

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY**

**MINUTES**

**of the proceedings of the Meeting of the  
Council of the Borough  
held at 7.00 pm on 11 December 2017**

**Present:**

**The Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor Kathy Bance MBE**

**Councillors**

Vanessa Allen	Simon Fawthrop	Ian F. Payne
Graham Arthur	Hannah Gray	Sarah Phillips
Douglas Auld	Ellie Harmer	Tom Philpott
Julian Benington	Will Harmer	Chris Pierce
Nicholas Bennett J.P.	Samaris Huntington-	Neil Reddin FCCA
Ruth Bennett	Thresher	Michael Rutherford
Eric Bosshard	William Huntington-	Colin Smith
Kim Botting FRSA	Thresher	Diane Smith
Katy Boughey	Charles Joel	Melanie Stevens
Lydia Buttinger	David Livett	Tim Stevens
Stephen Carr	Kate Lymer	Michael Tickner
David Cartwright QFSM	Russell Mellor	Michael Turner
Alan Collins	Alexa Michael	Stephen Wells
Mary Cooke	Peter Morgan	Angela Wilkins
Ian Dunn	Terence Nathan	
Judi Ellis	Tony Owen	
Robert Evans	Angela Page	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair  
The Mayor  
Councillor Kathy Bance MBE

**54 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kevin Brooks, Peter Dean, Nicky Dykes, Peter Fookes, David Jefferys, Keith Onslow, Catherine Rideout, Charles Rideout, Teresa Te, Pauline Tunnicliffe and Richard Williams.

Apologies for late arrival were received from Councillors Lydia Buttinger and Tom Philpott.

**55            Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Peter Morgan declared in relation to the Budget report that his daughter worked for the Council's contractor, Kier.

**56            To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the special and ordinary meetings of the Council held on 25th September 2017**

Councillor Peter Morgan explained in relation to question 5 in Appendix A to the minutes of the ordinary meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 that the questioner, Dr Brian Philp, had asked him to apologise for the use of the word "devious" in describing the question, and he did so accordingly. He explained that he should not have used the word "devious" meaning "roundabout", when he should perhaps have stated that the question contained a direct assertion that the Council was responsible for the destruction of heritage buildings at The Rookery, St Mary Cray and High Elms, an assertion that he strongly resented.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the special meeting and the ordinary meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be confirmed.**

**57            Petitions**

No petitions had been received.

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

Twenty two questions had been received from members of the public for oral reply. These are set out, with the answers given, in Appendix A to these minutes.

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

**59            Questions for oral reply from Members of the Council where notice has been given**

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

**60            Questions for written reply from Members of the Council where notice has been given**

Eight questions had been received for written reply from Members of the Council.

These are set out, with the answers given, in Appendix D to these minutes.

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

No statements were made.

**62 Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme 2018/19**  
Report CSD17163

A motion to approve the amended recommendations from the Executive to consider the responses to the public consultation exercise and the updated Impact assessment; adopt the proposed Council tax support/reduction Scheme for 2018/19 retaining the calculation of entitlement of working age claimants on 75% of the household's Council Tax liability (thereby the maximum assistance provided to a claimant of working age is 75% of his/her Council Tax liability) and maintaining the hardship fund budget at £100k; and agree to allow the Director of Finance to vary the scheme to incorporate any changes that have been made to the Housing Benefit Regulations (per section 3.2.2 of report to Executive) and any subsequent revisions to these specific Regulations, subject to a report being brought back to Council advising of any changes made, was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

**63 Budget Monitoring 2017/18**  
Report CSD17172

A motion to agree that a sum of £3.5m be transferred from Central Contingency to the Investment Fund was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

**64 Treasury Management - Quarter 2 Performance 2017/18 and Mid-Year Review**  
Report CSD17174

A motion to note the report and approve changes to the 2017/18 prudential regulators as set out in Annex B1 of the report, and approve the increase in limit to £100m for pooled funds/collective investment vehicles as set out in section 3.5.2 of the report was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

**65 Scheme of Delegation - Public Protection and Safety Portfolio**  
Report CSD17161

A motion to approve the updated Delegations to Officers in respect of non-executive functions, and to note the updated Delegations to Officers in respect of executive functions, relating to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio, was moved by Councillor Ian F. Payne, seconded by Councillor Stephen Wells and **CARRIED**.

**66            Councillor Attendance**  
Report CSD17171

A motion to approve the non-attendance at meetings under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 of Councillor Richard Williams on the grounds of ill-health until the end of the municipal year was moved by Councillor Angela Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Ian Dunn and **CARRIED**.

All Members sent their best wishes to Councillor Williams.

**67            To consider Motions of which notice has been given**

No motions had been received.

**68            The Mayor's announcements and communications**

The Mayor reported that she had attended the inauguration of the Mayor of Neuwied, Jan Einig, in November. It had been a wonderful occasion and she had been honoured to be asked to speak at the ceremony. The Lord Mayor had said that he was very pleased with the current Twinning schemes, particularly the BYMT involvement but that he would also like to see the partnership grow in other areas in the future. The Mayor suggested that there could be opportunities in the sports and business areas of our communities that could be pursued.

The quiz and karaoke evening on 28<sup>th</sup> October at Melvin Hall had been well-attended and raised over £500 for the Mayor's charities.

The dinner dance on the 18<sup>th</sup> November had been a lovely evening, with excellent food and a superb performance by the band, The Hitmen. The Mayor was a little disappointed that it was not as well attended as she would have hoped, but she was extremely grateful to those councillors who did support this event.

The annual quiz evening was scheduled for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – the Mayor reported that it was hoped that the menu could be changed on this occasion.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March the Mayor would be hosting a dinner at the House of Commons in the Churchill Room. Further information would follow in due course.

The Mayor thanked Members for their support wished everyone a happy and joyful Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

**69 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**

**70 Opportunity Site G Development Programme  
Report CSD17162**

A motion to approve the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Opportunity Site G development Programme was moved by Councillor Peter Morgan, seconded by councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

The Meeting ended at 8.52 pm

Mayor