3.7.2 At the time the draft 2023/24 budget was prepared, the Council's treasury management advisors, Link Group, were projecting that the base rate would peak at 4.5% in June before starting to fall in 2024. At the time of writing, base rate stands at 5.25% with Link now expecting a further increase to 5.5% in September, and remaining at that rate for the remainder of the financial year. New core fixed-interest investments taken out during the first quarter of 2023/24 were at an average rate of 5.16%.

3.7.3 The treasury management strategy has previously been revised to enable alternative investments of £100m in pooled investments which have historically generated additional income of approximately £2m p.a. compared with fixed term lending to banks. Officers continue to look for alternative investment opportunities, both within the current strategy and outside, for consideration as part of the ongoing review of the strategy.

3.7.4 Additionally, investment balances have not yet reduced as projected, increasing from £344m at the start of the financial year to £381m at the end of the first quarter. As a result, the current projection indicates that the interest on balances outturn will exceed the budget by £1m.

### **3.8 The Schools Budget**

3.8.1 Expenditure on schools is funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) provided for by the Department for Education (DfE). DSG is ring-fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget. Any overspend or underspend must be carried forward to the following year's Schools Budget.

3.8.2 There is a current projected in year overspend in Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £4,209k. This will be added to the £12,706k deficit that was carried forward from 2022/23. There was also an adjustment which resulted in an increase in the 2022/23 Early years DSG of £600k which effectively reduces the negative reserve position. This gives an estimated DSG deficit at the end of the year of £16,315k. It should be noted that the DSG can fluctuate due to pupils

requiring additional services or being placed in expensive placements. Officers are working on a deficit recovery plan ahead of this being required by the DfE.

### **3.9 Homes for Ukraine - £2,000k**

3.9.1 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) launched the Homes for Ukraine scheme on the 14th March 2022. The scheme allows people living in the UK to sponsor a Ukrainian national or family to come and live in the UK providing there is suitable accommodation available. The grant also covers any additional costs that the Authority may incur. A total of £8,003k was received during 2022/23 of which £2,588k was spent in the 2022/23 financial year. Therefore £5,415k was requested to be carried forward and was agreed by the Executive on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023. £500k has been allocated to staffing costs in Housing and Childrens Social Care. The Homes for Ukraine scheme has had an impact across Council services and on that basis it is proposed to set aside £2,000k in 2023/24 for costs across all services in the Council, mainly in the area of Housing.

### **3.10 Investment Fund and Growth Fund**

3.10.1 Full details of the current position on the Investment Fund and the Growth Fund are included in the Capital Programme Monitoring Q1 2023/24 report elsewhere on the agenda. The uncommitted balances stand at £6.8m for the Investment Fund and £15.95m for the Growth Fund.

### **3.11 Financial Context**

3.11.1 Review of Capital Programme and Funding

3.11.2 Since the 2022/23 Budget was produced the Council undertook, completed and reported to Executive:

- The Operational Property Review (Executive, 30th November 2022) ;
- Property Disposals (Executive, 30th November 2022);
- Capital Strategy 2023/24 to 2026/27 and Q3 Capital Programme Monitoring (Executive, 18th January 2023).

3.11.3 To address the existing capital funding shortfall to meet the cost of the approved capital programme, members agreed to refinance housing costs through borrowing, utilisation of capital receipts from the property disposals programme with the unfunded balance (subject to a limit of £10m) being met from earmarked reserves. A report elsewhere on this agenda provides an update on financing the capital programme.

3.11.4 The 2023/24 Council Tax report to Executive in February 2023 provided a projected revenue budget deficit over the next three years (£1.7m in 2024/25, £10.1m in 2025/26 and £29.6m in 2026/27). Since that report was produced, inflation has remained high, particularly for 2023/24 and latest estimates for 2024/25, and there are further cost pressures that have been identified by Chief Officers which provides a deteriorating financial position for future years. This report (see 3.8.2) also refers to the DSG deficit which is expected to continue in future years and ultimately such deficits have to be funded by a drawdown of reserves, whilst the statutory override remains in place.

3.11.5 An update on the Council's financial forecast, including the impact on the Council's reserves, will be reported to a future meeting of Executive prior to finalising the 2024/25 Budget This will include further consideration of the Council's transformation programme and any further action

to address cost pressures. It remains essential to reduce overspends and any cost pressures, where possible, given the potential impact on meeting the ‘budget gap’ for future years.

3.11.6 Details of the need to retain adequate level of reserves was reported in Appendix 4 of the 2023/24 Council Tax report to Executive in February 2023.

3.11.7 Further updates will be provided as part of the 2023/24 quarterly budget monitoring reports to Executive.

#### **4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

4.1 The 2023/24 budget reflects the financial impact of the Council’s strategies and service plans which impact on all of the Council’s customers and users of our services.

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The “Making Bromley even Better” objective of being an Excellent Council refers to the Council’s intention to ensure good strategic financial management and robust discipline to deliver within our budgets.

5.2 The “2023/24 Council Tax” report highlighted the financial pressures facing the Council. It remains imperative that strict budgetary control continues to be exercised in 2023/24 to minimise the risk of compounding financial pressures in future years.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 These are contained within the body of the report with additional information provided in the appendices.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Personnel, Legal, Procurement
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Provisional Final Accounts 2022/23 – Executive 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023; 2023/24 Council Tax – Executive 8th February 2023; Draft 2023/24 Budget and Update on Council’s Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2026/27 – Executive 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023; Treasury Management Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24 and Quarter 3 performance– Council 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023; Financial Management Budget Monitoring files across all portfolios.

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## GENERAL FUND - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN FOR 2023/24

Portfolio	2023/24	Budget	2023/24		2023/24	Variation	Variation previously reported
	Original Budget	Variations allocated in year #	Approved Budget	Latest Budget	Projected Outturn		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
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Public Protection & Enforcement	3,228	189		3,417	3,417	0	0
Renewal, Recreation & Housing	15,611	311		15,922	18,401	2,479	0
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Capital, Insurance & Pensions Costs (see note 2)	16,604	0		16,604	16,604	0	0
Non General Fund Recharges	Cr 938	0	Cr 938	Cr 938	Cr 938	0	0
<b>Total Portfolios (see note 1)</b>	<b>260,809</b>	<b>5,104</b>		<b>265,913</b>	<b>272,050</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Central Items:</b>							
Income from Investment Properties	Cr 8,777	2,500	Cr 6,277	Cr 6,277	Cr 6,277	0	0
Interest on General Fund Balances	Cr 9,841	0	Cr 9,841	Cr 10,841	Cr 10,841	Cr 1,000	0
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>Cr 18,618</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>Cr 16,118</b>	<b>Cr 17,118</b>	<b>Cr 17,118</b>	<b>Cr 1,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Contingency Provision (see Appendix 4)</b>	<b>26,631</b>	<b>Cr 10,760</b>	<b>15,871</b>	<b>12,708</b>	<b>Cr 3,163</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other central items</b>							
Reversal of net Capital Charges (see note 2)	Cr 9,878	0	Cr 9,878	Cr 9,878	Cr 9,878	0	0
Additional Capital Grants Funding Rev Exp under statute	Cr 4,832	0	Cr 4,832	Cr 4,832	Cr 4,832	0	0
New Homes Bonus Support for Revenue	9	0	9	9	9	0	0
Homes for Ukraine allocation to be determined	0	0	0	Cr 2,000	Cr 2,000	Cr 2,000	0
Dual running of Civic Centres	0	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
Transfer of funding to capital programme	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Levies	1,301	0	1,301	1,301	1,301	0	0
<b>Total other central items</b>	<b>Cr 13,400</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>Cr 9,600</b>	<b>Cr 11,600</b>	<b>Cr 11,600</b>	<b>Cr 2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Prior Year Adjustments</b>							
2022-23 Energy cost pressure in Housing	0	0	0	Cr 173	Cr 173	Cr 173	0
<b>Total Prior Year Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cr 173</b>	<b>Cr 173</b>	<b>Cr 173</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total all central items</b>	<b>Cr 5,387</b>	<b>Cr 4,460</b>	<b>Cr 9,847</b>	<b>Cr 16,183</b>	<b>Cr 16,183</b>	<b>Cr 6,336</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bromley's Requirement before balances</b>	<b>255,422</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>256,066</b>	<b>255,867</b>	<b>Cr 199</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Carry Forwards from 2022/23 (see note 3)	0	Cr 644	Cr 644	0	644	0	0
<b>Adjustment to Balances</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cr 445</b>	<b>Cr 445</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total all central items</b>	<b>255,422</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>255,422</b>	<b>255,422</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Business Rates Retention Scheme (Retained Income, Top-up and S31 Grants)</b>							
Collection Fund losses	Cr 47,000	0	Cr 47,000	Cr 47,000	Cr 47,000	0	0
New Homes Bonus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus Topslice	Cr 9	0	Cr 9	Cr 9	Cr 9	0	0
One off 2023/24 Services Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Tax Support - Collection Fund surplus	Cr 1,556	0	Cr 1,556	Cr 1,556	Cr 1,556	0	0
Funding COVID cost pressures from Earmarked Reserve	Cr 2,300	0	Cr 2,300	Cr 2,300	Cr 2,300	0	0
Collection Fund Surplus	Cr 870	0	Cr 870	Cr 870	Cr 870	0	0
<b>Bromley's Requirement</b>	<b>Cr 14,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cr 14,511</b>	<b>Cr 14,511</b>	<b>Cr 14,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bromley's Requirement</b>	<b>189,176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>189,176</b>	<b>189,176</b>	<b>189,176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
GLA Precept	58,215	0	58,215	58,215	58,215	0	0
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>247,391</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>247,391</b>	<b>247,391</b>	<b>247,391</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Budget Variations allocated to portfolios in year consists of:	£'000
1) Carry forwards from 2022/23	644 (see note 3)
2) Allocations from the central contingency provision	4,460 (see Appendix 4)
	<u>5,104</u>

1) **NOTES**

Portfolio Final Approved Budgets analysed over Departments as follows:

	2023/24	Budget	2023/24	2023/24	Variation	Variation
	Original Budget	Variations allocated in year #	Approved Budget	Latest Budget	Projected Outturn	previously reported
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
People Department	155,814	4,074	159,888	162,376	2,488	0
Place Department	81,753	895	82,648	85,750	3,102	0
Chief Executive's Department	23,242	135	23,377	23,924	547	0
	<u>260,809</u>	<u>5,104</u>	<u>265,913</u>	<u>272,050</u>	<u>6,137</u>	<u>0</u>

2) **Reversal of net Capital Charges**

This is to reflect the technical accounting requirements contained in CIPFA's Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting and has no impact on the Council's General Fund.

3) **Carry Forwards from 2022/23**

Carry forwards from 2022/23 into 2023/24 totalling £644k were approved by Council and the Executive. Full details were reported to the July meeting of the Executive in the "Provisional Final Accounts 2022/23" report.

### **Comments from the Director of Environmental Services**

The key departmental budgetary pressure is sitting within the Parking Services.

Over the past year we have seen the vast majority of services return to what we would describe as pre Covid levels with the key area being Parking, where the volume of parking in quarter 1 continues to be a challenge. It may well be the case that these service areas off the back of Covid are now affected by the wider economic challenges affecting the UK and therefore recovery in these areas will be slower than originally anticipated.

Officers will be conducting a six month review of Parking Income in October once the data for April to September 2023 has been fully validated, this will hopefully allow us to understand where the issues lie and shore up our financial forecasts for the remainder of the year.

### **Comments from the Director of Adult Social Care**

The start of the financial year has seen a continuation of the pressures experienced during the last financial year, with continuing demand from the hospitals to discharge patients as soon as possible. The integrated system is working hard to avoid people being admitted directly from hospital to a care facility, helping them to continue their recovery at home. Whilst this is a better outcome for individuals, this is building an additional pressure into the social care budget and discussions are taking place with health partners to address this.

The teams continue to experience pressure in relation to those moving into adulthood from children's services and this is being given due attention at a senior level within the Council. Whilst there is a very evident growth in demand with more young people moving into adulthood, and people living longer lives, the growth in the budget built in is still under pressure. There is also significant growth in demand from those experiencing mental health issues.

The upturn in the cost of care has continued, partly due to the increase in the cost of living, but also with the expectation from providers that the Council moves closer to the Fair Cost of Care, with prices increasing significantly.

### **Comments from the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration**

£1,589k of growth was included in the housing budget for 2023/24 to reflect the continuing pressures in relation to homelessness and the provision of temporary accommodation. A total of £1,745k savings was also included to mitigate these pressures.

Whilst approaches remain high, the ongoing supply of acquired properties and prevention work has continued to slow the rate of growth in nightly paid accommodation placements. However the number of approaches are starting to rise alongside increased pressure on nightly paid accommodation rates across London and the South East. This results in a £2,176k overspend on temporary accommodation, with a £1,928k overspend on housing overall. As has been reported work is ongoing to increase the supply of affordable housing to continue to mitigate and reduce the current pressures relating to temporary accommodation particularly in relation to the increased ability to secure leased accommodation within temporary accommodation subsidy rates.

A substantial part of Planning Services' work attracts a fee income for the Council, for example the planning application fees. The fee income and volume of work reflects the wider economic circumstances affecting development pressures in the Borough. There is a risk of income variation beyond the Council's immediate control; however, trends are regularly monitored in order that appropriate action can be taken. Action has successfully been taken to negate the risk of Government Designation for Special Measures due to Planning performance for the current year. However, this is based on the actions identified being implemented to reduce the risk of Government Designation in future years.

There is a risk of substantial planning appeal costs being awarded against the Council by the Planning Inspectorate if the Council is found to have acted unreasonably. For major appeals, which can arise unpredictably, there is often a need for specialist external consultant's advice which creates additional costs.

The key risks in the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio continue to be:

- i) Increased homelessness and the associated costs particularly relating to the increased demand for placements across London
- ii) Increased rent arrears arising from inflation and increased costs of utilities and so forth
- iii) Reduced vacant housing association properties coming forward for letting
- iv) Increased maintenance and repairs costs in relation to the travellers site required to maintain health and safety standards
- v) Increase in planning applications and need to ensure application processing is sufficiently resourced
- vi) Increases being seen in construction and maintenance costs

Finally, the immediate and ongoing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on budgets are only now becoming apparent. Significant losses in income, in particular from commercial rents, are expected as town centres have been severely affected during lockdown restrictions. There is also likely to be an increase in homeless presentations and families requiring temporary accommodation as the current moratorium on evictions is eased later in the year. The full impact in 2023/24 and future years remains difficult to assess and will be largely dependent on the easing of restrictions and recovery of the wider economy.

### **Comments from the Director of Childrens Services**

The Children, Education and Families Portfolio has a projected overspend of £2,142,000 for the year.

The Education Division (core funding) has a projected underspend of £236k.

Initial analysis indicates that there are a number of causal factors resulting in the forecast overspend position on transport:

An increase in number and complexity of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities over the past five years. The national increase in EHCPs is widely acknowledged as unsustainable and the rate of increase is accelerating across the country. In Bromley, despite gatekeeping measures, the increase in EHCPs has now reached 17%, (higher than the projected increase of 14% used to produce Growth funding assumptions). However, this rate of increase is lower than the national rate of 21% (DfE 2023)

The complexity of children and young people's needs continues to be at a higher level than prior to the Covid pandemic. These high levels of demand have continued for the past 3 years. A number of these cases have acute social, emotional and mental health needs, which require specialist provision which is typically costly independent provision outside of Bromley. Transport is often required and although officers seek to minimise costs, transport is often required to meet children's needs. In recent months we have begun to see a slight easing in the numbers of SEN referrals, which is positive, although it may be too early to be certain that this is a longer-term trend.

There is continued Transport provider pressures linked to the cost fuel and wages. The number of children requiring transport has increased by circa 17%, but this only accounts for part of the increase in costs. The reduced availability of drivers has resulted in more expensive providers having to be used from the call off framework.

Immediate management action was taken on the notification of the forecast budget overspend position. A specialist external transport adviser has undertaken a review of SEN transport arrangements, including benchmarking analysis and a full review of processes and eligibility criteria to identify potential savings. This has enabled significant mitigation proposals to be identified as part of the MTFS process, which would offset the forecast pressures on SEN Transport. In addition, work has been undertaken by our AD Strategic Performance resulting in predictive work for the next few years. This work has been incorporated into subsequent budget challenge discussions.

There is a current projected in year overspend in Education (DSG funding) of £4,209k in year. This will be added to the £12,706k carried forward in the reserves from 2022/23. There has been a prior year Early Year adjustment which has increased the 2022/23 DSG allocation by £600k, and this is off set against the DSG reserve that effectively reduces the reserve. This gives us an estimated DSG reserve of £16,315k at the end of the financial year.

We have recently met with representatives from the DfE to review our management of the DSG over-spend. They were able to confirm that they were satisfied with the steps that we continue to take and confirmed that they did not wish to meet with us again until next year.

The impact of additional legal duties from the SEND Reforms, has led to unsustainable financial pressures on High Needs costs within the DSG. An increase in Government funding (>£5m in 2021/22) is not sufficient to meet the increased costs. We are aware that Bromley is one of the last London Boroughs to incur a deficit in the DSG, with some local authorities having deficits in excess of £20m. The legal framework is heavily weighted in favour of parental preference, which is often for independent day and residential provision. We continue to assess all cases carefully and with a view to carefully balancing the education needs of young people and ensuring the best value for money from specialist education placements. Where it is appropriate to do so we continue to defend our decisions at Tribunal.

Nationally, the number of SEND tribunal appeals has increased by 29% from 2021 – 2022 and has tripled since 2014 (DfE, 2023). Out of 5,600 Tribunal hearings last year, only 3.7% of decisions made by local authorities were upheld. The Local Government Ombudsman received 15% more complaints about education and children's services in 2022-23 than in 2021-2022, 84% of which were upheld, higher than any other areas within the LGO's remit.

In the 2022 calendar year, 634 new EHCPs were issued, up from 274 in 2018 and 476 in 2021. We have sought to commission additional local specialist provision, including a new special free school due to open in 2024, but the needs and tribunal challenges are such that we have no choice but to continue placing children in more costly provision to ensure we are not in default of our legal statutory duties.

A review of High Needs Funding Bands has commenced, with oversight from the SEND Governance Board and CEF PDS. This will consider how the funding bands can be simplified and to identify where any savings can be made. We continue to work on increases to local specialist provision, including the special free school and increases in Additionally Resourced Provisions, which are specialist classes within mainstream schools.

In Children's Social Care the projected overspend is £2,378k.

The ongoing pressures that relate to emotional and mental health concerns for young people, combined with the impact of inflation and cost of living pressures continues, especially in respect of contacts into our MASH. These continue to remain consistently around 1,100 contacts per month with little sign of a reduction. This compares to around 600 in April 2020 and it is the complexity of need from the families and children that have an added dimension.

Although much reduced from the previous year, the financial pressures across CSC continue to be primarily driven by placement costs for young people and also by the cost of agency staff.



Nationally, the cost of residential placements increased by 18.78% in 2022/23 (ADCS 2023) as demand continues to be greater than the number of placements available, particularly for children with complex or specialist requirements. Although our recruitment of permanent staff has increased and we now have fewer agency staff than in the past two years, our spend on agency staff still contributes to the pressures on the CSC staffing budget.

There also continues to be a high level of demand for support particularly in CWD which has meant a rise in demand for our short break provision. In response we have sought to increase the number of nights available for the number of families requiring this. Whilst These continued pressures have meant an increase in our looked after population in CWD despite the innovative and expensive care packages put in to support with health provision short breaks. The resilience for some families is now being significantly tested following two years of Covid challenges. This is primarily seen in families for children with profound and complex health and challenging sometimes aggressive behaviour.

The risks in the Children, Education & Families Portfolio are:-

Recruitment and retention of permanent staff/ ability to recruit skilled staff for the posts vacant and competitive salaries being paid at this time

Limited supply and increasing costs of residential placements – including the specialist placements for very complex young people. The cost of such placements is high and then with the delay to final hearing families are being retained in these placements beyond the assessment.

Continued complexity of children (SEND).

Shortage of local school places (particularly for Specialist schools).

Increasing High Needs Block expenditure not matched by a commensurate increase in Government Grant.

## Adult Care and Health Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
<b>PEOPLE DEPARTMENT</b>								
<b>Adult Social Care</b>								
23,554	Assessment and Care Management	22,816	24,508	24,958	450	1	0	3,095
118	Direct Services	117	117	117	0		0	0
2,334	Quality Assurance & Safeguarding	2,075	2,075	2,075	0		0	0
43,807	Learning Disabilities	48,075	47,943	47,185	Cr 758	2	0	456
8,650	Mental Health	8,415	8,415	9,173	758	3	0	800
907	Placement and Brokerage	979	659	659	0		0	0
Cr 255	Better Care Fund - Protection of Social Care	0	0	0	0		0	0
<b>79,115</b>		<b>82,477</b>	<b>83,717</b>	<b>84,167</b>	<b>450</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4,351</b>
<b>Integrated Commissioning Service</b>								
1,299	Integrated Commissioning Service Information & Early Intervention	1,400	1,400	1,400	0		0	0
1,205	- Net Expenditure	3,761	3,761	3,761	0		0	0
Cr 1,205	- Recharge to Better Care Fund	Cr 3,756	Cr 3,756	Cr 3,756	0		0	0
<b>Better Care Fund</b>								
25,602	- Expenditure	28,226	28,226	28,226	0	4	0	0
Cr 25,622	- Income	Cr 28,246	Cr 28,246	Cr 28,246	0		0	0
<b>Improved Better Care Fund</b>								
10,327	- Expenditure	8,130	8,130	8,130	0	5	0	0
Cr 10,327	- Income	Cr 8,130	Cr 8,130	Cr 8,130	0		0	0
<b>1,279</b>		<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Public Health</b>								
16,166	Public Health	15,927	16,436	16,436	0		0	0
Cr 15,876	Public Health - Grant Income	Cr 15,611	Cr 16,120	Cr 16,120	0		0	0
<b>290</b>		<b>316</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>80,684</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ADULT CARE &amp; HEALTH</b>	<b>84,178</b>	<b>85,418</b>	<b>85,868</b>	<b>450</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4,351</b>
421	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	559	559	559	0		0	0
4,092	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	3,494	3,494	3,494	0		0	0
<b>85,197</b>	<b>TOTAL ADULT CARE &amp; HEALTH PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>88,231</b>	<b>89,471</b>	<b>89,921</b>	<b>450</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4,351</b>

## Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

## 2023/24 Original Budget

88,231

## Carry forwards:

Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment &amp; Recovery Funding

- expenditure	57
- income	-57

Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF)

- expenditure	1,911
- income	-1,911

Public Health Grant

- expenditure	2,874
- income	-2,874

LD/Autism Funding from South East London ICB

- expenditure	208
- income	-208

Discharge Transformation Funding from South East London ICB

- expenditure	256
- income	-256

Shared Lives Transformation Posts

- expenditure	400
- income	-400

Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant

- expenditure	104
- income	-104

Omicron Support Fund

- expenditure	136
- income	-136

Test and Trace service support grant

- expenditure	368
- income	-368

Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant		
- expenditure		54
- income		-54
<b>Contingency:</b>		
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund		2,788
Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	Cr	1,084
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fund		
- expenditure		1,810
- income	Cr	1,810
ICB Funding for Hospital Discharges		
- expenditure		1,511
- income	Cr	1,511
Work Safe Project		
- expenditure		65
- income	Cr	65
<b>Other:</b>		
Transfer of Staff from LD Care Management to Children's 0-25 years' service	Cr	144
Transfer of Care Placements Team Staff to Children's Services	Cr	320
<b>Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24</b>		
		<u><u>89,471</u></u>

## **1. Assessment and Care Management - Dr £450k**

The overspend in Assessment and Care Management can be analysed as follows:

	<u>Current</u> <u>Variation</u> £'000
<u>Physical Support / Sensory Support / Memory &amp; Cognition</u>	
<b>Services for 65 +</b>	
- Placements	Cr 272
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments	2,470
	<u>2,198</u>
<b>Services for 18-64</b>	
- Placements	288
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments	909
	<u>1,197</u>
<b>Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF)</b>	
- 23/24 MSIF allocation	Cr 2,788
- 23/24 MSIF Workforce Fund allocation	Cr 1,810
	<u>Cr 4,598</u>
<b>Other</b>	
Hospital Discharge Packages	
- Placements	2,548
- Domiciliary Care	1,731
- Enhanced Care	2,300
- LBB Discharge Funding	Cr 1,084
- ICB Discharge Funding	Cr 1,511
- Management action	Cr 2,331
	<u>1,653</u>
	<u><u>450</u></u>

The 2023/24 budget includes funding for the full year effect of the September 2022 overspend as reported to Members in the September Budget Monitoring report.

### Services for 65+ - Dr £2,198k

Numbers in residential and nursing care to date are 59 below the budget provision of 489, however an overspend of £366k is currently projected. This is due to placements having to be made above the guide rates, as well as additional 1:1 support packages required for some service users in their placements costing circa £2.5m. Offsetting this is a projected underspend in emergency and temporary placements of £638k.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected overspend of £2,470k. Domiciliary care is projected to overspend by £2,089k and direct payments to overspend by £381k.

### Services for 18-64+ - Dr £1,197k

Placements for 18-64 age group are projected to overspend by £486k this year based on current service user numbers which are currently 5 above budgeted levels. Offsetting this is a projected underspend on emergency and temporary placements of £198k.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected overspend of £909k. Domiciliary care is currently projected to overspend by £517k and direct payments to overspend by £392k.

### Discharge to Assess (D2A) - Dr £1,653k

Discharges from hospital continue to follow the new pathway set up with Health. Currently a full year overspend of £6,579k is projected, split between placements of £2,548k, domiciliary care of £1,731k and enhanced care of £2,300k. This is however offset by management action of £2,331k, aiming to reduce the length of time a service user spends in a D2a setting, as well as the application of discharge funding (£1,084k LBB and £1,511k ICB). Officers also continue to ensure that service users are moved on from these packages to normal packages of care as soon as possible, ensuring that client contributions are being maximised. The numbers of residents being discharged are broadly within trend for Bromley, however, the packages of care are more expensive and for longer duration.

## **2. Learning Disabilities - Cr £758k**

The 2023/24 Learning Disabilities (LD) budget includes funding for anticipated 2023/24 demand-related pressures and the full year effect (FYE) of the 2022/23 overspend but also reductions relating to planned savings.

An underspend of £758k is currently anticipated which mainly relates to the 18-64 age range. This is based upon the current level of costs and client numbers. Work is on-going to identify the impact of clients who are expected to transition from Children's Services during the year. Given the early stage in the financial year a significant element of projected spend is based on assumptions, for example future services for young people transitioning to adult social care services and increased client needs during the year. In view of the relatively high proportion of the forecast based on future assumptions rather than actual data, this position is likely to change as the year progresses.

### **3. Mental Health - Dr £758k**

The 2023/24 budget includes an adjustment for the full year effect of the September 2022 underspend reported to Members as part of the September Budget Monitoring report.

Placements for 65+ age group are projected to overspend by £298k this year based on current service user numbers of 50.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected overspend of £49k. Domiciliary care is currently projected to overspend by £148k and direct payments to underspend by £99k.

Placements for the 18-64 age group are projected to overspend by £312k this year based on current service user numbers of 107, and mainly relates to placements in Nursing homes.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected overspend of £99k, with Domiciliary care currently projected to underspend by £1k and direct payments to overspend by £100k.

### **4. Better Care Fund (BCF) - Nil variation**

Other than variations on the protection of social care element, any underspends on Better Care Fund budgets will be carried forward for spending in future years under the pooled budget arrangement with South East London ICB.

The final 2023/24 allocation is a 5.66% increase above 2022/23 levels. It is likely that this allocation will be needed to offset the cost of hospital discharge care packages.

### **5. Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) - Nil Variation**

The total amount of funding available in 2023/24 is:

	£'000
2023/24 IBCF allocation	7,731
Carry forward from previous years	1,911
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	9,642

### **Waiver of Financial Regulations**

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub-Committee bi-annually. The Director of Adult Social Care has additional authority in respect of placements.

Since the last report to the Executive, 29 waivers for Adult placements have been agreed for between £50k and £100k and 8 for more than £100k.

### **Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers**

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. There have been 2 virements since the last report to Executive. (1) Transfer of Staff from Learning Disabilities Care Management to Children's 0-25 years' service (£144k) and (2) Transfer of Care Placements Team Staff to Children's Services (£320k)

Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals	Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget	2023/24 Latest Approved	2023/24 Projected Outturn	Variation	Notes	Variation Last Reported	Full Year Effect
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
<b>CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO</b>								
<b>Education Division - Core funding</b>								
Cr 347	Adult Education Centres	Cr 430	Cr 430	Cr 430	0		0	0
576	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	739	739	620	Cr 119	1	0	0
2,771	SEN and Inclusion	2,525	2,615	2,455	Cr 160	2	0	0
100	Strategic Place Planning	56	56	56	0		0	0
17	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 22	Cr 22	Cr 22	0		0	0
7,516	Access & Inclusion	8,134	9,134	9,177	43	3	0	0
196	Other Strategic Functions	459	369	369	0		0	0
Cr 40	Central School Costs	Cr 60	Cr 60	Cr 60	0		0	0
<b>10,789</b>		<b>11,401</b>	<b>12,401</b>	<b>12,165</b>	<b>Cr 236</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Children's Social Care</b>								
1,911	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,798	1,798	1,923	125	4	0	0
1,260	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,545	1,545	1,500	Cr 45	5	0	0
10,034	CLA and Care Leavers	11,485	12,352	12,680	328	6	0	300
22,122	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	23,880	24,380	24,348	Cr 32	7	0	500
5,184	0-25 Children Service (Disability Services)	3,714	4,314	5,382	1,068	8	0	1,400
5,073	Referral and Assessment Service	4,765	4,765	5,229	464	9	0	0
4,582	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	4,181	4,181	4,360	179	10	0	0
2,998	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	2,493	2,499	2,715	216	11	0	0
Cr 2,489	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 6,255	Cr 6,394	Cr 6,319	75	12	0	0
<b>50,675</b>		<b>47,606</b>	<b>49,440</b>	<b>51,818</b>	<b>2,378</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>61,464</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR CEF CORE FUNDING</b>	<b>59,007</b>	<b>61,841</b>	<b>63,983</b>	<b>2,142</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2,200</b>
129	<b>Total Non-Controllable</b>	1,424	1,424	1,424	0			0
11,182	<b>Total Excluded Recharges</b>	7,208	7,208	7,208	0		0	0
<b>72,775</b>	<b>TOTAL CEF PORTFOLIO CORE FUNDING</b>	<b>67,639</b>	<b>70,473</b>	<b>72,615</b>	<b>2,142</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>Education Division - DSG Funding</b>								
21,691	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	21,512	21,512	21,410	Cr 102	13	0	0
39,401	SEN and Inclusion	40,787	40,787	45,097	4,310	14	0	0
3,272	Access & Inclusion	3,635	3,635	3,636	1		0	0
22	Strategic Place Planning	94	94	94	0		0	0
6	Workforce Development & Governor Services	20	20	20	0		0	0
130	Other Strategic Functions	481	481	481	0		0	0
Cr 97,312	Schools Budgets	Cr 103,139	Cr 103,139	Cr 103,139	0		0	0
17,840	Special Schools and Alternative Provision	18,983	18,983	18,983	0		0	0
7,847	Primary Schools	10,075	10,075	10,075	0		0	0
4,005	Secondary Schools	3,798	3,798	3,798	0		0	0
0	Charge to Reserves	0	0	Cr 4,209	Cr 4,209	15	0	0
<b>Cr 3,098</b>		<b>Cr 3,754</b>	<b>Cr 3,754</b>	<b>Cr 3,754</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cr 3,098</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR CEF - DSG FUNDING</b>	<b>Cr 3,754</b>	<b>Cr 3,754</b>	<b>Cr 3,754</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
11	<b>Total Non-Controllable</b>	81	81	81	0		0	0
3,087	<b>Total Excluded Recharges</b>	3,673	3,673	3,673	0		0	0
<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL CEF PORTFOLIO - DSG FUNDING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL CEF PORTFOLIO</b>		<b>67,639</b>	<b>70,473</b>	<b>72,615</b>	<b>2,142</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2,200</b>

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2023/24

67,639

Contingency:

Carry forwards:

Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site expenditure		5
income	Cr	5
Virtual School - CIN Grant Carry Forward expenditure		82
income	Cr	82
Homes for Ukraine DfE Grant expenditure		1,187
income	Cr	1,187
BAEC upgrading hardware and supporting software - GLA Grant expenditure		26
income	Cr	26
YOT NHS Money expenditure		29
income	Cr	29
COVID Recovery Grant expenditure		130
income	Cr	130
National Tutoring Programme expenditure		22
income	Cr	22
GLA Adult Ed Grant Repayment		

expenditure		16
income	Cr	16
Supporting Families; Investing in Practice Grant		
expenditure		475
income	Cr	475
Homes for Ukraine Main Grant		
expenditure		300
income	Cr	300
<b>Other:</b>		
Transfer of Staff from LD Care Management to Children's 0-25 years' service		144
Transfer of Care Placements Team Staff to Children's Services		320
S31 Leaving Care Uplift Grant		
expenditure		68
income	Cr	68
GLA free school meal payment		
expenditure		6,036
income	Cr	6,036
UKSPF funding		
expenditure		275
income	Cr	275
Above Inflation Pressures on Children Placements		1,370
Drawdown of SEN Transport		1,000
<b>Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24</b>		<b><u><u>70,473</u></u></b>

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £119k**

The in-house nurseries are currently expected to underspend by £80k, and this is down to an underspend on staffing.

Across the rest of the service there is a £39k underspend relating to staffing

### **2. SEN and Inclusion - Cr £160k**

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend by £153k. This is due to a number of posts that are currently vacant and are currently expected to be filled during the year. The remaining £7k relates to an underspend in running costs.

### **3. Access & Inclusion - Dr £43k**

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account is currently expected to under collect on its income by £43k due to the loss of a number of school contracts.

### **Children's Social Care - Dr £2,378k**

The current budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £2,378k, Additional funding has been identified of £1,370k due to above inflationary increases in prices across the board in CSC. this has been applied but some pressures/demands still remain

### **4. Bromley Youth Support Programme -Dr £125k**

The BYSP budget is projected to overspend by £125k this year. The service is currently looking at transformational savings that have not yet been realised.

### **5. Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £45k**

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected underspend on staffing of £82k. This is then offset by a £37k overspend on running costs.

### **6. CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £328k**

The service is currently expected to overspend by £328k. This is due to an overspend in staffing of £66k, an under collection of income of £125k and a £15k underspend on running costs. Additional, there are is an overspend of £152k relating to placement costs in the service.

### **7. Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Cr £32k**

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £88k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £804k
- Boarding Schools - Cr £121k
- Secure Placement - Cr £201k
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £309k
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Cr £568k
- Adoption placements - Cr £199k
- Outreach Services - Dr £143k
- Transport Costs - Cr £79k

Additionally there is an extra £304k worth of income - most of which relates to the cost of the placements. This is then being offset by overspends in staffing of £175k and running cost of £9k.

### **8. 0-25 Children Service - Dr £1,068k**

The main area of overspend is the use of Direct Payments and Dom Care to support the client of £1,144k. There is also a overspend in running costs of £24k. These overspends are then being offset by an underspend in staffing of £100k.

### **9. Referral and Assessment Service Dr £464k**

The main projected variance relates to a projected overspend on staffing of £573k. This is then offset by a £109k underspend on running costs that mostly relates to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

### **10. Safeguarding and Care Planning East Dr £179k**

The budget in this area is currently projected to overspend by £179k, and is due to staffing overspends of £169k, with the remaining (£10k) relating to general running costs overspends.



### **11. Safeguarding and Care Planning West Dr £216k**

The projected variance relates to a projected overspend on staffing of £39k. There is an additional £177k overspend on running costs that mostly relates to looked after clients.

### **12. Safeguarding and Quality Improvement Dr £75k**

The projected overspend of £75k in this area mainly relates to staffing (£53k), and this includes the costs of recruiting and retaining social workers across the whole of Children's Social Care. There is additionally a £22k overspend in running costs.

### **Schools Budgets (no impact on General Fund)**

Expenditure on Schools is funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) provided by the Department for Education (DfE). DSG is ring fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget. Any overspend or underspend must be carried forward to the following years Schools Budget.

There is a current projected overspend in DSG of £4,209k. This will be added to the £12,706k carried forward in the reserves from 2022/23. There has been a prior year Early Year adjustment which has increased the 2022/23 DSG allocation by £600k, and this is off set against the DSG reserve that effectively reduces the reserve. This gives us an estimated DSG reserve of £16,315k at the end of the financial year.

### **13. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA Cr £102k**

The underspend of £102k is due to staffing underspends over a range of cost centres.

### **14. SEN and Inclusion Dr £4,310k**

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £4,729k. The overspend is being caused by the Maintained Day (£1,749k), Independent Day (£881k), Alternative Programmes (£1,098k), Maintained Boarding Schools (£259k), Direct Payment (£199k) and Matrix funding (£602k). This is then slightly offset by an underspend on Independent Boarding Schools (£59k).

Additionally to the placement costs, there is an under collection / repayment of grant in this area of £114k, an underspend on staffing across a number of units of £316k, and an underspend on running costs of £217k (of which some relates to the repayment of grant).

### **15. Charge to Reserves Cr £4,209k**

Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires the Section 151 Officer to report on the robustness of the budget calculations and adequacy of reserves. The 151 Officer within that commentary is now required to consider the Councils DSG deficit position, despite the statutory override being in place.

The statutory override effectively means that any DSG deficits are not included in the Councils main revenue budgets. However funding will ultimately need to be identified

In effect the Council has to still set aside resources to meet the DSG deficit and where no ongoing funding is identified such funding will need to come from the Councils reserves. On that basis the budget monitoring report identifies a deficit of £4,209k which has to ultimately be funded from the Councils reserve.

Although DSG is effectively ring fenced the ongoing increase through funding by reserves (general and earmarked) creates a financially unsustainable position in the medium to longer term

The External Auditor as part of the annual accounts, are required to comment on the Councils Value for money arrangements and will be required to consider any DSG deficit and the impact on the Councils finances

In terms of presentation of the DSG deficit of £12,706k up to 31/3/2023 and the estimated in year sum of £4,209k in 2023/24, there will need to be adequate funding from the Councils reserves unless alternative savings can be found. The use of reserves have been assumed in this report, although the specific reserves to use have not been identified at this stage.

### **Waiver of Financial Regulations**

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub-Committee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive, there has been in Children's Social Care there were 4 waivers agreed for placements of between £50 and £100k, 3 between £100k and £150k, and 2 for a value of over £200k.

**Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers**

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, there have been two virements processed :- (1) Transfer of Staff from Learning Disabilities Care Management to Children's 0-25 years' service (£144k) and (2) Transfer of Care Placements Team Staff to Children's Services (£320k)

## Environment &amp; Community Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO</b>							
	<b>Street Scene &amp; Green Spaces</b>							
1,151	Arboriculture Management	814	814	864	50	1	0	0
92	Business Support and Markets	26	26	113	87	2	0	0
1,189	Senior Management	1,331	1,331	1,331	0		0	0
211	Performance Management and Business Support	224	224	224	0			
6,439	Parks and Green Spaces	6,854	6,854	6,860	6	3		
79	Carbon Management	155	155	155	0		0	0
18,503	Waste Services	20,722	20,722	20,740	18	4	0	0
6,491	Neighbourhood	6,961	6,961	6,961	0		0	0
<b>34,155</b>		<b>37,087</b>	<b>37,087</b>	<b>37,247</b>	<b>160</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Transport Operations and Depot</b>							
552	Transport Operations and Depot Management	632	632	632	0		0	0
<b>552</b>		<b>632</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Traffic, Parking and Highways</b>							
-140	Traffic & Road Safety	161	161	75	Cr 86	5	0	0
Cr 8,209	Parking	Cr 9,186	Cr 9,186	Cr 8,536	650	6	0	0
8,979	Highways (including London Permit Scheme)	9,339	9,584	9,483	Cr 101	7	0	0
<b>630</b>		<b>314</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>463</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>35,337</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE</b>	<b>38,033</b>	<b>38,278</b>	<b>38,901</b>	<b>623</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
1,673	<b>TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE</b>	6,743	6,743	6,743	0		0	0
2,284	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	2,343	2,343	2,343	0		0	0
<b>39,294</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>47,119</b>	<b>47,364</b>	<b>47,987</b>	<b>623</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2023/24

47,119

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23

Highways income for road maintenance

245

Central Contingency Adjustments

Other

Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24

47,364

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Arboriculture Dr £50k**

Tree works are identified through a triennial inspection programme and carried out in compliance with the adopted Tree Management Strategy to manage risk. The projected overspend of £50k recognises that in previous years, the volume of essential works has exceeded the budget available. There are several unknown factors affecting budget which make overspend a risk, including the result of additional procurement activity agreed by the Executive in July 2023 where budget risk was identified in the report.

### **2. Business Support & Markets Dr £87k**

Street trading income remains affected by the continuation, under the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, of pavement licences. This was a temporary measure, originally introduced during the Covid pandemic but now extended into 2023 and being made permanent, which allows businesses to apply for a pavement licence for a £100 administration fee with no ongoing charges; this administration process is managed through Licensing in PP. This is a significant reduction compared to the permanent street trading licence scheme where the fees charged were significantly higher and are subject to periodic 6-month renewal. The estimated net impact on the Council this year is a net loss of £87k.

### **3. Parks and Green Spaces, Dr 6k**

The service is incurring a £6k overspend on Business Rates in Parks General, this is related to the charges for Tent Peg Lane.

### **4. Waste Services Dr £18k**

The service is declaring an overspend of £18k related to haulage costs for the 'Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPS) containing' waste. This is due to DEFRA and Environmental agency guidance that requires any waste containing potential POPs waste should be incinerated, therefore a change to the waste management contract is required to manage this which has meant an increase in costs to the council.

### **5. Traffic & Road Safety Cr £85k**

As had been reported throughout the last financial year, the situation regarding TfL funding of the Council's LIP capital programme and the staff engaged to deliver schemes continues to remain uncertain. The service are retaining vacancies as mitigation against this loss of funding. Total income overachieved by the service in Q1 is £85k, this is the advertising income from JD Decaux.

### **Parking, Dr £650k**

<b>Summary of variations within Parking</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
Off Street (incl. Multi Storey Car Parks)	206
On Street	-121
RingGo fees	-117
<b>Parking fees total:</b>	<b>-32</b>
Moving Traffic Contraventions (MTCs)	304
Bus Lanes	628
Parking Shared Services	-250
<b>Enforcement total:</b>	<b>682</b>
<b>Total variations</b>	<b>650</b>

### **6a. Car Parks (off street and multistorey car parks) Dr £206k**

In recent years there has been a marked change in the use of vehicles for trips to town centres and for commuting. This has had an impact on the use of off-street car parking spaces, resulting in a lower income to the Council. Based on the information available in Q1 this income line is underachieving by £206k

### **6b. On Street Car Parks Cr £121k**

On street parking income has overachieved the budget by £121k.

### **6c. Ringo Fees, Cr £117k**

The amount that the Council receives from RingGo fees continued to be buoyant into the first quarter of the financial year, as the increased use of this payment method to pay for parking fees appears to be sustained and an overachievement of £117k. All pay and display machines were removed in April 23 making this the only payment method for all on and off street parking within the Borough, apart from the Civic Offices car park.

### **6d. Moving Traffic Contraventions (MTCs), Dr £304k**

Since the introduction of enforcement of moving traffic contraventions in October 2021, the actual number of tickets issued has been significantly lower than anticipated. Officers believe that this has been the result of changes in traffic patterns post Covid-19 pandemic, alongside the Borough's fair approach to enforcement. The shortfall for Q1 is £304k.

**6e. Bus Lanes, Dr £628k**

As has been reported previously, compliance of Bus Lanes continues to improve and therefore this income budget underachieved by £628k this year, this is a worsening of the position from last year.

**6f. Parking Shared Service Cr £250k**

An underspend of £250k is being reported for the Parking Shared Service mainly due to underspends on staffing as a result of vacancies across both boroughs as well as a reduction in the number of agency staff employed.

**7. Highways, including London Permit Scheme Cr £101k**

The Highways service has an overall underspend of £101k. The service have applied for a carry forward of £245k that will be utilised in 2023-2024 for Highways Maintenance.

Highways are overachieving in areas such as Traffic Control Maintenance (Inspection Fees, Defect Notices, Section 74 Notices, Fixed Penalty Notices) by £101k.

**Waiver of Financial Regulations:**

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**Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers**

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## Public Protection &amp; Enforcement Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	<b>Public Protection</b>							
483	Community Safety	540	584	584	0		0	0
152	Emergency Planning	157	157	157	0		0	0
823	Mortuary & Coroners Service	939	939	939	0		0	0
1,251	Public Protection	1,592	1,737	1,737	0		0	0
<b>2,709</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE</b>	<b>3,228</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
3	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	12	12	12	0		0	0
950	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	816	816	816	0		0	0
<b>3,662</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>4,056</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

## Original Budget 2023/24

4,056

Out of Hours Noise Service in Community Safety

50

## Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23

POCA confiscation orders from the courts

61

HMO income

78

## Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24

4,245

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Emergency Planning - no variation**

### **2. Mortuary & Coroners Service - no variation**

£300k of growth was awarded to this budget in 23/24 and this has mitigated the pressure we had here last year.

### **3. Public Protection - no variation**

The service have applied for a carry forward of £139k, that will be utilised in 2023-2024 for HMO income and POCA confiscation orders from the courts.

### **Waiver of Financial Regulations:**

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Subcommittee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive, no waivers over £50k have been actioned.

### **Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers**

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## Renewal, Recreation &amp; Housing Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	<b>PLACE DEPARTMENT</b>							
	<b>Planning</b>							
27	Building Control	70	70	266	196	1	0	0
Cr 63	Land Charges	Cr 117	Cr 117	Cr 47	70	2	0	0
1,823	Planning	986	1,106	1,391	285	3	0	0
<b>1,787</b>		<b>939</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>551</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Culture &amp; Regeneration</b>							
1,384	Culture	1,120	1,120	1,120	0		0	0
5,570	Libraries	5,174	5,365	5,365	0		0	0
87	Town Centre Management	44	44	44	0		0	0
<b>7,041</b>		<b>6,338</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Operational Housing</b>							
1,276	Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling	1,522	1,522	1,522	0		0	0
Cr 1,502	Housing Benefits	Cr 1,586	Cr 1,586	Cr 1,586	0		0	0
Cr 54	Housing Improvement	Cr 20	Cr 20	Cr 20	0		0	0
7,046	Allocations and Accommodation	5,613	5,613	7,789	2,176	4	0	3,347
921	Supporting People	1,134	1,134	986	Cr 148	5	0	Cr 148
1,095	Housing Options and Support	1,671	1,671	1,571	Cr 100	6	0	0
<b>8,782</b>		<b>8,334</b>	<b>8,334</b>	<b>10,262</b>	<b>1,928</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3,199</b>
<b>17,610</b>	<b>Total Controllable</b>	<b>15,611</b>	<b>15,922</b>	<b>18,401</b>	<b>2,479</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3,199</b>
Cr 412	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	Cr 541	Cr 541	Cr 541	0		0	0
5,691	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	5,583	5,583	5,583	0		0	0
<b>22,889</b>	<b>TOTAL RR &amp; H PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>20,653</b>	<b>20,964</b>	<b>23,443</b>	<b>2,479</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3,199</b>

## Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

## Original budget 2023/24

20,653

## Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23

Homelessness Reduction Grant	89
Homelessness Reduction Grant	Cr 89
Accommodation for ex-Offenders Expenditure	64
Accommodation for ex-Offenders Grant	Cr 64
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure	43
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant income	Cr 43
Homes for Ukraine Grant	2,200
Homes for Ukraine Grant	Cr 2,200
Defra Biodiversity Net Gain Grant	13
Defra Biodiversity Net Gain Grant	Cr 13
New Homes Bonus Funded LEP Programme	73
New Homes Bonus Funded LEP Programme	Cr 73
Local Plan Implementation	120

## Central Contingency Adjustments

2023-24 Accommodation for Ex-Offenders expenditure	74
2023-24 Accommodation for Ex-Offenders income	Cr 74
2023-24 Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure	214
2023-24 Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant income	Cr 214
Homelessness Prevention Grant - 2023-24 additional allocation	363
Homelessness Prevention Grant - 2023-24 additional allocation	Cr 363
HPG- 2023/2024 Homes For Ukraine Funding Top-Up	1,117
HPG- 2023/2024 Homes For Ukraine Funding Top-Up	Cr 1,117
Inflation - Libraries contract	191



Other

Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24

20,964

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

With higher interest rates and the cost of living affecting the economy, there is pressure on income budgets across the Property and Planning Divisions.

### **1. Building Control Dr £196k**

Building Control fees were increased in 2022/23 in order to realign the budgeted income target with a more realistic outcome, but in 2023/24 an agreed saving increased the income budget target by £79k overall. Based on the activity in the past 3 months we anticipate that income will fall short of the budgeted amount by £196k. As the forecast is based on 3 months of actual income received and 9 months estimated if the activity improves the forecast will be adjust for Q2. .

### **2. Land Charges Dr £70k**

Similar to Building Control, we anticipate a variation overspend of around £70k which historically this has been the case over the past a few years, but assuming the activity improves in the remaining 9 months and if the introduction of a fees review is completed within this financial year and implemented this will reduce the variation. It must also be factored in the current economic climate and an additional £4k add to the income budget does not help the situation, We should have a more accurate figure for Q2 ..

### **3. Planning Dr £285k**

**Planning Pre-Apps & Planning 'Significant' Major Apps** We are currently forecasting a shortfall of income for Q1 of £285k, based on the current level of activity. It should be noted that the Government's planning application fees draft regulations consultation may increase future fee levels by 30%, however, any increase in fees is not currently expected to come into force until April 2024.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2023/9780348250404>

### **4. Allocations and Accommodation Dr £2,176k**

There is currently a forecast overspend of £2,369k in the Temporary Accommodation before projected savings from the continuation of the Transformation Programme. For this round of budget monitoring the number of Households in nightly paid Temporary Accommodation was 1,125. It is currently expected that this will increase to 1,302 by the end of the financial year, at a current average cost of £8,268 per household per annum.

These figures exclude other schemes like More Homes Bromley, Pinnacle (formerly Orchard & Shipman), ex-residential care homes, and the Bromley Private Sector Leasing Scheme. Once these have been included there are currently over 1,556 households in Temporary Accommodation.

Transformation Programme savings totalling £193k have been identified for 2023-24 with the following schemes planned to be completed to provide a longer term alternative to expensive nightly paid accommodation, Meadowship Homes Phase 2 £126k and York Rise £67k. Other earlier schemes in the programme have been completed and are contributing to the housing options available. The Full Year Effect of these savings is estimated at around £1.3m.

	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Summary of overall variations within Allocations and Accommodation:</b>	
Temporary Accommodation	2,369
Transformation Savings	Cr 193
<b>Total variation for Allocations and Accommodation</b>	<b><u>2,176</u></b>

### **5. Supporting People Cr £148k**

A £148k underspend is currently forecast in the Supporting People mainly as a result of procurement exercises during 2021/22 and 2022/23 containing costs within inflation that had accumulated in the budget. The full retendering exercise has been completed and the current underspend will remain in this budget to cover potential future pressures.

### **6. Housing Options and Support Cr £100k**

A £100k underspend is currently forecast in Housing Options and Support on salary costs. This relates to a number of difficult to fill vacancies in the service.

### **Waiver of Financial Regulations:**

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## Resources, Commissioning &amp; Contracts Management Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000		2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT</b>							
	<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION</b>							
265	Director of Finance & Other	267	267	267	0		0	0
5,953	Exchequer - Revenue & Benefits	6,831	6,784	6,784	0		0	0
2,249	Exchequer - Payments & Income	2,295	2,444	2,444	0		0	0
582	Financial Accounting	1,233	1,233	1,233	0		0	0
1,730	Management Accounting	1,991	1,997	1,997	0		0	0
848	Audit	1,073	1,073	1,073	0		0	0
<b>11,627</b>	<b>Total Financial Services Division</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>13,798</b>	<b>13,798</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION</b>							
6,911	<b>Information Systems &amp; Telephony</b>	7,238	7,238	7,457	219	1	0	0
	<b>Legal Services &amp; Democracy</b>							
1,221	Electoral	512	512	512	0		0	0
1,473	Democratic Services	1,607	1,607	1,505	Cr 102	2	0	0
179	Mayoral	184	184	184	0		0	0
2,986	Legal Services	2,525	2,835	3,265	430	3	0	0
529	Procurement and Data Management	585	585	585	0		0	0
219	<b>Management and Other (Corporate Services)</b>	235	235	235	0		0	0
<b>13,518</b>	<b>Total Corporate Services Division</b>	<b>12,886</b>	<b>13,196</b>	<b>13,743</b>	<b>547</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>HR AND CUSTOMER SERVICES DIVISION</b>							
2,429	Human Resources	2,499	2,499	2,499	0		0	0
	<b>Customer Services</b>							
1,185	Contact Centre	1,249	1,304	1,304	0		0	0
Cr 99	Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages	Cr 131	Cr 131	Cr 131	0		0	0
306	CE - Consultation & Communication	326	326	326	0		0	0
<b>3,821</b>	<b>Total HR &amp; Customer Services Division</b>	<b>3,943</b>	<b>3,998</b>	<b>3,998</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIVISION</b>							
826	Management and Other (C. Exec)	1,162	1,162	1,162	0		0	0
<b>826</b>	<b>Total Chief Executive's Division</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>CENTRAL ITEMS</b>							
808	<b>CDC &amp; Non Distributed Costs (Past Deficit etc.)</b>	1,361	1,361	1,361	0		0	0
5,964	<b>Concessionary Fares</b>	7,320	6,982	6,982	0		0	0
<b>36,564</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CE DEPT</b>	<b>40,362</b>	<b>40,497</b>	<b>41,044</b>	<b>547</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
14	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	449	449	449	0		0	0
Cr 22,246	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	Cr 17,569	Cr 17,569	Cr 17,569	0		0	0
<b>14,332</b>	<b>TOTAL CE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>23,242</b>	<b>23,377</b>	<b>23,924</b>	<b>547</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT</b>							
	<b>Strategy and Corporate Projects</b>							
133	Commissioning	237	237	167	Cr 70	4	0	0
1,781	Strategy, Performance and Engagement	1,884	1,884	1,850	Cr 34	5	0	0
<b>1,914</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CEF DEPT</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>Cr 104</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
3	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	1	1	1	0		0	0
Cr 2,152	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	Cr 2,178	Cr 2,178	Cr 2,178	0		0	0
<b>Cr 235</b>	<b>TOTAL CEF DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Cr 56</b>	<b>Cr 56</b>	<b>Cr 160</b>	<b>Cr 104</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT</b>							
	<b>Total Facilities Management</b>							
2,134	Admin Buildings & Facilities Support	1,727	1,727	1,727	0		0	0
1,147	Investment & Non-Operational Property	823	823	823	0		0	0
Cr 270	Strategic & Operational Property Services	1,020	1,170	1,170	0		0	0
2,191	TFM Client Monitoring Team	1,957	1,957	1,957	0		0	0
Cr 1,528	Other Rental Income - Other Portfolios	Cr 1,683	Cr 1,683	Cr 1,683	0		0	0
2,626	Repairs & Maintenance (All LBB)	2,513	2,513	2,513	0		0	0
<b>6,300</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ECS DEPT</b>	<b>6,357</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
64	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	7,919	7,919	7,919	0		0	0
Cr 872	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	Cr 4,308	Cr 4,308	Cr 4,308	0		0	0
Cr 1,696	<b>Less: R&amp;M allocated across other Portfolios</b>	Cr 1,726	Cr 1,726	Cr 1,726	0		0	0

1,528	Less: Rent allocated across other Portfolios	1,683	1,683	1,683	0	0	0
5,324	<b>TOTAL ECS DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>9,925</b>	<b>10,075</b>	<b>10,075</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
19,421	<b>TOTAL RCCM PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>33,111</b>	<b>33,396</b>	<b>33,839</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget** **£'000**  
**Original budget 2023/24** **33,111**

**Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23**

Electoral Services - New Burdens Grant			
- Expenditure		15	
- Income	Cr	15	
Local Digital Cyber Fund			
- Expenditure		50	
- Income	Cr	50	
BEIS - EBSS AF and AFP			
- Expenditure		847	
- Income	Cr	847	
Legal Services - ULEZ		140	
			<b>140</b>

**Central Contingency Adjustments**

Legal support - children and adults social care		170	
Energy contract (part year)			
Local election May 2022			
Legal Support – children’s and adults social care			
Inflation			
IT contract procurement			
Resources to support GDPR compliance			
Inflation - Concessionary Fares		-338	
Inflation - Liberata contract - Exchequer Services		102	
Inflation - Liberata contract - Contact Centre		55	
Inflation - Liberata contract - School Finance		6	
Star Lane works		150	

**Other Budget Movements**

IT Drawdown from reserves		336	
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Electoral Integrity Programme New Burdens Funding Grant		49	
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**Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24** **33,396**

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Information Systems & Telephony DR £219k**

Information System is forecasting a revenue overspend of £219k, this is made up of the following £121k relating to the BT contract which is very much an estimate as this fluctuate from month to month. Also £98k for the additional Microsoft Enterprise Agreement licences, IT have confirmed that the number of licenses being issued is growing and the budget is not reflecting this.

### **2. Democratic Services CR £102k**

A £75k underspend is currently being forecast on Members Allowances, this is in line with last years outturn, along with a £27k underspend on Democratic Service salary costs, which relates to a vacant post.

### **3. Legal Services Dr £430k**

Due to the increased instructions to legal services on contracts, contract disputes, housing, regeneration, education capital projects and commercial property-related matters arising, the Legal team has had to engage locum lawyers in order to meet the increased demand, thereby putting pressure on the staffing budget. For Q1 we are projecting a £330k overspend on salaries, although we should have a better understanding of the position in Q2 and Q3.

HMCT are introducing additional fees which will put more pressure on the Court Fees budget, with projections of a £100k overspend at this point in the financial year.

### **4. Commissioning Cr £70k**

The underspend of £70k in this area is due to an underspend on staffing.

### **5. Strategy, Performance and Engagement Cr £34k**

The underspend of £70k in this area is due to an underspend on staffing of £112k and this is being offset by an under collection of income of £78k.

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Item	Original Contingency Provision	Allocations				Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year	Total Allocations/Projected for Year	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General</b>						
Provision for Unallocated Inflation	9,080,000		1,436,000	6,644,000	8,080,000	Cr 1,000,000
Provision for increase in fuel costs	2,624,000			2,624,000	2,624,000	0
Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	2,800,000	2,788,000		0	2,788,000	(1) Cr 12,000
General Provision for Risk/Uncertainty	3,500,000			3,500,000	3,500,000	0
SEND Transport Growth	1,000,000	1,000,000		0	1,000,000	(1) 0
Social Care grant re ASC reforms	Cr 720,000			Cr 720,000	Cr 720,000	0
ASC Discharge Fund	Cr 1,083,000		Cr 1,084,000	0	Cr 1,084,000	Cr 1,000
Building Infrastructure Fund	2,000,000		2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0
Property income recovery/rent variations	500,000			500,000	500,000	0
Legal support - children and adults social care	170,000		170,000	0	170,000	0
Revenue impact of Capital Financing Programme	6,600,000		2,500,000	0	2,500,000	Cr 4,100,000
Star Lane works	0		150,000	0	150,000	150,000
Dual running of Civic Centre	0		1,800,000	0	1,800,000	1,800,000
<b>Renewal, Recreation &amp; Housing</b>						
Property Valuation	100,000			100,000	100,000	0
Planning Appeals - change in legislation	60,000			60,000	60,000	0
	<b>26,631,000</b>	<b>3,788,000</b>	<b>6,972,000</b>	<b>12,708,000</b>	<b>23,468,000</b>	<b>Cr 3,163,000</b>
<b>Grants included within Central Contingency Sum</b>						
Rough Sleeping Initiative						
Grant Related Expenditure	104,000			104,000	104,000	0
Grant Related Income	Cr 104,000			Cr 104,000	Cr 104,000	0
Homeless Prevention Initiatives						
Grant Related Expenditure	784,000			784,000	784,000	0
Grant related Income	Cr 784,000			Cr 784,000	Cr 784,000	0
Supporting Families; Investing in Practice Grant						
Grant Related Expenditure	1,030,000			1,030,000	1,030,000	0
Grant related Income	Cr 1,030,000			Cr 1,030,000	Cr 1,030,000	0
<b>Renewal, Recreation &amp; Housing</b>						
2023-24 Accommodation for Ex-Offenders expenditure						
Grant Related Expenditure			74,000	0	74,000	74,000
Grant Related Income			Cr 74,000	0	Cr 74,000	Cr 74,000
2023-24 Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure						
Grant Related Expenditure			214,000	0	214,000	214,000
Grant Related Income			Cr 214,000	0	Cr 214,000	Cr 214,000
Homelessness Prevention Grant - 2023-24 additional allocation						
Grant Related Expenditure			363,000	0	363,000	363,000
Grant Related Income			Cr 363,000	0	Cr 363,000	Cr 363,000
HPG– 2023/2024 Homes For Ukraine Funding Top-Up						
Grant Related Expenditure			1,117,000	0	1,117,000	1,117,000
Grant Related Income			Cr 1,117,000	0	Cr 1,117,000	Cr 1,117,000
<b>Children, Education and Families</b>						
S31 Leaving Care Uplift Grant						
Grant Related Expenditure			68,000	0	68,000	68,000
Grant Related Income			Cr 68,000	0	Cr 68,000	Cr 68,000
GLA free school meal payment						
Grant Related Expenditure			6,036,000	0	6,036,000	6,036,000
Grant Related Income			Cr 6,036,000	0	Cr 6,036,000	Cr 6,036,000
UKSPF funding						
Grant Related Expenditure		275,000		0	275,000	(3) 275,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 275,000		0	Cr 275,000	Cr 275,000
<b>Adult Social Care</b>						
Work Safe Project						
Grant Related Expenditure		65,000		0	65,000	(2) 65,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 65,000		0	Cr 65,000	Cr 65,000
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fund						
- expenditure			1,810,000	0	1,810,000	1,810,000
- income			Cr 1,810,000	0	Cr 1,810,000	Cr 1,810,000
ICB Funding for Hospital Discharges						
- expenditure			1,511,000	0	1,511,000	1,511,000

- income			Cr 1,511,000	0	Cr 1,511,000	Cr 1,511,000
<b>TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>26,631,000</b>	<b>3,788,000</b>	<b>6,972,000</b>	<b>12,708,000</b>	<b>23,468,000</b>	<b>Cr 3,163,000</b>

**Notes:**

- (1) 29th March 2023
- (2) 17th May 2023
- (3) 5th July 2023



Allocation of Contingency Provision for 2023/24 (continued)

Item	Carried Forward from 2022/23	Allocations				Total Allocations/Projected for Year	Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>26,631,000</b>	<b>3,788,000</b>	<b>6,972,000</b>	<b>12,708,000</b>	<b>23,468,000</b>	<b>Cr 3,163,000</b>	
<b>Items Carried Forward from 2022/23</b>							
<b>Adult Care &amp; Health Portfolio</b>							
Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Funding							
Improved Better Care Fund							
- Expenditure	57,217		57,217	0	57,217	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 57,217		Cr 57,217	0	Cr 57,217	0	
Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF)							
- Expenditure	1,911,026		1,911,026	0	1,911,026	0	
- Income	Cr 1,911,026		Cr 1,911,026	0	Cr 1,911,026	0	
Public Health							
- Expenditure	2,874,494		2,874,494	0	2,874,494	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 2,874,494		Cr 2,874,494	0	Cr 2,874,494	0	
LD/Autism Funding from South East London ICB							
- Expenditure	207,904		207,904	0	207,904	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 207,904		Cr 207,904	0	Cr 207,904	0	
Discharge Transformation funding from South East London ICB							
- Expenditure	256,065		256,065	0	256,065	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 256,065		Cr 256,065	0	Cr 256,065	0	
Winter Resilience Funding							
- Expenditure	400,000		400,000	0	400,000	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 400,000		Cr 400,000	0	Cr 400,000	0	
Omicron Support Fund							
- Expenditure	136,212		136,212	0	136,212	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 136,212		Cr 136,212	0	Cr 136,212	0	
Test and Trace service support grant							
- Expenditure	368,138		368,138	0	368,138	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 368,138		Cr 368,138	0	Cr 368,138	0	
Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant							
- Expenditure	104,250		104,250	0	104,250	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 104,250		Cr 104,250	0	Cr 104,250	0	
Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant							
- Expenditure	54,300		54,300	0	54,300	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 54,300		Cr 54,300	0	Cr 54,300	0	
<b>Renewal, Recreation &amp; Housing Portfolio</b>							
Accommodation for ex-Offenders							
- Expenditure	63,669		63,669	0	63,669	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 63,669		Cr 63,669	0	Cr 63,669	0	
Defra Biodiversity Net Gain Grant							
- Expenditure	13,216		13,216	0	13,216	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 13,216		Cr 13,216	0	Cr 13,216	0	
Homelessness Reduction Grant							
- Expenditure	89,000		89,000	0	89,000	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 89,000		Cr 89,000	0	Cr 89,000	0	
New Homes Bonus Funded LEP Programme							
- Expenditure	72,521		72,521	0	72,521	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 72,521		Cr 72,521	0	Cr 72,521	0	
Rough Sleepers Initiative							
- Expenditure	42,663		42,663	0	42,663	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 42,663		Cr 42,663	0	Cr 42,663	0	
Homes for Ukraine grant							
- Expenditure	5,415,265		2,500,000	2,915,265	5,415,265	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 5,415,265		Cr 2,500,000	Cr 2,915,265	Cr 5,415,265	0	
<b>Children, Education and Families Portfolio</b>							
COVID Recovery Grant							
- Expenditure	130,091		130,091	0	130,091	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 130,091		Cr 130,091	0	Cr 130,091	0	
National Tutoring Programme							
- Expenditure	21,721		21,721	0	21,721	(1) 0	
- Income	Cr 21,721		Cr 21,721	0	Cr 21,721	0	
GLA Adult Ed Grant Repayment							

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		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
- Expenditure	15,664		15,664	0	15,664	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 15,664		Cr 15,664	0	Cr 15,664		0
Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site							
- Expenditure	5,370		5,370	0	5,370	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 5,370		Cr 5,370	0	Cr 5,370		0
Supporting Families; Investing in Practice Grant							
- Expenditure	475,140		475,140	0	475,140	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 475,140		Cr 475,140	0	Cr 475,140		0
Virtual School - CIN Grant Carry Forward							
- Expenditure	82,151		82,151	0	82,151	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 82,151		Cr 82,151	0	Cr 82,151		0
Homes for Ukraine DfE Grant							
- Expenditure	1,187,034		1,187,034	0	1,187,034	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 1,187,034		Cr 1,187,034	0	Cr 1,187,034		0
BAEC upgrading hardware and supporting software - GLA Grant							
- Expenditure	25,575		25,575	0	25,575	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 25,575		Cr 25,575	0	Cr 25,575		0
YOT NHS Money							
- Expenditure	29,300		29,300	0	29,300	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 29,300		Cr 29,300	0	Cr 29,300		0
<b>Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Portfolio</b>							
Electoral Services - New Burdens Grant							
- Expenditure	14,583		14,583	0	14,583	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 14,583		Cr 14,583	0	Cr 14,583		0
Local Digital Cyber Fund							
- Expenditure	49,837		49,837	0	49,837	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 49,837		Cr 49,837	0	Cr 49,837		0
BEIS - EBSS AF and AFP							
- Expenditure	847,200		847,200	0	847,200	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 847,200		Cr 847,200	0	Cr 847,200		0
<b>General</b>							
POCA confiscation orders from the courts	60,637		60,637	0	60,637	(1)	0
HMO income	78,000		78,000	0	78,000	(1)	0
Legal Services - ULEZ	140,000		140,000	0	140,000	(1)	0
Local Plan Implementation	120,000		120,000	0	120,000	(1)	0
Highways income	245,000		245,000	0	245,000	(1)	0
<b>Total Carried Forward from 2022/23</b>	<b>643,637</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>643,637</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>643,637</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>27,274,637</b>	<b>3,788,000</b>	<b>7,615,637</b>	<b>12,708,000</b>	<b>24,111,637</b>		<b>Cr 3,163,000</b>

**Notes:**

(1) Various PDS reports across the Portfolios

Description	2023/24 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2023/24 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2024/25
Housing Allocations and Accommodation- Temporary Accommodation	6,418	2,176	The full year effect of Temporary Accommodation is currently estimated to be £4,684k. This will be reduced by planned transformation savings totalling £1,337k which have been identified for 2024-25 to provide a longer term alternative to expensive nightly paid accommodation. This estimate only takes into account the projected activity to the end of this financial year and not any projected growth in client numbers beyond that point.
Supporting People	1,070	Cr 148	The full year effect of Supporting People is currently estimated to be a credit of £148k. This is a result of the estimated savings from retendering of the contracts that has taken place.
Assessment and Care Management - Care Placements	31,308	450	The full year impact of the current overspend is estimated at £3,095k . Of this amount Cr £57k relates to residential and nursing home placements for 65+ and Dr £308k for 18-64's. Domiciliary care & direct payments 65+ is £2,410k overspent and for 18-64 £939k. This is based on client numbers as at the end of June 2023. There is also a £4,421k FYE of current level of Discharge to Assess costs. It assumed that management action of £2,331k continues into future years and that discharge funding also continues at current level.
Learning Disabilities - including Care Placements, Transport and Care Management	42,273	Cr 758	The full year effect (FYE) is estimated at a net overspend of £456k. This figure is greater than the in-year underspend as demand-related growth pressures, for example transition and increased client needs, have only a part year impact in 2023/24 but a greater financial impact in a full year. Given the early stage in the financial year and the uncertainties that remain in relation to the delivery of savings and the transition cohort, the FYE is likely to change as the year progresses and things become clearer.
Mental Health - Care Placements	6,598	758	A full year overspend of £800k is anticipated on Mental Health care packages , with residential , nursing and supported living placements £635k overspent and domiciliary care and direct payments £165k overspent.
Children's Social Care	49,440	2,378	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £2,200k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £500k, Leaving Care costs of £500k, and CWD costs of £1,400k.

**SECTION 106 RECEIPTS**

Section 106 receipts are monies paid to the Council by developers as a result of the grant of planning permission where works are required to be carried out or new facilities provided as a result of that permission (e.g. provision of affordable housing, healthcare facilities & secondary school places). The sums are restricted to being spent only in accordance with the agreement concluded with the developer.

The major balances of Section 106 receipts held by the Council are as follows:

<b>31st March 2023 £000</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Income £000</b>	<b>Expenditure £000</b>	<b>Transfers to/(from) Capital £000</b>	<b>Actual as at 31st March 2024 £000</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>					
258	Highway Improvement Works				258
135	Road Safety Schemes				135
8	Local Economy & Town Centres				8
70	Parking				70
74	Education				74
1,247	Healthcare Services	5	257		995
10	Community Facilities				10
88	Housing	14			102
852	Other	4			856
<b>2,742</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,508</b>
<b><u>Capital</u></b>					
5,078	Education				5,078
20	Highways				20
2,452	Housing				2,452
686	Local Economy & Town Centres				686
0	Other				-
<b>8,236</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,236</b>
<b>10,978</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,744</b>

# Agenda Item 7

Report No.  
CSD23124

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:** COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 16 October 2023

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Key

**Title:** CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - QUARTER 1, 2023/24

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**Ward:** All

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1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Executive considered the attached report summarising the current position on capital expenditure and receipts. The report had been scrutinised by Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> September. The Executive approved the recommendations to revise the Capital Programme, including (i) an increase in respect of Disabled Facilities Grant and (ii) additional expenditure on the new Civic Offices related to inflationary pressures for the award of a contract for the works to adapt the building. Both changes are summarised in paragraph 3.3 of the attached report, with additional details about the new Civic Offices in a separate [report](#) (and part 2 report.)
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Council is requested to approve the following amendments to the capital programme (paragraph 3.3 to the Executive report) –**

- (1) An increase of a total £2,656k in relation to Disabled Facilities Grant (£2,443k original award plus £213k supplementary award.)**
- (2) An additional £4,250k to be added to the Accommodation Capital Programme to be funded as follows - £2,000k of funding from the 2023/24 central contingency and £2,250k from the growth fund reserve.**

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable

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## Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy - see attached report
2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:  
(5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.

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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Total new estimates of £47,661k over the five years 2023/24 to 2027/28
2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
4. Total current budget for this head: £310.9m over the five years 2023/24 to 2027/28
5. Source of funding: Capital grants, capital receipts and earmarked revenue contributions

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## Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*): 1FTE
2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 36 hours per week

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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance
2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Full Council decisions are not subject to call-in

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## Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable

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## Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable

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## Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable

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## Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: Not Applicable

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## Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: Not Applicable

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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*current and projected*): Not Applicable

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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

<b>Non-Applicable Headings:</b>	See attached report
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	See attached report and Executive report "Award of Contract for work at New Civic Offices" (20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)

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**Decision Maker:** EXECUTIVE  
COUNCIL

**Date:** Executive on 20 September 2023  
Council on 16 October 2023

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING – QUARTER 1 2023/24

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**Ward:** All

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1. Reason for report

This report summarises the current position on capital expenditure and receipts following the first quarter of 2023/24 and seeks the Executive's approval to a revised capital programme.

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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 The Executive is requested to:

- (a) note the report, including a total re-phasing of £60,366k from 2023/24 into future years, and agree a revised capital programme.
- (b) note the need going forward, given the full utilisation of capital receipts by 2025/26 forecast in this report and the limited options to replenish this resource in the future, to consider funding options for all new schemes, including external borrowing where appropriate.
- (c) recommend that Council approve the following amendment to the capital programme (paragraph 3.3)
  - (i) increase of a total £2,656k in relation to Disabled Facilities Grant (£2,443k original award plus £213k supplementary award)
  - (ii) increase of £55k in relation to Devolved Formula Capital
- (d) note that a report elsewhere on the agenda requests a supplementary capital estimate of £4,250k for additional costs associated with the move to Churchill Court, to include the use of £2,250k from the Growth Fund

**(e) note that a report elsewhere on the agenda requests the addition of £25,500k for a housing scheme at Bromley North and £15,200k for a housing scheme at Beckenham**

**2.2 Council is requested to approve the following amendments to the capital programme (paragraph 3.3)**

**(a) increase of a total £2,656k in relation to Disabled Facilities Grant (£2,443k original award plus £213k supplementary award)**



### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children:

1. Summary of Impact: None arising from this report.
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: capital programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services. Capital schemes help to maintain and improve the quality of life in the borough. Effective asset management planning (AMP) is a crucial corporate activity if a local authority is to achieve its corporate and service aims and objectives and deliver its services. For each of our portfolios and service priorities, the Council reviews its main aims and outcomes through the AMP process and identify those that require the use of capital assets. The primary concern is to ensure that capital investment provides value for money and matches the Council's overall priorities as set out in the Community Plan and in "Making Bromley Even Better". The capital review process requires Council directors to ensure that bids for capital investment provide value for money and match Council plans and priorities.
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Total new estimates of £47,661k over the five years 2023/24 to 2027/28
  2. Ongoing costs: Not applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital programme
  4. Total current budget for this head: Total £310.9m over the five years 2023/24 to 2027/28
  5. Source of funding: Capital grants, capital receipts and earmarked revenue contributions
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1FTE
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 36 hours per week
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory – Government Guidance
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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### Procurement:

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: None arising from this report.
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors' comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

#### Capital expenditure

3.1 Appendix A sets out the proposed changes to the capital programme following a monitoring exercise carried out after the first quarter of 2023/24. The base position is the programme approved by the Executive on 18 January 2023, as amended by variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings. Should the changes proposed in this report be approved, the total capital programme 2023/24 to 2027/28 would increase by £39,920k (the net of £47,661k increase of changes requiring approval and a total decrease of £7,714k for changes not requiring approval) over the five years 2023/24 to 2027/28.

The variations are summarised in the table below with further detail set out in Appendix A.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Programme approved by Executive 18/01/23	79,302	33,098	34,744	10,150	0	157,294
Net underspend 22/23 rephased to 23/24	99,645					99,645
<b>Sub-total - approved programme prior to Q1 monitoring</b>	<b>178,947</b>	<b>33,098</b>	<b>34,744</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256,939</b>
<b>Variations requiring the approval of Executive</b>						
Disabled Facilities Grant (main award)	2,443					2,443
Disabled Facilities Grant (supplementary award)	213					213
Devolved Formula Capital	55					55
Proposed housing scheme: Bromley North	6,283	12,150	7,067			25,500
Proposed housing scheme: Beckenham	631	7,200	6,600	769		15,200
Supplementary estimate for Churchill Court		4,250				4,250
<b>Sub-total - variations requiring approval</b>	<b>9,625</b>	<b>23,600</b>	<b>13,667</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,661</b>
<b>Variations not requiring the approval of Executive</b>						
Changing Places Fund - first round (RRH)	220					220
Changing Places Fund - second round (RRH)	185					185
West Wickham Library and housing (RRH)	3,959					3,959
Supplementary estimate for York Rise: previously approved Jun 2021 (RRH)	2,072					2,072
Crystal Palace Park (RRH)	304					304
Chislehurst Library (RRH)		Cr 1,000				Cr 1,000
Digital infrastructure (RRH)	49					49
Non-turf cricket pitches (RRH)	40					40
Basic Need - additional s106 (CEF)	43					43
Investment Fund utilised for housing schemes	Cr 11,688					Cr 11,688
Adjustments of TfL estimates (grant funded) (ECS)	Cr 1,425	Cr 500				Cr 1,925
Rephasing between 23/24 and future years	Cr 60,366	30,354	24,669	5,343	0	0
<b>Sub-total - variations not requiring approval</b>	<b>Cr 66,607</b>	<b>28,854</b>	<b>24,669</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cr 7,741</b>
<b>Revised capital programme</b>	<b>121,965</b>	<b>85,552</b>	<b>73,080</b>	<b>16,262</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>296,859</b>
Less: estimated further slippage	Cr 50,000	20,000	20,000	10,000		0
Provision: uncertainty and future schemes		3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	14,000
<b>Projected programme for capital financing</b>	<b>71,965</b>	<b>108,552</b>	<b>96,080</b>	<b>30,262</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>310,859</b>

#### 3.2 Variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings

##### *Changing Places Fund*

In March 2022, the Council was awarded £220k grant funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to deliver four Changing Places facilities at agreed locations across the borough. The use of funds, with pre-decision scrutiny, was agreed by the Portfolio Holder in October 2022. At their meeting in February 2023, Executive granted formal

approval to accept and spend the grant monies in line with parameters of the funding application. A further £185k was awarded, and approved, at the July meeting.

#### *West Wickham Library and housing*

At the February 2023 meeting of the Executive, Members approved a supplementary capital estimate for this scheme of £3,959k, to cover construction price inflation since November 2021 (when the project was originally added to the capital programme) and an increased contingency allowance. The financing was also restructured.

#### *York Rise housing*

At their meeting of June 2021, the Executive approved the supplementary estimate of net £2,072k to be added to the York Rise modular housing scheme. This adjustment had not been reflected in the capital programme and is therefore added here.

#### *Crystal Palace Park*

An urgent report was taken to the March 2023 meeting of the Executive, asking for approval to accept a development grant of £304k from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to increase the scope of the Crystal Palace Park capital programme. This was subsequently approved.

#### *Chislehurst Library*

This scheme has been removed from the capital programme in line with the report to the meeting of the ERC PDS of November 2022.

#### *Digital infrastructure*

At the July 2023 meeting of the Executive, a new one-off capital budget of £49k, funded from the Council's Growth Fund, for connecting three new CCTV camera sites and one existing dark fibre network extension, was approved.

#### *Non-turf cricket pitches*

At their July 2023 meeting, Executive approved the addition to the capital programme of four non-turf cricket pitches in parks across the borough, funded by a grant from the London Cricket Trust.

#### *Basic Need*

At the March 2023 meeting of the Executive, formal approval was given to add a further £43k of section 106 funding to the Basic Need programme.

#### *Budget realignment*

In addition to the changes to the capital programme approved by the Executive at their meetings since the last monitoring report in January 2023, the budgets for TfL-funded schemes have been revised to reflect estimated funding levels and the Property Investment Fund has been revised to reflect the use of the Investment Fund for housing schemes.

### 3.3 Variations requiring the approval of the Executive (£47,661k increase)

#### *Disabled Facilities Grant*

A total of £2,656k for the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) has been received for 2023/24, comprising a main award of £2,443k and a supplementary award of £213k, and therefore approval is sought to add this to the relevant capital scheme. DFG is provided for the provision of adaptations to disabled people's homes to help them to live as independently and safely as possible. The funding will enable additional schemes to provide physical improvements to clients' home environments and to assist with creating safer and healthier homes and reduce admissions to hospital.

### *Devolved Formula Capital*

Bromley was allocated £55k of Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) as part of 2023/24 school condition allocations. Approval is therefore sought to add this to the capital programme.

### *Housing schemes – Bromley North and Beckenham*

A report elsewhere on this agenda requests approval of supplementary estimates totalling £40,735k for two new housing schemes at Bromley North (£25,500k) and Beckenham (£15,200k), the costs to be met from a combination of GLA grant, section 106 receipts, the proceeds from private sales (Bromley North) and external borrowing.

### *Churchill Court*

A report elsewhere on this agenda requests approval of a supplementary estimate of £4,250k to the Churchill Court scheme in 2024/25 to cover inflationary pressures. The costs of this increase will be met from £2,000k from the 2023/24 central contingency, and £2,250k from the Growth Fund.

## 3.4 Scheme re-phasing

The 2022/23 capital outturn was reported to the Executive on 5 July 2023. The final capital outturn for the year was £21.2m compared to a revised budget of £120.8m. The variation of £99.6m was re-phased from 2022/23 into 2023/24.

In this quarter's monitoring exercise, slippage of £60.4m has been identified and this has been re-phased from 2023/24 into future years to reflect the latest estimates of when expenditure is likely to be incurred. This has no overall impact on the total approved estimate for the capital programme. Further details are provided in Appendix B.

### **Capital receipts**

- 3.6 Details of the receipts forecast in the years 2023/24 to 2027/28 are included in Appendix C to this report to be considered under part 2 proceedings of the meeting. Actual receipts from asset disposals totalled £0.1m in 2022/23, lower than the estimated figure of £22.0m reported to the Executive in January 2023, as a result of the sale of The Glades shopping centre slipping into the current financial year. No receipts yet to be identified in later years are currently included in the forecast.

### **Financing of the capital programme**

- 3.7 A capital financing statement is attached at Appendix C and the following table summarises the estimated impact on balances of the revised programme and revised capital receipt projections which, as noted above, reflect assumptions on the level and timing of disposals. This appendix also assumes the full utilisation of £10.0m from reserves, as agreed in principle by Executive in January 2023. This includes separate funding arrangements for the revised capital programme for Churchill Court. Total balances would reduce from £51.8m (General Fund £20.0m; capital receipts £31.8m) at the end of 2022/23 to £20.0m by the end of 2027/28 (General Fund £20.0m, capital receipts £0.0m). Therefore, for any significant future capital schemes not fully funded by grants/contributions or revenue, Executive will need to give full consideration to funding options, and this is likely to include external borrowing to maintain a sustainable position in the short to medium term. This position will be kept under close review and reflected in future reports to the Executive. In particular, given the current volatility in interest rates, it is likely that internal borrowing will be used as an interim measure before external borrowing is utilised.

	<b>Balance 01/04/23 £m</b>	<b>Estimate 31/03/28 £m</b>
General Fund	20.0	20.0
Capital receipts	31.8	0.0
	<b>51.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>

## Operational Property Review

3.9 When the Operational Property Review (OPR) was added to the Council's capital programme in January 2023 it was presented for monitoring purposes as a single overarching project, with a separate budget for leisure centres. Subsequent work has now disaggregated this larger budget and it has been decided to reflect projects in the appropriate portfolio. The budgets shown also include an element of the delivery budget, which has been apportioned out across schemes for reporting; and this has now been added to the original budgets. The following table shows these budgets on a scheme-by-scheme basis, along with total spend to date.

Scheme	Portfolio	Approved estimate	Delivery estimate	Total estimate	22/23 estimate	23/24 estimate	24/25 estimate	25/26 estimate	26/27 estimate	Spend to date
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Adult day centres/care homes	ACH	12.110	0.743	12.853	0.000	1.378	5.988	5.487	0.000	0.000
<b>ACH sub-total</b>		<b>12.110</b>	<b>0.743</b>	<b>12.853</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>1.378</b>	<b>5.988</b>	<b>5.487</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Children and family centres	CEF	6.700	0.413	7.113	0.000	0.099	3.507	3.507	0.000	0.000
SEN services	CEF	0.470	0.030	0.500	0.000	0.007	0.247	0.246	0.000	0.000
Youth Offending Service	CEF	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Youth Centres	CEF	3.400	0.210	3.610	0.000	0.050	1.780	1.780	0.000	0.000
Adult education centres	CEF	7.400	0.453	7.853	0.000	0.109	3.872	3.872	0.000	0.000
<b>CEF sub-total</b>		<b>17.970</b>	<b>1.106</b>	<b>19.076</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.265</b>	<b>9.406</b>	<b>9.405</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Surface car parks	RCCM	1.000	0.060	1.060	0.000	0.530	0.530	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cemetery properties	RCCM	0.860	0.052	0.912	0.000	0.012	0.450	0.450	0.000	0.000
<b>RCCM sub-total</b>		<b>1.860</b>	<b>0.112</b>	<b>1.972</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.542</b>	<b>0.980</b>	<b>0.450</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Traveller sites	RRH	3.000	0.184	3.184	0.000	0.250	0.350	1.000	1.584	0.000
Libraries	RRH	10.770	0.355	11.125	0.000	1.181	5.106	2.579	2.259	0.000
Leisure centres (Gp 2)	RRH	27.100	0.500	27.600	0.027	1.623	8.650	8.650	8.650	0.131
<b>RRH sub-total</b>		<b>40.870</b>	<b>1.039</b>	<b>41.909</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>3.054</b>	<b>14.106</b>	<b>12.229</b>	<b>12.493</b>	<b>0.131</b>
<b>Total - schemes</b>		<b>72.810</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>75.810</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>5.239</b>	<b>30.480</b>	<b>27.571</b>	<b>12.493</b>	<b>0.131</b>
Contingency budget		4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Risk provision - Churchill		5.000	0.000	5.000	0.000	5.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Grand total - all programme</b>		<b>81.810</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>84.810</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>14.239</b>	<b>30.480</b>	<b>27.571</b>	<b>12.493</b>	<b>0.131</b>

## Investment Fund and Growth Fund

- 3.10 To help support the achievement of sustainable savings and income, the Council has set aside funding in the Investment Fund earmarked reserve (formerly known as the Economic Development and Investment Fund) to contribute towards the Council's economic development and investment opportunities. To date, total funding of £84.5m has been placed in the Investment Fund earmarked reserve, with a further £20.3m of capital receipts earmarked to supplement this, and £39.2m placed in the Growth Fund earmarked reserve.
- 3.11 Appendix D provides a detailed analysis of the funds dating back to their inception in September 2011. To date, schemes totalling £119.0m have been approved (£98.0m on the Investment Fund, and £23.2m on the Growth Fund), and the uncommitted balances as at end June 2023 stand at £6.8m for the Investment Fund and £15.9m for the Growth Fund.

### Feasibility works – property disposals

- 3.13 At its meeting on 24 May 2017, Executive agreed to the creation of a new earmarked reserve with an initial allocation of £250k funded from the Growth Fund to allow for the commissioning of feasibility works against specific sites, so as to inform the Executive of sites' viability for disposal or re-development and potential scheme optimisation, together with an appraisal of worth.
- 3.14 Members requested that an update from strategic property be included in quarterly capital monitoring reports. This information, which remains unchanged from January's update, is provided in Appendix F.

### Section 106 receipts

- 3.15 In addition to capital receipts from asset disposals, the Council holds a number of section 106 contributions received from developers. These are made to the Council as a result of the granting of planning permission and are restricted to being spent on capital works in accordance with the terms of agreements reached between the Council and the developers. These receipts are held as a receipt in advance on the Council's balance sheet, the balance of which stood at £6,747k as at 30 June 2023, and will be used to finance capital expenditure from 2023/24 onwards. The current position on capital section 106 receipts (excluding commitments) is shown in the following table:

Agreed service area	Balance 31/03/23 £'000	Receipts Q1 23/24 £'000	Expenditure Q1 23/24 £'000	Balance 30/06/23 £'000
Housing provision	1,301	0	0	1,301
Education	4,734	43	0	4,777
Highways	20	0	0	20
Local economy	647	0	0	647
Other	2	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,704</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,747</b>

- 3.16 The Council's budgets are limited and, where a developer contribution can be secured, this will be required as a contribution towards projects, notwithstanding any other allocation of resources contained in the Council's spending plans.

### Post-completion reports

- 3.17 Under approved capital programme procedures, capital schemes should be subject to a post-completion review within one year of completion. These reviews should compare actual expenditure against budget and evaluate the achievement of the scheme's non-financial objectives. Post-completion reports on the following schemes are due to be submitted to the relevant PDS committees and budget holders have been notified:

- Upgrade of Core Network Hardware
- Replacement of Storage Area Network
- Rollout of Windows 7 and Office 2000
- Replacement of MD110 Telephone Switch
- Windows Server 2003 Replacement Programme
- Early Education for Two-Year-Olds
- 30 Hour Funded Childcare IT Solution
- Performance Management/Children's Services IT scheme
- Bromley My Time Investment Fund
- Relocation of Exhibitions - Bromley Museum
- Norman Park Athletics Track

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Capital programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services.

#### **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 These are contained in the main body of the report and in the appendices. Attached as Appendix C is a capital financing statement, which gives a long-term indication of how the revised programme would be financed if all the proposed changes were approved and if all the planned receipts were achieved. The financing projections assume approval of the revised capital programme recommended in this report.

<b>Non-applicable sections:</b>	Legal, Personnel & Procurement Implications, Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children
Background documents: (access via Contact Officer)	Capital programme monitoring Q3 2022/23 and capital strategy 2023-2027 (Executive 18/01/23) Capital programme outturn 2022/23 (Executive 05/07/23)

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## APPENDIX A - VARIATION SUMMARY

### CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - Q1 - SUMMARY OF VARIATIONS FROM APPROVED PROGRAMME

Variations on individual schemes	Date of meeting	Revised 2023/24	Revised 2024/25	Revised 2025/26	Revised 2026/27	Revised 2027/28	Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Current approved capital programme</b>							
Programme approved by Executive 18/01/2023	Exec 18/01/23	79,302	33,098	34,744	10,150	0	157,294
Net underspend 22/23 rephased to 23/24	Exec 05/07/23	99,645					99,645
<b>Sub-total - approved programme prior to Q1 monitoring</b>		<b>178,947</b>	<b>33,098</b>	<b>34,744</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256,939</b>
<b>Variations in the estimated cost of approved schemes</b>							
<i>(i) Variations previously approved by the Executive</i>							
Chislehurst Library redevelopment	ERC PDS 23/11/22		Cr 1,000				Cr 1,000
West Wickham library and housing improvements (RRH)	Exec 08/02/23	3,959					3,959
Changing Places Fund - first round (RRH)	Exec 29/03/23	220					220
Crystal Palace Park (RRH)	Exec 29/03/23	304					304
Addition to Basic Need (s106) (CEF)	Exec 29/03/23	43					43
Digital infrastructure - Strategic Investment Fund (RRH)	Exec 05/07/23	49					49
Non-turf cricket pitches (NTPs)	Exec 05/07/23	40					40
Changing Places Fund - second round (RRH)	Exec 05/07/23	185					185
		<b>4,800</b>	<b>Cr 1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,800</b>
<i>(ii) Variations requiring the approval of the Executive</i>							
Addition to Disabled Facilities Grant - main award (RRH)		2,443					2,443
Addition to Disabled Facilities Grant - supplementary award (RRH)		213					213
Addition to Devolved Formula Capital (CEF)		55					55
Proposed housing scheme - Bromley North (RRH)		6,283	12,150	7,067			25,500
Proposed housing scheme - Beckenham (RRH)		631	7,200	6,600	769		15,200
Supplementary estimate for Churchill Court (RCCM)			4,250				4,250
		<b>9,625</b>	<b>23,600</b>	<b>13,667</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,661</b>
<i>(iii) Variations not requiring the approval of the Executive</i>							
Investment Fund used for housing schemes		Cr 11,688					Cr 11,688
Supplementary estimate for York Rise housing - previously approved Jun 2021 (RRH)		2,072					2,072
Adjustments to TfL estimates (grant funded) (ECS)		Cr 1,425	Cr 500				Cr 1,925
Net rephasing between 23/24 and future years - Q1		Cr 60,366	30,354	24,669	5,343		0
		<b>Cr 71,407</b>	<b>29,854</b>	<b>24,669</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cr 11,541</b>
<b>TOTAL REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME</b>		<b>121,965</b>	<b>85,552</b>	<b>73,080</b>	<b>16,262</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>296,859</b>
Less: estimated further slippage projection		Cr 50,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	0	0
Add: provision for uncertainty and future schemes			3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	14,000
<b>TOTAL TO BE FINANCED</b>		<b>71,965</b>	<b>108,552</b>	<b>96,080</b>	<b>30,262</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>310,859</b>

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - Q1 2023/24 - SCHEME REPHASING**

Variations on individual schemes	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	TOTAL
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b><u>Rephasing of schemes</u></b>					
Basic Need (CEF)	Cr 18,000	10,000	8,000		0
Winter maintenance - equipment replacement (ECS)	Cr 115	115			0
Winter maintenance - gritter replacement (ECS)	Cr 160	160			0
Crystal Palace Park - next steps	Cr 3,500	2,000	1,500		0
Disabled Facilities Grant (RRH)	Cr 5,500	2,000	2,000	1,500	0
Site G (RRH)	Cr 16,800	8,400	8,400		0
Property Investment Fund (RCCM)	Cr 6,831	3,416	3,415		0
Operational Property Review (all portfolios)	Cr 9,460	4,263	1,354	3,843	0
<b>TOTAL REPHASING ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>Cr 60,366</b>	<b>30,354</b>	<b>24,669</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>0</b>

**CAPITAL FINANCING STATEMENT - Q1 - ALL RECEIPTS**

(NB. Assumes all capital receipts - see below)

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b><u>Summary financing statement</u></b>					
Capital grants	21,183	20,806	10,000	1,500	0
Other external contributions	18,949	3,441	0	0	0
Usable capital receipts	10,149	66,859	53,390	0	0
Internal borrowing	1,424	8,400	8,400	0	0
Revenue contributions	14,337	4,250	0	0	0
Borrowing (external)*	5,923	4,796	24,290	28,762	4,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>71,965</b>	<b>108,552</b>	<b>96,080</b>	<b>30,262</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b><u>Usable capital receipts</u></b>					
Balance brought forward	31,787	64,999	32,590	0	0
New usable receipts	50,725	42,850	29,200	0	0
	82,512	107,849	61,790	0	0
Capital financing	Cr 10,149	Cr 66,859	Cr 53,390	0	0
Repayment of internal borrowing	Cr 7,364	Cr 8,400	Cr 8,400	0	0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>64,999</b>	<b>32,590</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Internal borrowing</u></b>					
Balance brought forward	Cr 5,940	0	0	0	0
Capital financing	Cr 1,424	Cr 8,400	Cr 8,400	0	0
Repaid from new capital receipts	7,364	8,400	8,400	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>					
Balance brought forward	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Less: capital financing	0	0	0	0	0
Less: use for revenue budget	0	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE RESERVES</b>	<b>84,999</b>	<b>52,590</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<p>The future transfer of land from the General Fund to the HRA does not result in a capital receipt, as the HRA is not a separate legal entity but the effect would be similar in that it would mean that the Council can incur more capital expenditure without needing to borrow. Although the accounting arrangements are 'technical' in order to meet statutory accounting requirements the effective transfer of land has the same impact as generating a capital receipt of an equivalent value and therefore the equivalent value can be used to fund future capital schemes.</p>					
<u>Notes/assumptions:</u>					
<p>*External borrowing - housing schemes. Given the volatility in interest rates, internal borrowing may be used as an interim measure where suitable. Internal borrowing is also being used to fund Site G until capital receipts pay back. Capital receipts - includes figures reported by Property Division as shown in Appendix E</p>					

<b>Investment Fund</b>	£'000
<b>Revenue Funding:</b>	
Approved by Executive 7th September 2011	10,000
Approved by Council 27th February 2013	16,320
Approved by Council 1st July 2013	20,978
Approved by Executive 10th June 2014	13,792
Approved by Executive 15th October 2014	90
Approved by Executive 26th November 2014 (Transfer to Growth Fund)	Cr 10,000
New Home Bonus (2014/15)	5,040
Approved by Executive 11th February 2015 (New Homes Bonus)	4,400
Approved by Executive 10th June 2015	10,165
Approved by Executive 2nd December 2015 (New Homes Bonus)	141
Approved by Executive 10th Feb 2016 (New Homes Bonus)	7,482
Approved by Executive 6th December 2017	3,500
Approved by Executive 21st May 2018	2,609
	84,517
<b>Capital Funding*:</b>	
Approved by Executive 11th February 2015 (general capital receipts)	15,000
Approved by Executive 2nd December 2015 (sale of Egerton Lodge)	1,216
Approved by Executive 7th November 2017 (Disposal of 72-76 High St)	4,100
	20,316
Total Funding Approved:	104,833
<b>Property Purchase</b>	
Approved by Executive 7th September 2011 (95 High St)	Cr 1,620
Approved by Executive 6th December 2012 (98 High St)	Cr 2,167
Approved by Executive 5th June 2013 (72-76 High St)	Cr 2,888
Approved by Executive 12th June 2013 (104 - 108 High St)	Cr 3,150
Approved by Executive 12th February 2014 (147 - 153 High St)	Cr 18,755
Approved by Executive 19th December 2014 (27 Homesdale)	Cr 3,938
Approved by Executive 24/03/15 (Morrisons)	Cr 8,672
Approved by Executive 15/07/15 (Old Christchurch)	Cr 5,362
Approved by Executive 15/07/15 (Tilgate)	Cr 6,746
Approved by Executive 15/12/15 (Newbury House)	Cr 3,307
Approved by Executive 15/12/15 (Unit G - Hubert Road)	Cr 6,038
Approved by Executive 23/03/16 (British Gas Training Centre, Thatcham)	Cr 3,666
Approved by Executive 15/06/16 (C2 and C3)	Cr 6,394
Approved by Executive 14/03/17 (Trinity House)	Cr 6,236
Approved by Executive 01/12/17 (54 Bridge Street, Peterborough)	Cr 3,930
	Cr 82,869
<b>Other Schemes</b>	
Approved by Executive 20th November 2013 (Queens's Garden)	Cr 990
Approved by Executive 15th January 2014 (Bromley BID Project)	Cr 110
Approved by Executive 26th November 2014 (BCT Development Strategy)	Cr 135
Approved by Executive 2nd December 2015 (Bromley Centre Town)	Cr 270
Approved by Executive 15th June 2016 (Glades Shopping Centre)	Cr 400
Approved by Executive 11th January 2017 (Disposal of Small Halls site, York Rise)	Cr 46
Approved by Executive 10th July 2019 (Modular Homes at York Rise site)	Cr 3,500
Approved by Executive 2nd August 2019 (Provision of Housing in Burnt Ash Lane)	Cr 2,989
Approved by Executive 10/02/21 - property acquisition scheme	Cr 6,000
Valuation for 1 Westmoreland Rd	Cr 5
Valuation for Biggin Hill - West Camp	Cr 10
Growth Fund Study	Cr 170
Crystal Park Development work	Cr 200
Civic Centre for the future	Cr 50
Strategic Property cost	Cr 258
Total further spending approvals	Cr 15,133
Uncommitted Balance on Investment Fund	6,831

\* Executive have approved the use of specific and general capital receipts to supplement the Investment Fund

<b>Growth Fund:</b>	£'000
<b>Funding:</b>	
Approved by Executive 26th November 2014 (Transfer from Investment Fund)	10,000
Approved by Executive 2nd December 2015	6,500
Approved by Executive 23rd March 2016	6,000
Approved by Executive 15th June 2016	7,024
Approved by Executive 22nd March 2017	4,000
Subject to approval by Executive 20th June 2017 (Provisional final accounts 2016/17)	3,311
Approved by Executive 21st May 2018	2,319
<b>Total funding approved</b>	<b>39,154</b>
<b>Schemes Approved and Committed</b>	
Approved by Executive 24th March 2015 (Housing Zone Bid (Site G))	Cr 2,700
Approved by Executive 24th March 2015 ((Site G) - Specialist)	Cr 200
Approved by Executive 18th May 2016 (Feasibility Studies and Strategic Employme	Cr 180
Approved by Executive 18th May 2016 (Broadband Infrastructure Investment)	Cr 50
Approved by Executive 20th Jul 2016 (BID - Penge & Beckenham)	Cr 110
Approved by Executive 1st Nov 2016 (19-25 Market Square)	Cr 10,705
Approved by Executive 1st Nov 2016 (63 Walnuts)	Cr 3,804
Approved by Executive 22nd March 2017 (Council 10th April 2017) - Bromley Town Centre Public Realm improvement Scheme	Cr 2,844
Approved by Executive 7th November 2017 - Bromley Town Centre and Public Realm	Cr 464
Approved by Executive 17th October 2018 (Bromley Town Centre - Mirrored Canopies & Shops)	Cr 415
Approved by Executive 22nd March 2017 - Project Officer cost Bromley Town Centre Public Realm improvement Scheme	Cr 40
Approved by Executive 22nd March 2017 - Community Initiative	Cr 15
Approved by Executive 24th May 2017 - Feasibility Works/Property Disposal Renewal Team Cost	Cr 250
Approved by Executive 28th November 2018 (Housing Development Feasibility)	Cr 310
Approved by Executive 27th March 2019 (West Wickham BID)	Cr 100
Approved by Executive 21st May 2019 (Specialist advice for setting up local Housing company)	Cr 75
Noted by Executive 12th February 2020 - £1.5m of s106 to replace Growth Fund allocation for Bromley Town Centre capital scheme	Cr 100
Approved by Executive April 1st 2020 - Consultancy services for advice on urban design scheme	1,500
Noted by Executive May 2020 - £2m of s106 to replace Growth Fund allocation for Bromley Town Centre capital scheme	Cr 50
Approved by Executive 30th June 2021 - £116k for 2 year FTC Planning Officer Development	Cr 800
Approved by Executive 20th Oct 2021 - Professional Services: Civic Centre Development	2,000
Approved by Executive on 9th February 2021 - Operational Maintenance Programme Manager	Cr 116
Approved by Executive on 6th October 2022 - Local Plan review process	Cr 500
Put to Executive on 20th September 2023 - £2,250k to support supplementary estimate for Churchill Court	Cr 65
<b>Total further spending approvals</b>	<b>Cr 600</b>
	<b>Cr 2,250</b>
	<b>Cr 23,243</b>
<b>Schemes approved, but not yet committed</b>	
Approved by Executive 26th November 2014 (for Biggin Hill and Cray Valley)	Cr 6,790
Reversed by Executive 5th July 2023 (for Biggin Hill and Cray Valley)	6,790
<b>Uncommitted Balance on Growth Fund</b>	<b>15,911</b>

**APPENDIX F - FEASIBILITY WORKS**

Location	Estimated Feasibility / Viability Cost (£'000)	Description	2223 Q3 status
West Wickham Leisure Centre		HRA/Regen opportunity	Awaiting condition reports
Feasibility of re-purposing of High Street assets	100	Works to value Council's stake in potential variations to lease	Detailed proposals awaited from tenant
The Walnuts Centre		Regen opportunity	In detailed negotiations with developer prior to seeking Executive approval
Old Town Hall/Civic Centre		Reduction and refurbishment of Council office space	Subject to output of Accommodation Review
Depots Review - disposal options		Env Services programme	Works to clarify scope ongoing
Libraries (Chislehurst model roll out)		Regen opportunity	

# Agenda Item 8

Report No.  
CSD23130

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:**       **COUNCIL**

**Date:**                   **Monday 16 October 2023**

**Decision Type:**       Non-Urgent                               Non-Executive                               Non-Key

**Title:**                   **LOCAL PENSION BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

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**Chief Officer:**       Tasnim Shawkat, Director of Corporate Services and Governance

**Ward:**                   All

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1.    Reason for decision/report and options

1.1   The Local Pension Board Terms of Reference require that an Annual Report is produced and provided to the Pensions Manager each year. In a report to the Pensions Investment Sub Committee, General Purposes and Licensing Committee and Council in February 2015, it was also confirmed that the Local Pension Board's Annual Report would be provided to full Council. The current (2023) report is attached – this was approved by the Local Pension Board at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and noted at Pensions Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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2.    **RECOMMENDATION**

**Council is requested to receive and note the Annual Report of the Local Pension Board 2023.**

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable
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## Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (delete as appropriate):  
(5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Pension Fund
  4. Total current budget for this head: Not Applicable
  5. Source of funding: Pension Contributions
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## Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): The Local Pension Board comprises of two Employer Representatives and two Member Representatives.
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Full Council decisions are not subject to call-in
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## Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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## Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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## Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (current and projected): Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 6,385 current employees; 5,790 pensioners; 7,007 deferred pensioners as at 31st March 2022.
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

<b>Non-Applicable Headings:</b>	Vulnerable Adults and Children/Policy/Finance/Personnel/ Legal/Procurement/Property/Customers/Ward Councillors
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	See attached report



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**Decision Maker:** LOCAL PENSION BOARD  
PENSIONS COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL

**Date:** 27 June 2023  
11 September 2023  
16 October 2023

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** LOCAL PENSION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Finance

**Ward:** Borough Wide

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Local Pension Board Terms of Reference require that an Annual Report is produced and provided to the Pensions Manager each year. In a report to the Pensions Investment Sub Committee, General Purposes and Licensing Committee and Council in February 2015, it was also confirmed that the Local Pension Board's Annual Report, would be provided to Council via the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee and the General Purposes and Licensing Committee. The Pensions Committee is no longer a sub-committee of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee so the report will be presented to Pensions Committee and Council only.

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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Members of the Local Pension Board are asked to approve

- The draft LPB Annual Report at Appendix 1
- The draft LPB Workplan for 2023-24 at Appendix 2.

2.2 Members of the Pensions Committee and Council are asked to note the contents of the report.

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### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: N/A
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy. The Council's pension fund is a defined benefit scheme operated under the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations for the purpose of providing pension benefits for its employees.
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Any costs associated with the reimbursement to Board Members of directly incurred expenses are chargeable to the Pension Fund.
  4. Source of funding: Contributions to Pension Fund
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): The Local Pension Board comprises of two Employer Representatives and two Member Representatives. The Board is supported by the Pensions Manager.
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended).
  2. Call-in: N/A: No Executive Decision.
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 6,509 current employees; 6,019 pensioners; 6443 deferred pensioners as at 31 March 2023.
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### **3. COMMENTARY**

- 3.1 The London Borough of Bromley Local Pension Board was established by Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. The Board held an introductory meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and its first formal annual meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- 3.2 In accordance with the Terms of Reference the Board are required to produce a single annual report to the Pensions Manager. This report should include:
- A summary of the work of the Local Pension Board and a work plan for the coming year
  - Details of areas of concern reported to or raised by the Board and recommendations made
  - Details of any conflicts of interest that have arisen in respect of individual Local Pension Board members and how these have been managed
  - Any areas of risk or concern the Board wish to raise with the Scheme Manager
  - Details of training received and identified training needs
  - Details of any expenses and costs incurred by the Local Pension Board and any anticipated expenses for the forthcoming year.
- 3.3 Members are asked to approve the contents of the Local Pension Board Annual Report and work plan for 2023-24.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council's Pension Fund is a defined benefit scheme operated under the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations for the purpose of providing pension benefits for its employees.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Although permitted under Regulations, Local Pension Board members are not paid an allowance. As set out in the terms of reference, remuneration for Board members is limited to a refund of actual expenses incurred in attending meetings and training.
- 5.2 As the administering authority the Council is required to facilitate the operation of the Local Pension Board including providing suitable accommodation for Board meetings as well as administrative support, advice and guidance. This is currently done within existing in-house resources.
- 5.3 Any costs arising from the establishment and operation of the Local Pension Board are treated as appropriate administration costs of the scheme and, as such, are chargeable to the Pension Fund.

### **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 provides primary legislation for all public service schemes including the LGPS 2014. A requirement is the establishment of Local Pension Boards.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Procurement/Personnel Implications; Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Public Service Pensions Act 2013;  Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015;  Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013;  Local Pension Board Report, Supplementary Report and Appendices to Pensions Investment Sub-Committee, General Purposes & Licensing Committee and Council 3rd, 10th and 23rd February 2015.



# **LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY**

## **LOCAL PENSION BOARD**

# **ANNUAL REPORT June 2023**

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## **1. Foreword**

- 1.1 The purpose of this London Borough of Bromley Local Pension Board Annual report is to provide information regarding the activities and role of the Board for Scheme Members, Scheme Employers and the Scheme Manager (Administering Authority).
- 1.2 The Local Pension Board was established by the London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund in response to new regulatory requirements introduced into the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.
- 1.3 The role of the Local Pension Board is to provide assistance to the London Borough of Bromley in its role as an Administering Authority within the Local Government Pension Scheme in ensuring it remains compliant with the relevant legislation and requirements of the Pensions Regulator.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended) required that the Local Pension Board be established by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to assist the Administering Authority (London Borough of Bromley) to:
- Secure compliance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) regulations and the requirements imposed by the Pensions Regulator.
  - Ensure effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS
- 2.2 The Local Pension Board is not a decision making body but is expected to support the Council's current committee structure.
- 2.3 The London Borough of Bromley Local Pension Board was approved at Full Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

## **3. Board Membership**

- 3.1 The London Borough of Bromley Local Pension Board requires a total of four members. The membership is constituted as follows:
- 2 members representing the interests of the Fund's employers – Employer Representatives.
  - 2 members representing the interests of the Fund's members – Member Representatives.
- 3.2 At the last meeting of Local Pension Board held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the board members were:
- Employer Representatives:
- Brayan Bernal-Gil
  - Emma Downie (chair)
- Member Representatives:
- Lesley Rickards
  - Vinit Shukle



## Board Meetings

4.1 In the year from April 2022 to March 2023, formal meetings of the Board took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The table below shows the attendance of those meetings:

	Employer Representatives		Member Representatives	
	Ms E Downie	Mr B Bernal-Gil	Mrs L Rickards	Mr V Shukle
Formal Meeting 22-06-22	✓	✓	✓	✓
Formal Meeting 22-11-22	✓	✓	✓	✓
Formal Meeting 07-02-23	✓	✓	✓	X

4.2 At the Local Pension Board meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, Vinit Shukle was elected by the members of the Board to act as its Chair for a period of 12 months, succeeding Emma Downie, in line with the requirements of the Terms of Reference.

## **5. Board Activity**

5.1 Members of the Board are also invited to attend meetings of the Pensions Committee.

## **6. Training**

6.1 It is a requirement of the Public Service Pensions Act that Board members have the capacity to become conversant with the rules governing the Local Government Pension Scheme and the policy documents of the Administering Authority.

6.2 The following training has been made available to the Local Pension Board members:

- The Pensions Regulator e-learning package, covering conflicts of interest, managing risk and internal controls, maintaining accurate member data, maintaining member contributions, providing information to members and others, resolving internal disputes and reporting breaches of the law.
- A presentation on “Cyber Risk and the LGPS” was presented to the Local Pension Board Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 by the Head of the Pensions Shared Service.
- A training/consultation update on recent consultations, changes and developments affecting the Pension Fund was carried out by the Head of Pensions Shared Service at the Local Pension Board Meetings on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

6.3 Members have also been provided with the following documentation;

- The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations
- Administration, HR, Payroll and Member Guides to the Local Government Pension Scheme
- Guidance on the creation and operation of Local Pension Boards
- Mercer Newsletters ‘Local Government Pension Scheme – Current Issues’
- Agendas and reports for the Pensions Committee meetings

## **7. Board Observations and Comments**

7.1 The Local Pension Board terms of reference set out that the Board should raise any areas of risk or concern with the Scheme Manager in the first instance. No such matters have been raised during the reporting period.

## **8. Conflicts of Interest**

- 8.1 It is explained to each Board member that they are required to observe both the Code of Conduct for Councillors/Co-opted Members and Data Protection policies of the London Borough of Bromley. Members are also required to complete 'The Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Form', 'The Notification of Non-Pecuniary Interests Form' and a 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form'.
- 8.2 No declarations of interests were made at the formal meetings of the Board in the year.

## **9. Expenses and Costs**

- 9.1 All costs regarding the administration of the Local Pension Board have been contained within existing resources.

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**London Borough of Bromley  
Local Government Pension Scheme**

**Local Pension Board Annual Work-Plan**

Task	Method	Frequency
1. Review monthly Pensions Administration Reports and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). These are produced by our third party administrator and will be circulated on a monthly basis to all Board Members.	By consideration of the Pensions Administration Reports sent by email to Board members.	Monthly
2. Review the compliance of scheme employers (i.e. LBB, Schools, Academies & Admission Bodies) with their duties under the Regulations and relevant legislation.	By consideration of Pensions Administration Reports sent by email to Board members, together with attendance at General Purposes and Licensing Committee meetings where appropriate.	As and when required.
3. Assist in the development and review of scheme documentation as is required by the Regulations.	By consideration of draft documentation as and when it is produced or reviewed, together with attendance at and/or participation in Pensions Investment Sub-Committee meetings and General Purposes and Licensing Committees where appropriate.	As and when required.
4. Consider Fund Investment reports to ensure compliance with the published Statement of Investment Principles and relevant legislation.	By consideration of the Fund Investment reports sent to Board members, together with attendance at and/or participation in Pensions Committee meetings.	In line with meetings of the Pension Committee.
5. Assist with the development and review of scheme member communications, as required by the Regulations and relevant legislation.	By consideration of draft documentation produced by the Head of the Pensions Shared Service and/or Liberata UK Ltd, as and when produced or reviewed, at which time Board members will be invited to provide comments and recommend amendments.	As and when required.

Task	Method	Frequency
6. Review the outcome of both internal and external audit reports for any issues of non-compliance.	By consideration of internal and external Audit reports together with the Annual Audit Letter.	Annually
7. Review of the Pension Fund Annual Accounts and Statutory Accounts.	Consideration of documents issued directly to Board members.	Annually
8. Monitor complaints relating to the Administration and Governance of the Scheme.	By consideration of the Pensions Administration Reports sent by email to Board members. Together with individual cases brought to the attention of the Board.	Monthly
9. Review the training requirements of Board members.	Self-assessment against the standards expected of Board members.	Ongoing
10. Any other activities within the stated purpose (i.e. assisting the Administering Authority) to secure compliance with the Regulations and other associated legislation.	By whatever means is appropriate to the task	As and when required.

# Agenda Item 9

Report No.  
CSD23119

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:** COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 16 October 2023

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** LOCAL PENSION BOARD - APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

**Contact Officer:** Kerry Nicholls, Democratic Services Officer  
Tel: 0208 461 7840 E-mail: kerry.nicholls@bromley.gov.uk

**Chief Officer:** Director of Corporate Services and Governance

**Ward:** All Wards

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1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from Full Council to appoint one Employer Representative to the Local Pension Board as a Board Member.

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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That David Kellond be formally appointed as an Employer Representative to the Local Pension Board for the balance of a four-year term of office commencing 17 July 2023.

### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable.
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### Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:  
(5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Pension Fund
  4. Total current budget for this head: TBC
  5. Source of funding: Contributions to the Pension Fund
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*): The Local Pension Board comprises two Employer Representatives and two Scheme Member Representatives. The Board is supported by the Head of Pensions Shared Service.
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended)
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Decision by Full Council.
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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### Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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### Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable
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### Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: Not Applicable
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### Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: Not Applicable
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*current and projected*): 6,509 current employees; 6,019 pensioners; 6443 deferred pensioners as at 31 March 2023.
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable



### **3. COMMENTARY**

- 3.1 Under the Public Service Pension Act 2013, all public sector pension schemes are required to establish a Local Pension Board (LPB) to assist in the governance of the pension scheme and to provide challenge and accountability to the administration and management of public sector pension schemes.
- 3.2 The establishment of the Local Pension Board and its Terms of Reference for the London Borough of Bromley were formerly approved by Full Council on 23 February 2015.
- 3.3 In accordance with Regulation 107 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 2013, the Board must consist of an equal number of Employer and Scheme Member Representatives with a minimum number of four Board members in total.
- 3.4 The current Terms of Reference for the Local Pension Board states that the Board shall consist of four Board members comprising two Employer Representatives to be appointed by Full Council and two Scheme Member Representatives to be appointed by the Pensions Committee (this responsibility was held by the General Purposes and Licensing Committee prior to May 2021). Board members will ordinarily serve a term of four-years, except where they are appointed to replace an outgoing Board member mid-term, in which case they will complete the balance of the existing four-year term. Board members may express the wish to be reselected at the end of their term.
- 3.5 Two Employer Representatives were appointed to four-year terms at the meeting of Full Council on 17 July 2023; however, one of the appointed representatives subsequently stood down, leaving a vacancy for the balance of a four-year term of office commencing 17 July 2023 for which nominations have been sought from all fund employers including the London Borough of Bromley.
- 3.6 David Kellond has been nominated for appointment as a new Employer Representative by the London Borough of Bromley as a Scheme Employer within the Bromley Fund to fill the vacant Board Member role. Further information regarding this nominee can be viewed at Appendix A.

### **4. TRANSFORMATION/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council's Pension Fund is a defined benefit scheme operated under the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations for the purpose of providing pension benefits for its employees.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Although permitted under Regulations, Local Pension Board members are not paid an allowance. As set out in the terms of reference, remuneration for Board members will be limited to a refund of actual expenses incurred in attending meetings and training.
- 5.2 As the administering authority the Local Authority is required to facilitate the operation of the Local Pension Board including providing suitable accommodation for Board meetings as well as administrative support, advice and guidance. This is currently done within existing in-house resources.
- 5.1 Any costs arising from the establishment and operation of the Local Pension Board are treated as appropriate administration costs of the scheme and, as such, are chargeable to the Pension Fund.

## 6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All Local Government Pension Scheme employers and members must have an equal opportunity to be nominated to become Board members through an open and transparent process.

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 provides primary legislation for all public service schemes including the LGPS 2014.
- 7.2 The LGPS (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015 were laid before Parliament on 28th January 2015 and came into force on 1st April 2015.

<b>Non-Applicable Headings:</b>	Impact of Vulnerable Adults and Children; Procurement/ Property/Carbon Reduction and Social Value Implications; Impact on the Local Economy/Health and Wellbeing; Customer Impact; Ward Councillor Views.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Local Pension Board – Appointment of Board Members (GP&L Committee 6 May 2019 / Council 22 May 2019) Public Service Pension Act 2013 LGPS Regulations 2013 LGPS (Amendment)(Governance) Regulations 2015

Supporting Statement – David Kellond

I contacted the London Borough of Bromley with a view to putting myself forward as a member representative of the Local Pension Board. However, having done so I was asked by Dan Parsons to consider representing employers on Board.

I have significant experience in the Local Government Pension Scheme having worked for various local authority pension funds in a variety of roles for almost 25 years. This includes previously having worked as Pensions Manager for the London Borough of Bromley at the time Local Pension Boards were introduced in 2015. I continue to work within the LGPS for East Sussex Pension Fund in a role primarily concerned with governance and compliance. I feel that my insight and experience of the LGPS will allow me to make a meaningful contribution to the Local Pension Board of the London Borough of Bromley.

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## COUNCIL

16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

## MOTIONS

### **(A) Criminal Damage and Vandalism**

To be moved by Councillor Simon Jeal and seconded by Councillor (?):

Bromley Council unequivocally condemns acts of criminal damage and vandalism. We will continue to work with the Metropolitan Police, seeking to ensure all such crimes are investigated and the criminal perpetrators prosecuted.

### **(B) Local Government Funding**

To be moved by Councillor Jeremy Adams and seconded by Councillor Tony McPartlan:

Bromley Council and local authorities across the United Kingdom have been facing severe financial challenges due to years of cuts in government funding, with several councils including Woking, Thurrock and Birmingham having to issue S114 notices as they are effectively bankrupt. Bromley Council faces significant funding challenges with the prospect of a £29 million deficit by 2026.

Uncertainty over the future of government funding for local authorities is hampering their ability to plan and allocate resources effectively over the medium term. The proposed Fair Funding Review, developed in 2018 and aimed at redistributing resources more fairly among local authorities, has been delayed until April 2025 at the earliest.

This Council therefore calls on the government to provide an intermediate funding solution in time for financial year 2024-25, comprising:

- Additional funding to local authorities to address acute funding pressures
- A multi-year settlement to move away from the current year-to-year approach that is leaving councils less able to plan for the future.

This Council further calls on all Members of Parliament representing Bromley constituencies to support this request for additional funding for local government by actively advocating for it in Parliament.

## **(C) Public Toilets**

To be moved by Councillor Will Connolly and seconded by Councillor Chloe-Jane Ross:

When public toilets owned and managed by Bromley Council were closed, the Council implemented the Community Toilet Scheme that saw numerous businesses across the borough sign up to offer residents and visitors toilet facilities without needing to make a purchase. Since the COVID-19 pandemic the number of businesses signed-up to the scheme has fallen dramatically. In addition, the standard of public toilets in some of the borough's parks has fallen.

A 2019 report from the Royal Society of Public Health found that one-in-five experience the 'loo leash' – leaving the house much less often than they would like due to a lack of public or available toilets. Bromley Council does not want this for our residents or visitors.

Council notes:

- That clean and safe publicly accessible toilets are critical in encouraging residents and visitors to get out and about in our borough.
- The lack of high-standard publicly accessible toilets prevents some adults and children from leaving the house as often or for as long as they would like to.
- This can stop people visiting our towns, high streets, shopping parades and outdoor spaces, it will cause social isolation for some.
- Age UK London reports that some people reduce the amount they drink before going to some places, and for older residents and many with impairments this can lead to dehydration and serious health consequences.
- The community toilet scheme in towns, and toilets in our parks and green spaces, make these places accessible to everyone.

Therefore, Council calls for the Executive:

- To develop a Publicly Accessible Toilet Strategy, with a designated Officer or Team responsible for its delivery, that will increase the number of Community Toilet venues and improve toilet provision in parks and green spaces.
- To launch a public information awareness campaign on publicly accessible toilets across the borough, including a directory on the Council website.
- To work with Councillors, residents groups and other stakeholders to review the quality and accessibility of community and parks toilets, and identify opportunities for expanding the borough's Publicly Accessible Toilet network.