

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.00 pm on 27 February 2013

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Michael Turner**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Ian F. Payne**

Councillors

Reg Adams	Simon Fawthrop	Russell Mellor
Graham Arthur	Peter Fookes	Alexa Michael
Douglas Auld	Peter Fortune	Nick Milner
Kathy Bance MBE	John Getgood	Peter Morgan
Jane Beckley	Julian Grainger	Gordon Norrie
Julian Benington	Ellie Harmer	Tony Owen
Nicholas Bennett J.P.	Will Harmer	Tom Papworth
Ruth Bennett	Samaris Huntington-	Sarah Phillips
Eric Bosshard	Thresher	Neil Reddin FCCA
Katy Boughey	William Huntington-	Richard Scoates
Lydia Buttinger	Thresher	Colin Smith
John Canvin	John Ince	Diane Smith
Stephen Carr	Russell Jackson	Tim Stevens
Roger Charsley	David Jefferys	Harry Stranger
Peter Dean	Charles Joel	Michael Tickner
Nicky Dykes	Kate Lymer	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Judi Ellis	Paul Lynch	
Robert Evans	Mrs Anne Manning	
Roxhannah Fawthrop	David McBride	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Michael Turner

50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Humphrys, Noad, Catherine Rideout, Charles Rideout and Wells. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Jackson.

51 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Auld declared an interest as his wife was an employee of the Council; Councillor Carr declared an interest as his daughter did casual work for Bromley Mytime Active; Councillor Simon Fawthrop declared an interest as his wife worked for Bromley Adult Education; Councillor Lymer declared an interest as her mother worked in Public Health and Councillors Colin and Diane Smith declared interests as their daughter worked part time for the library service.

53 QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

One member of the public attended the meeting to ask an oral question details of which are set out in Appendix A to these Minutes.

54 PETITIONS

There were no petitions for consideration at this meeting.

55 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

These are attached at Appendices B and C.

**56 STATEMENTS MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL,
PORTFOLIO HOLDERS OR CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

No Statements were made.

**57 BUDGET (REVENUE AND CAPITAL) AND COUNCIL TAX
SETTING - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE
MEETING HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY 2013**

1) 2013/14 Council Tax

The Finance Director circulated further changes to the levies, as set out below, and the consequent proposed amendments to be made to the recommendations of the Executive meeting on 6th February 2013. It was noted that there were no changes to the final Mayoral precept that had been accepted by the London Assembly on 25th February 2013.

	£'000
London Pension Fund Authority	489
London Boroughs Grant Committee	341
Environment Agency (Flood Defence etc.)	237
Lee Valley Regional Park	401
Total	1,468

A Motion to receive and adopt the recommendations, including the revised recommendations of the Executive, was proposed by Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor Arthur.

The following amendment to the recommendations of the Executive (as amended by the Finance Director) was proposed by Councillor Papworth and seconded by Councillor Adams –

'The following changes be made to the recommended budget for 2013/14:

New Recommendation (3)

Council to agree:

(a) That the following revenue savings in 2013/14 do not proceed:

Dept	No.	Service Area	2013/14
ECS	25	Care Link	£ 50,000
ECS	29	Tightening of FACs criteria	£100,000
ECS	30	Contracts – disabled children	£ 35,000
ECS	35	Older people's day care	£500,000
ECS	54	Support planning and brokerage for ineligible service users	£ 50,000
ECS	55	Mental Health day and support services	£ 75,000
			£810,000

(b) In recognition of "red" rag status for minimising the use of temporary accommodation, reported previously to Care Services PDS Committee, to agree that a sum of £8.1m be utilised in 2013/14 for the provision for temporary accommodation to reduce the use of nightly paid accommodation to meet statutory housing duties. Based on savings

already reported to Executive from the utilisation of Bellegrove (Executive, 9 January 2013), potential savings of £810k may be realised which can be utilised to offset the impact of the above savings not progressing.

- (c) The additional costs arising from any delays in acquiring the sites and achieving the savings will be met from general fund balances.
- (d) To agree the utilisation of funding as follows:
 - (i) £8.1 million from use of invest to save fund;
 - (ii) A sum of £0.3m is set aside from general fund balances to reflect any delay in implementation of the proposals in 2013/14.'

On being put to the vote this Amendment was LOST.

Councillor Fookes advised that he would not be submitting alternative budget recommendations on behalf of his Party but made a speech on the issues that he was most concerned about.

The Recommendations of the Executive (as amended) were, after debate, put to the vote and CARRIED as follows:

Amended Recommendation (2.1)

- (f) Reduce the provision for unallocated inflation by £123k;
- (g) Approve a contingency sum of £13,022k.

To note that, since the meeting of the Executive, the Council has received notification of two further government grants. £76k of funding relates to the transfer of financial responsibility for remands to youth detention accommodation which takes place on the 1st April 2013. £698k has been allocated for the Adoption Reform Grant to target funding at the adoption process and the specialist support that children need and to address structural reform of adopter recruitment. Both of these grants have been allocated to the central contingency and any drawdown will require the approval of the Executive.

- (h) The revised provisions for levies, as shown in the table above, be included in the budget for 2013/14;
- (i) The final position on the GLA precept, as accepted by the London Assembly on 25th February 2013 be noted;
- (n) A 1.89% increase in Bromley's Council Tax for 2013/14 (including levies) be set compared with 2012/13 and a 1.21% reduction in the GLA precept. This results in an overall increase (including GLA precept) of 1.16%.

Amended Recommendation (2.2)

Council Tax 2013/14 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Subject to 2.1 above, the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below be approved, with the total Band D Council Tax as follows:

	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	Increase/decrease (-) %
Bromley	991.31	1,010.07	1.89
GLA	306.72	303.00	-1.21
Total	1298.03	1313.07	1.16

Amended Recommendation (2.3)

1. It be noted that, as detailed in section 15 of the report, the Council Tax Base for 2013/14 is 122,140;
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 is £123,370k.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
 - (a) £562,346k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £438,976k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £123,370k being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
 - (d) £1010.07 being the amount at 3(c) above, divided by (1) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
4. To note that the Greater London Authority (GLA) has issued a precept to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local

Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

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Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
673.38	785.61	897.84	1,010.07	1234.53	1458.99	1683.45	2,020.14

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
202.00	235.67	269.33	303.00	370.33	437.67	505.00	606.00

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
875.38	1021.28	1167.17	1313.07	1604.86	1896.66	2188.45	2626.14

6. That the Council hereby determines that its "relevant" basic amount of Council Tax for the financial year 2013/14, which reflects an increase of 1.97%, is not excessive. The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) Report (England) 2013/14 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England in 2013/14. The Council is required to determine whether its "relevant" basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Taking into account the changes to levies {see 2.1.(h)}, the Council's basic amount of council tax increases by 1.89%.

2. Capital programme Monitoring Q3 2012/13 & Annual Capital Review 2013 - 2017

A Motion to approve the recommendations on the Capital Programme was duly proposed and seconded.

The Motion was CARRIED.

58 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES - TREASURY MANAGEMENT STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2013/14

A Motion to approve (i) the inclusion of Certificates of Deposit, commercial Paper and Floating Rate Notes as eligible investment vehicles; and (ii) adopt the Treasury Management Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2013/14, together with the prudential indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy statement was duly proposed and seconded.

The Motion was CARRIED.

59 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2013/14

A Motion to approve the Pay Policy Statement 2013/14 (Appendix D) was proposed, seconded and adopted.

60 REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - WORKPLACE PENSIONS: AUTOMATIC ENROLMENT

A Motion to approve the recommendations of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee in respect of reforms under the Pensions Act 2008 and the provisions regarding Workplace Pensions and the automatic enrolment of eligible employees was duly proposed and seconded.

The Motion was CARRIED.

61 REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2013/14

A Motion to approve the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 (Appendix E), including freezing the current allowances, was proposed, seconded and adopted.

62 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced a requirement for local authorities to establish Health and Wellbeing Broads with effect from 1st April

2013. A report had been circulated proposing the terms of reference for the interim arrangements for the Health & Wellbeing Board's establishment.

A Motion to adopt the recommendations, subject to the following amendments, was duly proposed and seconded:

- 1) the Leader of the Council to appoint up to 11 members of the Council as necessary, 2 of whom shall consist of 1 from each of the minority parties;**
- 2) the quorum for the meeting to consist of one third of the membership, at least half of whom shall be Council members; and**
- 3) a substitute member may be nominated by a member unable to attend a meeting.**

63 COUNCIL MEETING ON 12th NOVEMBER 2012 - MOTION ON GOVERNMENT PLANNING POLICIES

The response from the Government concerning the Council Motion on Government Planning Policies was duly NOTED.

64 MOTIONS

Notice of one Motion had been received.

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor John Getgood and seconded by Councillor Katherine Bance MBE.

"This Council deplores the decision of the Secretary of State for Health to downgrade the Maternity and Accident and Emergency Units at Lewisham Hospital and calls upon him to reverse his decision in the interests of Bromley residents."

A request to amend the Motion at the Council Meeting by the proposer was not agreed.

An amended Motion was moved by Councillor Tickner and seconded by Councillor which was ruled by the Mayor to be unacceptable.

The original Motion on being put to the vote was LOST.

65 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked all those Councillors and Officers who had supported the Charity Appeal Quiz Evening and also the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress for their efficiency in organising the event.

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He also asked Members to note some dates for their diary - a charity fund raising dinner at Con Amore on Tuesday 30th April 2013 and the Service of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Church, at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 12th May 2013. Further details would be sent out nearer the time.

Mayor

The Meeting ended at 9.50 pm