

# LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

## MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the  
Council of the Borough  
held at 7.00 pm on 9 December 2019

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor Nicholas Bennett J.P.**

**The Deputy Mayor  
Councillor Kira Gabbert**

### Councillors

Gareth Allatt	Hannah Gray	Tony Owen
Vanessa Allen	Will Harmer	Angela Page
Kathy Bance MBE	Christine Harris	Chris Pierce
Yvonne Bear	Colin Hitchins	Neil Reddin FCCA
Julian Benington	William Huntington-	Will Rowlands
Kim Botting FRSA	Thresher	Michael Rutherford
Mike Botting	Simon Jeal	Richard Scoates
Mark Brock	David Jefferys	Colin Smith
Kevin Brooks	Charles Joel	Diane Smith
David Cartwright QFSM	Josh King	Gary Stevens
Mary Cooke	Kate Lymer	Melanie Stevens
Aisha Cuthbert	Christopher Marlow	Harry Stranger
Peter Dean	Robert Mcilveen	Michael Tickner
Ian Dunn	Russell Mellor	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Robert Evans	Alexa Michael	Stephen Wells
Simon Fawthrop	Peter Morgan	Angela Wilkins
Peter Fortune	Keith Onslow	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair  
The Mayor  
Councillor Nicholas Bennett J.P.

### **157 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marina Ahmad, Graham Arthur, Katy Boughey, Nicky Dykes, Judi Ellis, Samaris Huntington-Thresher, Suraj Sharma and Kieran Terry.

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Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Will Harmer and Michael Rutherford.

**158        Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**159        To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th October 2019**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be confirmed.**

**160        Petitions**

There were no petitions to consider.

**161        Questions**

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

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

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

(During consideration of question 14, Councillor Alexa Michael declared an interest as a member of CILIP (the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals).)

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

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

No statements had been requested.

**163        Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme 2020/21  
Report CSD19173**

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Simon Jeal and seconded by Councillor Angela Wilkins -

“Add:

(3) Exempts Bromley young People leaving care, up to the age of twenty five, for their first two years of independent living.”

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

A motion to note the updated impact assessment and the responses to the public consultation exercise, and adopt the proposed Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme for 2020/21 retaining the calculation of entitlement for 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) was moved by Councillor Colin Smith, seconded by councillor Peter Fortune and **CARRIED**.

**164 TEC Delegation for the Regulation of Dockless Vehicle Hire Schemes**  
Report CSD19174

A motion to delegate to London Councils the power to make a pan-London byelaw for the regulation of dockless vehicle hire schemes and approve the proposed or revised amendment to the TEC Agreement required to make the proposed byelaw, authorising the Director of Environment and Public Protection to sign the delegation as required, was moved by Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, seconded by Councillor Will Harmer and **CARRIED**.

**165 Capital Programme Monitoring - 2nd Quarter 2019/20**  
Report CSD19171

A motion to approve (i) an increase of £1,208k SEND Provision capital funding to the Basic Need scheme, and (ii) an increase of £1,385k to the Section 106 receipts from developers, was moved by Councillor Colin Smith, seconded by Councillor Peter Fortune and **CARRIED**.

**166 Treasury Management Quarter 2 Performance 2019/20 and Mid Year Review**  
Report CSD19172

A motion to note the report and approve changes to the 2019/20 prudential indicators, as set out in Annex B1 of the report, was moved by Councillor Colin Smith, seconded by Councillor Peter Fortune and **CARRIED**.

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

No motions had been received.

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

The Mayor reported that, following the motion passed at the last meeting to congratulate Dina Asher-Smith, a certificate had been drawn up and he was waiting to hear from her agent to set a date for a presentation ceremony.

The Ten Pin Bowling Night had been very successful, and the Mayor thanked Mytime Active for use of the Pavilion.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement had visited China, and a full report would be made to the relevant Committee.

The Mayor reported that he had opened the Staff Conference at the Churchill Theatre on two occasions, and also that he had opened the Staff Lounge (the former Well Bar).

A charity dinner was being planned at the Corza Restaurant in West Wickham - further details, including the date, would be circulated.

The annual Mayor's Quiz would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Great Hall.

The Mayor concluded by wishing good luck to the five Members standing in the General Election, and wishing everyone a happy Christmas and New Year.

The Meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

Mayor