

# LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

## MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the  
Council of the Borough  
held at 7.00 pm on 22 February 2016

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor Kim Botting**

**The Deputy Mayor  
Councillor Alan Collins**

### Councillors

Vanessa Allen  
Graham Arthur  
Douglas Auld  
Teresa Ball  
Kathy Bance MBE  
Julian Benington  
Nicholas Bennett J.P.  
Ruth Bennett  
Katy Boughey  
Kevin Brooks  
Lydia Buttinger  
Stephen Carr  
David Cartwright  
Mary Cooke  
Peter Dean  
Ian Dunn  
Judi Ellis  
Robert Evans  
Simon Fawthrop  
Peter Fookes

Peter Fortune  
Hannah Gray  
Ellie Harmer  
Samaris Huntington-  
Thresher  
William Huntington-  
Thresher  
David Jefferys  
Charles Joel  
David Livett  
Kate Lymer  
Russell Mellor  
Alexa Michael  
Peter Morgan  
Terence Nathan  
Keith Onslow  
Tony Owen  
Angela Page  
Ian F. Payne  
Sarah Phillips

Tom Philpott  
Chris Pierce  
Neil Reddin FCCA  
Catherine Rideout  
Charles Rideout QPM CVO  
Michael Rutherford  
Richard Scoates  
Colin Smith  
Diane Smith  
Melanie Stevens  
Tim Stevens J.P.  
Michael Tickner  
Pauline Tunncliffe  
Michael Turner  
Stephen Wells  
Angela Wilkins  
Richard Williams

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair  
The Mayor  
Councillor Kim Botting

### 148 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eric Bosshard, Nicky Dykes and Will Harmer.

**149        Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were made –

- Councillor Peter Fookes, as a trustee of Penge and Anerley Age Concern.
- Councillor Peter Morgan, whose daughter was a director of Kier.
- Councillor Michael Turner, who was in receipt of a pension from the London Pension Fund Authority.

**150        To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th December 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were confirmed.

**151        Petitions**  
Report CSD16033

A petition had been received from the Knoll Residents Association asking the Council to designate part of Petts Wood and Knoll Ward as an Area of Special Residential Character (ASRC). The petition contained in excess of 900 signatures.

The Chairman of the Knoll Residents Association, Mr Paul Savage, addressed the Council in support of the petition, explaining that ASRC status would help to preserve this well-established residential area from overdevelopment.

A motion that the petition be referred to the Development Control Committee and the Executive to be considered under the Local Plan process was moved by Councillor Peter Morgan and seconded by Cllr Peter Dean and **CARRIED**.

**152        Questions from members of the public where notice has been given**

Seven questions for oral reply and two questions for written reply had been received from members of the public. The questions and replies are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

**153        Oral questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given**

Twelve questions had been received from Members of the Council for oral reply. The questions and replies are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

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

Eighteen questions had been received from Members of the Council for oral reply. The questions and replies are set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

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

No statements were made.

**156 Budget (Revenue and Capital) and Council Tax Setting - to consider the recommendations of the Executive from the meeting on 10th February 2016**

**(A) 2016/17 Council Tax**  
Report FSD16017

The Director of Finance circulated supplementary information and amended recommendations which were received and accepted by the meeting -

“There were no changes to the final Mayoral precept accepted by the London Assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

There were no changes required to the amount included for levies following receipt of written confirmation.

On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 the Department of Health published the public health allocations for 2016/17. Bromley’s allocation is £15,478k compared to £15,836k assumed in the draft budget (a reduction of £358k). The 2016/17 central contingency already includes a provision of £347k to reflect the expected reduction in public health funding and the additional £11k can be met from the remaining provision for further reductions in grant funding also held in the central contingency.

Indicative allocations for 2017/18 were also published and the Department of Health will publish confirmation of these and the conditions that will apply in due course. Bromley’s indicative allocation is £15,096k compared to £15,114k assumed in the financial forecast.

The above changes will require the following proposed amendments to be made to the recommendations of the Executive:

**Amended Recommendation (2.1)**

- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets for 2016/17 with the following amendment:

- (iii) £358k be allocated from the central contingency to the Care Services Portfolio to reflect the public health grant allocation for 2016/17.
- (f) approve the following provisions for levies to include in the budget for 2016/17:

	£'000
London Pension Fund Authority	464
London Boroughs Grant Committee	320
Environment Agency (Flood defence etc)	238
Lee Valley Regional Park	362
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,384</b>

- (g) approve a revised Central Contingency sum of £14,983k to reflect the changes in (b) and (f);
- (i) set a 3.99% increase in Bromley's council tax for 2016/17 (1.99% general increase plus 2% Adult Social Care Precept) compared with 2015/16 and a 6.4% reduction in the GLA precept;
- (j) note the final position on the GLA precept, as accepted by the London Assembly on 22nd February 2016.

### Amended Recommendation (2.2)

Council Tax 2016/17 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Subject to 2.1 (a) to (m) above, if the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Increase/ decrease (-) %
Bromley (general)	1,030.14	1,050.67	1.99
Bromley (ASC precept)		20.60	2.00
Bromley (total)	1,030.14	1,071.27	3.99
GLA	295.00	276.00	-6.44
Total	1,325.14	1,347.27	1.67

### Amended Recommendation (2.3):

- (iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):

- (a) £537,282k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
- (b) £401,599k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (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."

In addition, the following amendments were moved by Cllr Stephen Carr, seconded by Cllr Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

"The following changes be made to the recommended budget for 2016/17:

**Amended Recommendation (2.1):**

- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets for 2016/17 with the following amendments:
  - (iv) in view of the late timing of the transitional funding and, in recognition of the non-recurring nature of the funding, agree that the total sum of £4.1m payable in 2016/17 and 2017/18 be set aside as an earmarked reserve to provide funding for pump-priming and other transitional arrangements in key service provision;
  - (v) note that the proposed utilisation of the transitional funding earmarked reserve will be reported to a future meeting of the Executive;
  - (vi) agree not to proceed with the saving of £30k relating to the green garden waste wheelie bin service for 3 years on the basis that freezing the existing price will encourage a greater take up of this service to promote the wider environmental and recycling benefits. The charges are expected to be reviewed for 2019/20. The funding of £90k will be met from the transitional funding earmarked reserve set out above.

**Additional Recommendation (2.1):**

- (n) (i) set aside funding totalling £750k as an earmarked reserve from underspends in 2015/16 for planned one-off Member initiatives as detailed below:

- (a) £250k to enhance our environment, particularly to help with the maintenance of trees and replacing those that have been lost;
  - (b) £250k to attack the scourge of environmental crime, especially fly tipping;
  - (c) £250k to enhance and improve local shopping parades which has been so popular over the last year or two.
- (ii) note that the detailed arrangements for these initiatives will be reported to the Executive.

**Amended Recommendation (2.3):**

- (iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
- (a) £537,252k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
  - (b) £401,569k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.”

A motion to receive and adopt the recommendations as amended above was moved by Councillor Stephen Carr and seconded by Cllr Colin Smith.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Angela Wilkins and seconded by Councillor Ian Dunn, and two appendices were circulated comprising a spreadsheet setting out cuts to be negated and a proposal for use of the Growth Fund –

“The following changes be made to the recommended budget for 2016/17:

**Amended Recommendation (2.1):**

- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets for 2016/17 with the following amendments:
- (iv) agree not to proceed with savings totalling £1,907k in 2016/17 (£3,539k in a full year) as set out in appendix 1;
  - (v) agree that no further savings be required in 2017/18 and 2018/19 to meet the projected budget gap;
  - (vi) agree that the New Homes Bonus of £7,402k in 2016/17, £6,500k in 2017/18 and £3,250k in 2018/19 be set aside to support the revenue budget;
  - (vii) agree that the uncommitted balance on the investment fund (£6,002k) be set aside to support the revenue budget;

- (viii) note a loss of interest earnings arising from these proposals of £562k in 2016/17 rising to £1,016k in 2017/18 and £1,380k in 2018/19;
- (ix) agree that the transitional funding of £2,068k in 2016/17 and £2,052k in 2017/18 be utilised to offset the impact of (iv) and (viii) above;

A summary of these proposals is shown in the table below:

	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	Total £'000
Savings to be negated (appendix 1)	1,907	3,539	3,539	8,985
Projected Budget Gap	0	8,949	12,540	21,489
Loss of Interest Earnings	562	1,016	1,380	2,958
<b>Total Budget to Fund</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>13,504</b>	<b>17,459</b>	<b>33,432</b>
Utilisation of Transitional Funding	(2,068)	(2,052)	0	(4,120)
New Homes Bonus	(7,402)	(6,500)	(3,250)	(17,152)
Release of Investment Fund Balance (uncommitted)	(6,002)	0	0	(6,002)
Net Position on Budget	(13,003)	4,952	14,209	6,158
Set Aside 2016/17 "underspend" to fund Future Years	13,003	(4,952)	(8,051)	0
Balance to be met from Contingency	0	0	6,158	6,158

- (c) agree the utilisation of the transitional funding from central Government of £2,068k in 2016/17 and £2,052k in 2017/18 as set out in (b) above.

**Additional Recommendation (2.1):**

- (n) agree that any overall underspends in 2015/16 and future years (prior to 2019/20) be set aside to reduce the budget gap in 2019/20;
- (o) agree to earmark a sum of £10m of the Council's existing growth fund for low cost housing development with the aim to provide at least 400 new dwellings over four sites as set out in appendix 2;
- (p) agree to set aside £2.5m of the Council's existing growth fund for new/start-up business development as set out in appendix 2.

**Amended Recommendation (2.3):**

- (iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
  - (a) £536,520k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.

- (b) £400,837k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.”

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

The following amendment was moved by Councillor David Livett and seconded by Councillor Terence Nathan -

“The following changes be made to the recommended budget for 2016/17:

**Amended Recommendation (2.1):**

- (b) approve the draft revenue budgets for 2016/17 with the following amendments:
- (iv) agree to consider options to not proceed with savings of £3,000k, with priority given to savings not yet implemented, the details of which will be reported back to the next meeting of the Executive;
  - (v) agree to utilise the transition grant of £2,068k in 2016/17 to freeze the general element of council tax resulting in a net shortfall of £524k. This will provide a 2% council tax increase relating to the Adult Social Care Precept only;
  - (vi) amend the submitted budget to reflect the cessation of investment in properties outside the borough. Property investment, if necessary, should be made within the borough or for the direct benefit of residents of the borough. This will result in a reduction in income of £600k in 2016/17 and £1,100k in a full year arising from a net loss of interest on investment income;
  - (vii) the costs of (iv) to (vi) above, totalling £4,124k in 2016/17, will be met by a reduction in the proposed central contingency sum as follows:

	£'000
Delete general provision for risk / uncertainty	2,193
Delete remaining provision for other assumed grant reductions	189
Reduce provision for unallocated inflation	318
Reduce impact of Chancellor's Summer Budget 2015 on future costs	837
Reduce provision for increased costs of homelessness / impact of welfare reforms	587
Total	4,124



- (g) approve a revised Central Contingency sum of £10,859k to reflect the changes in (b) and (f);
- (i) set a 2% increase in Bromley's council tax for 2016/17 (zero general increase and 2% Adult Social Care Precept) compared with 2015/16 and a 6.4% reduction in the GLA Precept;

**Amended Recommendation (2.2):**

Council Tax 2016/17 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Subject to 2.1 (a) to (m) above, if the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Increase/ decrease (-) %
Bromley (general)	1,030.14	1,030.14	0.00
Bromley (ASC precept)		20.60	2.00
Bromley (total)	1,030.14	1,050.74	2.00
GLA	295.00	276.00	-6.44
Total	1,325.14	1,326.74	0.12

**Amended Recommendation (2.3):**

- (ii) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 be calculated as £133,082k;
- (iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
  - (a) £534,081k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;
  - (b) £400,999k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
  - (c) £133,082k 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) £1,050.74 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;

- (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 2016/17 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
700.49	817.24	933.99	1,050.74	1,284.24	1,517.73	1,751.23	2,101.48

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Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
184.00	214.67	245.33	276.00	337.33	398.67	460.00	552.00

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Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
884.49	1,031.91	1,179.32	1,326.74	1,621.57	1,916.40	2,211.23	2,653.48

- (vi) that the Council hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2016/17, which reflects a 2.00% increase relating to the Adult Social Care Precept, is not excessive. The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2016/17 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England in 2016/17. 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.”

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

Accordingly, the recommendations of the Executive (as amended) were **CARRIED** as follows –

**(1) Council:**

- (a) on the basis of two further schools having converted to Academy Status, approves a revised schools budget of £83.7 million which matches the estimated level of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) after academy recoupment;**

- (b) approves the draft revenue budgets for 2016/17 (as at Appendix 2 to Report FSD16017) including the following updated changes -**
- (i) reduction in Independent Living Fund (ILF) Grant from £701k estimated in the draft budget to £666k (the proposed methodology for the value of the grant and the allocation of the funding is subject to consultation which ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016);**
  - (ii) increase in SEND Implementation Grant from £177k to £201k (£24k increase) with a corresponding increase in expenditure held in central contingency;**
  - (iii) £358k be allocated from the central contingency to the Care Services Portfolio to reflect the public health grant allocation for 2016/17.**
  - (iv) in view of the late timing of the transitional funding and, in recognition of the non-recurring nature of the funding, agrees that the total sum of £4.1m payable in 2016/17 and 2017/18 be set aside as an earmarked reserve to provide funding for pump-priming and other transitional arrangements in key service provision;**
  - (v) notes that the proposed utilisation of the transitional funding earmarked reserve will be reported to a future meeting of the Executive;**
  - (vi) agrees not to proceed with the saving of £30k relating to the green garden waste wheelie bin service for 3 years on the basis that freezing the existing price will encourage a greater take up of this service to promote the wider environmental and recycling benefits. The charges are expected to be reviewed for 2019/20. The funding of £90k will be met from the transitional funding earmarked reserve set out above.**
- (c) agrees the utilisation of the transitional funding from central Government of £2,068k in 2016/17 and £2,052k in 2017/18 as set out in (b) above;**
- (d) sets aside a sum of £3,100k in 2015/16 as an earmarked reserve related to the continuation of various joint schemes and pump priming investment as detailed in the further supplementary paper to Report FSD16017;**
- (e) agrees that Chief Officers identify alternative savings within their departmental budgets where it is not possible to realise**

any proposed savings reported to the Executive's previous meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016;

- (f) approves the following provisions for levies to include in the budget for 2016/17:

	£'000
London Pension Fund Authority	464
London Boroughs Grant Committee	320
Environment Agency (Flood defence etc)	238
Lee Valley Regional Park	362
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,384</b>

- (g) approves a revised Central Contingency sum of £14,983k to reflect the changes in (b) and (f);
- (h) approves the revised draft 2016/17 revenue budgets to reflect the changes detailed above;
- (i) sets a 3.99% increase in Bromley's council tax for 2016/17 (1.99% general increase plus 2% Adult Social Care Precept) compared with 2015/16 and a 6.4% reduction in the GLA precept;
- (j) notes the final position on the GLA precept, as accepted by the London Assembly on 22nd February 2016.
- (k) approves the approach to reserves outlined by the Director of Finance (Appendix 4 to Report FSD16017);
- (l) notes that Executive considered the four year funding offer (Section 16 of Report FSD16017);
- (m) receives any further changes from the Director of Finance;
- (n) (i) sets aside funding totalling £750k as an earmarked reserve from underspends in 2015/16 for planned one-off Member initiatives as detailed below:
- (a) £250k to enhance our environment, particularly to help with the maintenance of trees and replacing those that have been lost;
  - (b) £250k to attack the scourge of environmental crime, especially fly tipping;

- (c) £250k to enhance and improve local shopping parades which has been so popular over the last year or two.

(ii) notes that the detailed arrangements for these initiatives will be reported to the Executive.

**(2) Council Tax 2016/17 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).**

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GLA	295.00	276.00	-6.44
Total	1,325.14	1,347.27	1.67

**(3) Council formally resolves as follows -**

(i) the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 be noted as 126,656 'Band D' equivalent properties;

(ii) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 be calculated as £135,683k;

(iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):

(a) £537,252k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.

(b) £401,569k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

(c) £135,683k 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) £1,071.27 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.

(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.

(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 2016/17 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
714.18	833.21	952.24	1,071.27	1,309.33	1,547.39	1,785.45	2,142.54

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Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
184.00	214.67	245.33	276.00	337.33	398.67	460.00	552.00

**AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS**

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
898.18	1,047.88	1,197.57	1,347.27	1,646.66	1,946.06	2,245.45	2,694.54

(vi) that the Council hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2016/17, which reflects a 3.99% increase (including Adult Social Care Precept of 2%), is not excessive. The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2016/17 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England in 2016/17. 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.

The following Members voted in favour of the motion –

Councillors Graham Arthur, Douglas Auld, Teresa Ball, Julian Benington, Nicholas Bennett, Ruth Bennett, Kim Botting, Katy Boughey, Lydia Buttinger, Stephen Carr, David Cartwright, Alan Collins, Mary Cooke, Peter Dean, Judi Ellis, Robert Evans, Simon Fawthrop, Peter Fortune, Hannah Gray, Ellie Harmer, Samaris Huntington-Thresher, William Huntington-Thresher, David Jefferys, Charles Joel, Kate Lymer, Russell Mellor, Alexa Michael, Peter Morgan, Keith Onslow, Tony Owen, Angela Page, Ian F. Payne, Sarah Phillips, Tom Philpott, Chris Pierce, Neil Reddin, Catherine Rideout, Charles Rideout, Michael Rutherford, Richard Scoates, Colin Smith, Diane Smith, Melanie Stevens, Tim Stevens, Michael Tickner, Michael Turner, Pauline Tunnicliffe, and Stephen Wells.

The following Members voted against the motion -

Councillors Vanessa Allen, Kathy Bance, Kevin Brooks, Ian Dunn, Peter Fookes, David Livett, Terence Nathan, Angela Wilkins and Richard Williams.

**(B) Capital Programme**  
Report FSD16018

A motion to approve the recommendations of the Executive was moved by Councillor Stephen Carr and seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED** as follows -

**(1) Report FSD16018 be noted, including the re-phasing of a total of £5,456k from 2015/16 into 2016/17 (paragraph 3.3.6 of Report FSD16018) and a revised Capital Programme be agreed;**

**(2) The following amendments to the Capital Programme be approved -**

**(i) an increase of £79k in 2015/16 to reflect revised grant support from Transport for London for Highways and Traffic schemes (paragraph 3.3.1 of Report FSD16018);**

**(ii) a net reduction of £6,347k in 2015/16 for the Council's Property Investment Fund scheme to reflect the latest update on successful property acquisitions (paragraph 3.3.2 of Report FSD16018);**

**(iii) deletion of £13k residual balance on The Hill Multi-Storey Car Park and Bromley Town Centre Car Parking capacity schemes, which have both reached completion (paragraph 3.3.3 of Report FSD16018);**

**(iv) the remaining Highways Section 106 balance of £6k be allocated to the relevant schemes - Gosshill Road (£4k) and Orpington Railway Station scheme (£2k) (paragraph 3.3.4 of Report FSD16018);**

(v) **Section 106 receipts from developers - net increase of £283k to reflect the funding available, and the remaining unallocated balance (paragraph 3.3.5 of Report FSD16018); and**

**(3) The inclusion of the new scheme proposals listed at Appendix C to Report FSD16018 in the Capital Programme (paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of Report FSD16018) be agreed.**

**157 Proposal for the Council's Public Health Budget 2016/17 and 2017/18**  
Report CS16002

A motion to accept the recommendations of the Executive regarding the Public Health Budget 2016/17 and 2017/18 was moved by Councillor Robert Evans and seconded by Cllr Stephen Carr.

An amendment was moved by Cllr Ian Dunn and seconded by Cllr Richard Williams to delete the second bullet point in the second recommendation from the Executive and replace it with the words – “seek alternative funding to support these services, including health related earmarked reserves.”

This amendment was **LOST** and the substantive motion was **CARRIED**.

**158 Treasury Management - Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17**  
Report CSD16034

A motion to agree and adopt the Treasury Management Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2016/17 including the prudential indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy statement was moved by Cllr Graham Arthur, seconded by Cllr Stephen Carr and **CARRIED**.

**159 2016/17 Pay Award**  
Report CSD16030

A motion to agree the recommendations of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee to approve a flat rate 1.2% pay increase for all staff (excluding teachers) and reject Trade Union claims was moved by Councillor Tim Stevens, seconded by Cllr Diane Smith and **CARRIED**.

**160 Pay Policy Statement 2016/17**  
Report CSD16031

A motion to agree the recommendation of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee to approve the 2016/17 Pay Policy Statement was moved by Councillor Tim Stevens, seconded by Cllr Diane Smith and **CARRIED**.



**161 Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/17**  
Report CSD16032

A motion to agree the recommendations of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee to approve the 2016/17 Members Allowances Scheme, to retain the Mayoral Allowance for 2016/17 at £15,698 and to increase the Deputy Mayor's Allowance for 2016/17 to £3,575 was moved by Councillor Tim Stevens, seconded by Cllr Diane Smith and **CARRIED**.

A motion to extend the meeting beyond three hours was moved by Councillor Stephen Carr, seconded by Councillor Simon Fawthrop and **CARRIED**.

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

The following motion was moved by Councillor David Livett and seconded by Councillor Terence Nathan –

**European Union**

“This Council agrees that the negative impacts that the European Union has upon the efficiency and costs of Bromley Council activities mean Bromley Council would be better off if Britain was out of the European Union.”

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Councillors Simon Fawthrop, David Livett and Terence Nathan requested that their votes in support of the motion be recorded.

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

The Mayor thanked everyone who had attended the Parkside Restaurant on 28<sup>th</sup> January which had raised £900 and the quiz evening on 19<sup>th</sup> February which raised £1,800. The Mayor particularly thanked Councillor Ian Payne for acting as quizmaster.

The Mayor encouraged Members to attend the charity preview of “Far from the Madding Crowd” at the Bromley Little Theatre on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016, and the end of year dinner dance at the Bromley Court Hotel on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

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

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the item of business referred to below as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

**The following summary  
refers to matters  
involving exempt information**

**165 Treasury Management - Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17 -  
Supplementary Report  
Report CSD16035**

A motion to accept the recommendations in the report was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Cllr Stephen Carr and **CARRIED**.

The Meeting ended at 10.40 pm

Mayor