

EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2015 starting at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillor Stephen Carr (Chairman)
Councillors Graham Arthur, Robert Evans, Peter Morgan,
Colin Smith, Tim Stevens and Stephen Wells

Also Present

Councillor Nicholas Bennett J.P., Councillor Eric Bosshard,
Councillor Peter Fookes, Councillor William Huntington-
Thresher, Councillor Pauline Tunncliffe and Councillor
Angela Wilkins

131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peter Morgan declared a personal interest by virtue of his daughter being a Director of Kier Property Services.

Councillors Tim Stevens JP and Nicholas Bennett JP each declared a personal interest as the Council's representatives to Mytime Active, each Member being on the Mytime Active Board of Trustees.

133 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2015

The minutes were agreed.

134 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING

A number of questions were received.

Details of the questions and replies, and process adopted at the meeting for responding to the questions, are at **Appendix A**.

The Leader introduced the item by referring to the unprecedented times currently being experienced in local government. There had been good dialogue in public consultation and difficult decisions on the Council's 2015/16 budget would now need to be made at Full Council on 23rd February 2015.

L B Bromley was receiving less central government funding and huge pressure was now being put on Council budgets. The Council, however, was doing what it could to protect front line services.

135 BUDGET MONITORING 2014-15

Report FSD 15008

Members considered the fourth budget monitoring position for 2014/15 (based on expenditure and activity levels to November 2014).

Members were also asked via a supplementary paper to recommend that Full Council agree to a sum of £4.5m being set aside as an earmarked reserve known as *“the Health and Social Care Integrated Commissioning Fund”*. The fund would ensure the support of key initiatives related to the integration of health and care commissioning. This, and recommendations in Report 15008, were agreed.

The Leader highlighted that this was a crucial time to maintain discipline on budgets.

RESOLVED that:

(a) the latest financial position be noted;

(b) a projected net overspend on services of £872k is forecast based on information as at November 2014;

(c) comments from the Director of Education, Care and Health Services, the Director of Transformation and Regeneration, and the Director of Environment and Community Services, as detailed at sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of Report FSD 15008 be noted;

(d) funding of £55k be released from Central Contingency for Biggin Hill Development as detailed at paragraph 3.5.4 of Report FSD 15008;

(e) funding of £163k be released from Central Contingency for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards as detailed at paragraph 3.5.5 of Report FSD 15008;

(f) a projected increase to the General Fund balance by £474k to £20.5m, as detailed at section 3.6 of Report FSD 15008, be noted;

(g) the full year cost pressures of £5.5m be noted as detailed at section 3.7 of Report FSD 15008; and

(h) Full Council be recommended to agree that a sum of £4.5m be set aside as an earmarked reserve known as *“the Health and Social Care Integrated Commissioning Fund”*.

136 2015/16 COUNCIL TAX

FSD15009

Report FSD15009 identified the final issues affecting the 2015/16 revenue budget and sought recommendations to the Council on the level of the Bromley element of the 2015/16 Council Tax. The report also sought final approval of the schools budget. A replacement set of recommendations were tabled for the meeting as was a replacement Appendix 2 (“*Summary of Draft 2015/16 Revenue Budget – Portfolio*”) to the report. Additionally, an updated list of savings proposals was provided as were comments from PDS Committees in considering the initial draft budget.

Confirmation of the final GLA precept would be reported to the Council meeting on 23rd February 2015.

Report FSD15009 reflected the Council’s approach to not only achieve a legal and financially balanced budget in 2015/16 but to have measures in place to deal with the medium term financial position (2016/17 to 2018/19).

Referring to benefits provided by the KeyRing scheme, Councillor Fookes (Penge and Cator), suggested that long term savings could possibly be made by helping to fund the scheme, perhaps by charging a levy for leaving a property empty. Recognising the scheme was appreciated, the Portfolio Holder for Care Services indicated however that it would not be possible for the Council to provide funds for the scheme in the current financial climate.

The Chief Executive outlined the approach taken to the consideration of savings and priorities in arriving at the draft 2015/16 budget. It was also necessary to consider the financial outlook for the Council for the forthcoming two years. The Leader added that this was the start of a process which would only become more difficult. It was necessary to secure a balanced budget. Should decisions be taken that cause particular difficulties, Members would be prepared to re-consider further and take action as necessary to help rectify the difficulties.

RESOLVED that:

(1) Council be recommended to:

- (a) approve the schools budget of £99.1 million which matches the estimated level of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG);**
- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets (as at Appendix 2 to Report FSD15009) for 2015/16 to include the following updated changes -**
 - (i) additional core grant funding of £202k in 2015/16**

(ii) reduction in Discretionary Housing payments funding from £683k in 2014/15 to £509k in 2015/16 (variation of £174k), with a corresponding reduction in the Discretionary Housing Payments in the 2015/16 Budget;

- (c) agree that Chief Officers identify alternative savings within their departmental budgets where it is not possible to realise any proposed savings reported to the previous Executive meeting;
- (d) approve the following provisions for levies for inclusion in the budget for 2015/16 -

	£'000
London Pension Fund Authority	475
London Boroughs Grant Committee	340
Environment Agency (Flood defence etc)	236
Lee Valley Regional Park	376
Total	1,427

- (e) approve a revised Central Contingency sum of £13,817k to reflect the changes in (b) and (d);
- (f) approve the revised draft 2015/16 revenue budgets to reflect the changes detailed above;
- (g) set a 1.99% increase in Bromley's council tax for 2015/16, compared with 2014/15, and, based upon their consultation exercise, an assumed 1.34% reduction in the GLA precept;
- (h) note the latest position on the GLA precept, to be finalised in the overall Council Tax figure to be reported to full Council (see section 11 of Report FSD15009);
- (i) approve the approach to reserves outlined by the Director of Finance (see Appendix 4 to Report FSD15009);
- (j) the Director of Finance be authorised to report any further changes directly to Council on 23rd February 2015.

(2) Council Tax 2015/16 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) -

Subject to (1) (a) to (j) above, if the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase/decrease (-) %
Bromley	1,010.07	1,030.14	1.99
GLA *	299.00	295.00	-1.34
Total	1,309.07	1,325.14	1.23

* The GLA Precept may need to be amended once the actual GLA budget is set.

(3) Council be recommended to formally resolve as follows:

- (i) it be noted that the Council Tax Base for 2015/16 is 125,130;**
- (ii) calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 is £128,901k;**
- (iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act) -**
 - (a) £560,346k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;**
 - (b) £431,445k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;**
 - (c) £128,901k being the amount by which the aggregate at (iii) (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (iii) (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year;**
 - (d) £1,030.14 being the amount at (iii) (c) above, divided by (i) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;**
- (iv) 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 (N.B. the GLA precept figure may need to be amended once the actual GLA budget is set);**
- (v) 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 2015/16 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.**

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
686.76	801.22	915.68	1,030.14	1,259.06	1,487.98	1,716.90	2,060.28

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
196.67	229.44	262.22	295.00	360.56	426.11	491.67	590.00

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
883.43	1,030.66	1,177.90	1,325.14	1,619.62	1,914.09	2208.57	2,650.28

(vi) that the Council hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2015/16, which reflects a 1.99% increase, is not excessive. The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2015/16 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England in 2015/16. 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.

(4) The Director of Finance be authorised to report any further changes directly to Council on 23rd February 2015.

137 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING Q3 2014/15 & ANNUAL CAPITAL REVIEW 2015 TO 2019

Report FSD15014

The current position on capital expenditure and receipts was outlined following the third quarter, 2014/15. New schemes were also presented for approval supported by Council Directors in the annual capital review process - the main focus again being a continuation of existing essential programmes and externally funded schemes, with a limited new spending programme (two new schemes) being put forward at this stage.

Supplementary information was also provided for Appendix C to the report, the supplementary information outlining a capital project appraisal for the Windows Server 2003 replacement programme.

Members noted and approved the recommendations in Report FSD15014.

RESOLVED that:

(1) Report FSD15014 be noted, including the re-phasing of a total of £8,377k from 2014/15 into later years (see paragraph 3.3.7 of Report FSD15014), and a revised Capital Programme agreed;

(2) the following amendments to the Capital Programme be approved –

(i) reduction of £112k in respect of schemes having reached completion (see paragraph 3.3.1 of Report FSD15014);

(ii) addition of £663k in 2015/16 for Social Care Grant (see paragraph 3.3.2 of Report FSD15014);

(iii) increase of £101k in 2014/15 to reflect revised grant support from Transport for London for highway schemes (see paragraph 3.3.3 of Report FSD15014);

(iv) addition of £395k in 2015/16 for Relocation of Exhibitions in Bromley Museum (see paragraph 3.3.4 of Report FSD15014);

(v) a net reduction of £6,294k on the Council's Investment Fund scheme to reflect the latest update on property acquisitions (see paragraph 3.3.5 of Report FSD15014);

(vi) transfer (virement) of £113k from the budget for the Reconfiguration of Special Schools to the Basic Need budget (see paragraph 3.3.6 of Report FSD15014);

(vii) addition of £15m to the Council's Investment Fund in the 2016/17 Capital Programme, to be funded by capital receipts (see paragraph 3.12 of Report FSD15014); and

(3) Council be recommended to –

(i) include the new scheme proposals supported by Chief Officers (listed at Appendix C to Report FSD15014) in the Capital Programme (see paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of Report FSD15014); and

(ii) approve the addition of £15m to the Council's Investment Fund in the 2016/17 Capital Programme, to be funded by capital receipts (see paragraph 3.12 of Report FSD15014).

138 COMMUNITY SERVICES INTEGRATION

Report CS14075

Recognising the benefits of integrating community health services with L B Bromley social care assessment and care management, Bromley Clinical

Commissioning Group (BCCG) intended to extend their Community Health Services contract until at least March 2017. This presented three options towards an integrated community health and care service:

- (1) working with BCCG on a specification for community services in preparation for jointly procuring a new service from 1st April 2017;
- (2) pursuing (1) above but also looking at 'soft' integration opportunities with Bromley Healthcare to start aligning services ready for re-procurement; and
- (3) pursuing (1) above but also start to test a fully integrated service by formally transferring social care staff to Bromley Health Care as existing community provider.

Authorisation was sought to fully explore the options with Bromley Health Care (BHC) and their commissioners, Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG). Recommendations could then be provided to Members in June 2015.

To support the work, a steering group would explore the potential for a joint bid with BCCG and BHC against NHS England's new "*£200m investment fund to promote transformation in local health economies, with a particular focus on investment in the new models of care*". The funding could supply the necessary extra capacity to explore how integration of staff, budgets, and systems would work in detail and how the services could be aligned to provide best value. It would also help in analysing the scope of integration and clarifying risks involved in pursuing any of the options.

The Leader expressed his support for the direction of travel.

RESOLVED that the steering group explore the options at paragraph 3.3 of Report CS14075 with the borough's existing community health services provider, Bromley Health Care (BHC) and their commissioners, Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG).

139 DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS UPDATE

Report CS14107

Report CS14107 analysed the implications of the recent Supreme Court judgement related to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and deprivation of liberty of individuals. The report sought approval for additional funding of £163,345 in 2014/15 and £628,040 for 2015/16 to meet requirements of the Supreme Court Judgement.

As there was some uncertainty on the potential funding required for 2015/16, it was recommended that 50% of the £628k (£314k) be drawn-down with the remainder staying in contingency. A further report would be provided in the new financial year when costs had been further clarified.

Members were also asked to note a proposal to procure the provision of assessments by psychiatrists via a framework arrangement of approved providers.

The Deputy Leader asked if it would be possible to communicate to Government the Council's views on having to fund the extra costs from local social care funds. Local authorities across the country would be in a similar position. The Leader advised that he had accepted an invitation to meet a special adviser to the Secretary of State for Health.

RESOLVED that:

(1) to meet the requirements of the Supreme Court Judgement –

- **additional funding of £163,345 for 2014/15 be agreed and**
- **£628,040 be recommended for inclusion in the 2015/16 budget;**

(2) for 2015/16, due to the uncertainty of potential costs, half of the funding should remain in contingency and be subject to a further report in the new financial year; and

(3) the intention to commission the services of doctors, as required, using a framework agreement, in order to fulfil the Council's duties under the Mental Capacity Act 2005, be noted.

140 COMMISSIONING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Report ED15039

Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy for children and young people were currently commissioned from Bromley Healthcare through two separate contracts let by the Council and the Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). In line with the Children and Families Act 2014, it was proposed to develop robust joint commissioning arrangements via a section 75 agreement with Bromley CCG - the CCG being lead commissioner.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources supported joint commissioning but felt that it was necessary to consider bringing CCG commissioning to the Council as joint working arrangements moved forward.

RESOLVED that funding for the commissioning of Speech and Language and Occupation Therapy provision, which had been historically commissioned by the Council, be included in the current Section 75 agreement with Bromley CCG, with lead commission responsibility being passed to Bromley CCG.

**141 LONG TERM CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE - EXTRA CARE
HOUSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND**

Report CS1424

For some time there had been a high level of voids within the Council's extra care service, placing further pressure on the adult social care budget. There were 35 voids at the end of December 2014; in 2013/14 voids per week averaged 34 across all seven schemes (between April and August 2014 voids averaged 38 per week). There was a continuing financial risk paying staff and rent/service charges for the voids.

To better reflect current and future demand, a reduction of some 30 units appeared necessary to reduce void risk. This would also continue to allow for some variation in demand. Lubbock House provided 30 beds and was also identified by its owner Affinity Sutton as being unviable to maintain long term, the fabric of the building requiring significant investment. There were currently eight voids at Lubbock House with just 19 tenants in residence (plus three flats, used as temporary "step down" flats, also treated as vacant).

In view of the above, it was proposed to begin consultation with staff on decommissioning Lubbock House as an extra care housing scheme for older people. Consultation with tenants would also be undertaken by Affinity Sutton. A further report on the outcome of consultations would be provided to Members. If it was decided to decommission, officers would work alongside Affinity Sutton to assist in rehousing tenants at another extra care housing scheme in the borough. Officers would also discuss alternative uses for the site with Affinity Sutton.

Members agreed to proceed with the process of consultation.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the commencement of consultation with staff, trade unions, and other staff representatives regarding the decommissioning of Lubbock House as an extra care housing scheme for older people be agreed alongside consultation by Affinity Sutton with tenants; and

(2) a further report be presented on the outcome of the consultations for a final decision.

**142 GATEWAY REPORT ON TENANCY SUSTAINMENT SERVICES
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Report CS1424

Report CS1424 reviewed the provision of tenancy sustainment services to young people, making recommendations for commissioning when the current contracts end on 30th August 2015.

It was agreed to give further consideration to the report and options presented - in the meantime the existing contract was to be extended for up to six months.

RESOLVED that:

(1) further consideration be given to tenancy sustainment services for young people; and

(2) authority be delegated to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to award a short extension to the existing contract for up to six months.

143 REFURBISHMENT OF BEACON HOUSE

Report ED15055

Report ED15055 updated Members on proposals for Beacon House and its refurbishment as Burwood School's alternate KS4 and KS5 provision.

A variety of vocational courses at Key Stage 4 and 5 would be delivered at Beacon House to both male and female pupils identified with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) difficulties. A review by consultants identified a range of works needed to deliver the provision, with a draft refurbishment timetable focused on completion for the start of the 2016/17 academic year.

The current facilities at Burwood School failed to provide an adequate range of learning and subject options for pupils; the purchase and refurbishment of Beacon House allowing a significant improvement in SEMH provision for children at Bromley.

A proposed use of £3m Dedicated Schools Grant as substantial funding for the project was subject to approval by the Department for Education.

RESOLVED that the scheme be approved and recommended to Full Council for admission to the Council's Capital Programme.

144 HAVELOCK ROAD RECREATION GROUND, BROMLEY - LA FONTAINE FREE SCHOOL

Report DR15/012

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda (both Part 1 and Part 2 reports) prior to the meeting.

145 GATEWAY REVIEW 0,1 & 2 APPROVAL OF 2015/16 OPERATIONAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGETS, PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES AND PREFERRED PROCUREMENT OPTION

Report DRR15001

Concerning Operational Building Maintenance for 2015/16, details were provided of the criteria used to assemble each programme, based on the draft budget proposals. The strategic assessment and business justification for the programmes were also addressed along with the preferred procurement option for completing them.

The proposed planned maintenance programme was appended to Report DRR15001.

Within the budget and programme for building maintenance, officers endeavoured to ensure that buildings remained safe and suitable for use.

RESOLVED that:

(1) subject to the Council agreeing the budget, an overall expenditure of £1,923,610 for the Building Maintenance budget in 2015/2016 be approved, as set out at paragraph 5.1 of Report DRR15001;

(2) the planned maintenance programme at Appendix C to Report DRR15001 be approved;

(3) authority be delegated to the Director of Corporate Services to vary the planned programme to accommodate any change in the approved budget or, where such action is considered necessary, to either protect the Council's assets, or make the most effective use of resources;

(4) the criteria used to assemble the planned maintenance programme be approved along with the preferred procurement option, as set out at section 10 of Report DRR15001;

(5) authority be delegated to the Director of Corporate Services to select the most economically advantageous tender for any individual item of expenditure under the approved programme referred to at (i) to (iv) above; and

(6) the Director of Regeneration and Transformation be authorised to submit planning applications where appropriate in respect of schemes set out in this report.

146 THE FUTURE OF ANERLEY TOWN HALL

Report DRR15/002

Members considered a report setting out options for the future of Anerley Town Hall.

The Crystal Palace Community Development Trust (the Trust) managed a Business Centre from the site for an annual fee and leased the Civic Halls

facility at a peppercorn rent. A paper from the Trust was appended to Report DRR15/002. The Trust would also manage an automated book lending facility at the site supported by eight Peoples Network terminals and the Council would pay the Trust an annual fee to manage the Community Library. The Trust was also interested in utilising the vacated library space to the rear of the Town Hall.

However, a new stand-alone telephone system was urgently needed at the Business Centre and a recent survey revealed a significant backlog of maintenance required for the building. The front wall of the building was also subsiding and a significant repairs liability was identified for the next ten years. Repairs for the building were estimated at £1.273m.

Anerley Town Hall is also a locally listed building.

Four options were presented to Members:

- Option A - retain as existing
- Option B - lease to the Trust
- Option C - sale subject to existing uses
- Option D - disposal of The Town Hall / construction of a new community facility (potentially on the overflow car park of the existing site)

A summary of consultation responses from users of the Halls and Business Centre tenants was appended to Report DRR15/002 as was an Equality Impact Assessment. An updated Interim Business Plan from the Trust for the Town Hall was also provided.

In relation to Option B, suggested heads of terms were also tabled which could be discussed with the Trust.

Introducing the report the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation highlighted that the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee and the Executive and Resources PDS Committee both preferred Option B. This involved the Council granting a 40 lease of the whole building to the Trust on full repairing terms at a peppercorn rent, but excluding the overflow car park which could be sold. This would enable the Trust to lever in external funding which could be used to maintain the building but the Trust would require the Council to resolve the subsidence issue and upgrade the Business Centre IT. There would also be a loss of rent whilst the works were undertaken prior to grant of lease. The Portfolio Holder also suggested that a firm quotation was needed for rectifying the subsidence problem.

Councillor Wilkins (Crystal Palace) encouraged Members to support Option B, highlighting the building's use as a business centre. Councillor Wilkins suggested that a number of rooms were not occupiable in view of the subsidence problem. She could envisage the business centre servicing both small and medium sized businesses and highlighted the GLA's identification

of the area for business regeneration. She also highlighted a need to repair the building quickly to prevent further problems and repairs.

Noting that underpinning costs could increase as subsidence worsened, the Deputy Leader asked for further investigation on whether any GLA funding could be received for business regeneration in the area. This could help fund underpinning costs and a report could be brought to the Executive with more detail on this and other aspects.

Following concern that it might be necessary to spend further on the building in later years, Councillor Wilkins highlighted that the Trust was prepared to assume responsibility for maintenance under Option B (excluding subsidence repairs and upgrading the Business Centre IT). The Council would also continue to have the benefit of the asset.

Members were advised that the GLA study (suggesting the area had been identified for business regeneration) had not concluded but there was confidence it would refer to business contributing significantly to the area.

The cost of repair at £1.273m was also broken down and included about £540k for the maintenance backlog and about £300k for subsidence repairs. A lease of 40 years with Option B would enable the Trust to lever in external funding to maintain the building and address the repairs backlog.

Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP (West Wickham), as the Council's Heritage Champion, highlighted the building as a fine example of Victorian architecture. Both the interior and exterior were important. Cllr Bennett supported its retention, making it fit for purpose, and having it open to meet aspirations. Cllr Bennett added that he would not be against an extension to the building as long as its façade was retained.

Concerning Option D, it was suggested that the building site could be of higher value with a potential for additional housing and a new community centre. The service offices would be lost but alternative premises could be provided. The Deputy Leader asked if any thought had been given to the provision of luxury apartments in parts of the former library to help fund a community centre building in the overflow car park.

In concluding discussion, the Leader felt that Option D could not be ruled out and in the meantime asked officers to carry out further work on details such as firm costs for subsidence repairs and IT and to report back to the Executive for final decision.

RESOLVED that:

(1) further work be carried out on details such as firm costs for subsidence repairs and IT with a report back to the Executive for final decision; and

(2) a decision on the installation of a new telephone system at Anerley Town Hall be considered in Part 2 proceedings.

147 A NEW APPROACH FOR BROMLEY MUSEUM

Report DRR14/116

This item was withdrawn from consideration prior to the meeting.

During the item on questions earlier in the meeting, the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation provided a statement advising that it had been decided to postpone consideration of the item for approximately three months, during which time officers would have further discussions with interested parties on Bromley Museum and the Priory. Full details of the Portfolio Holder's statement are at **Appendix A**.

148 CLOSURE OF BECKENHAM, BROMLEY, AND WEST WICKHAM PUBLIC TOILETS

Report ES14094

Members considered a proposal to save £67k by closing Beckenham, Bromley, and West Wickham High Street public toilets (declaring the Beckenham property surplus to requirements) and introducing Community Toilet Schemes as alternative provision. Most of the scheme agreements had no revenue cost implications being based upon the 'Open London' scheme or by utilising other premises with no fee-paying requirements. The additional cost of new entrants to the scheme amounted to £2k pa; a list of the Community Toilet Scheme business partners was appended to Report ES14094.

Final results of public consultation on the toilet closures were tabled as were details of an Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Toilet Scheme 2015.

Introducing the item, the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for the Environment highlighted that two further Community Toilet scheme facilities had now been included for Beckenham, in addition to those appended to Report ES14094.

In discussion it was suggested that the provision of community toilet facilities seemed more convenient than having just one location for public toilets. This was supported with community toilet schemes providing better facilities at less cost. If businesses providing community toilet facilities were to receive increased footfall, more retail outlets could be interested in joining the scheme. The Leader agreed with the greater flexibility provided by community toilets; the scheme made economic sense and was good for the local economy.

Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP (West Wickham) supporting the recommendations enquired whether there had been any further progress in securing the use of facilities at the Lidl store, West Wickham. Councillor Bennett also enquired whether facilities at West Wickham library could be opened as a Community Toilet Scheme. The Portfolio Holder advised that he was hopeful of some positive news soon.

Members supported the recommendations.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the closure of Beckenham, Bromley and West Wickham High Street public toilets from 31st March 2015 be agreed;

(2) the Beckenham public toilet be declared surplus and offered to the market, on the basis that if offers are not forthcoming the public toilet should be demolished; and

(3) the expansion of the Community Toilet Scheme as the alternative provision set out in paragraph 3.7 of Report ES14094 be authorised.

**149 CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER ISSUES REFERRED FROM
THE EXECUTIVE AND RESOURCES POLICY DEVELOPMENT
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no additional issues to be reported from the Executive and Resources PDS Committee.

**150 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION)
(VARIATION) ORDER 2006 AND THE FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**151 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
14TH JANUARY 2015**

The exempt minutes were agreed.

152 THE FUTURE OF ANERLEY TOWN HALL

Report DRR15/002

The Committee considered confidential and commercially sensitive information related to options for the future of Anerley Town Hall.

Members were also asked to consider a recommendation related to the installation of a new telephone system at Anerley Town Hall.

**153 HAVELOCK ROAD RECREATION GROUND, BROMLEY - LA
 FONTAINE FREE SCHOOL**

Report DR15/012

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda (both Part 1 and Part 2 reports) prior to the meeting.

154 DIRECT CARE UPDATE

Report CS14122

Report CS14122 provided an update on tendering for in-house direct-care services. Recommendations were included.

An additional recommendation related to the reablement service was also tabled (and circulated electronically to Members prior to the meeting).

**155 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CAPITAL WORKS AT GLEBE
 SCHOOL**

Report ED15057

As part of the Glebe School expansion project, Members were asked to approve the appointment of contractors to undertake the main construction works at the school.

156 CAPITAL RECEIPTS

Related to the 2014/15 third quarter Capital Monitoring Report (Minute 137), Members noted exempt details of the receipts forecast in the years 2014/15 to 2017/18 (inclusive).

157 A NEW APPROACH FOR BROMLEY MUSEUM

Report DRR14/118

This item was withdrawn from consideration prior to the meeting (please see Minute 147).

Chairman

The Meeting ended at 10.11 pm