

COUNCIL

11th March 2024

Motions

(A) Police Base Re-Openings

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Tony McPartlan and seconded by Councillor Jeremy Adams

Delete everything after 'community policing' and replace with:

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Council welcomes the reopening of the base at Green Street Green in Chelsfield. This will help to achieve the Commissioner’s target of ensuring that no Police officer is more than 20 minutes away from the communities which they serve.

In addition, this Council is concerned that too many of the Borough’s Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) are based out of Bromley Police Station. As such, their ability to patrol local neighbourhoods depends on the availability of public bus transport. Council will work with Chief Superintendent Andy Brittain and Superintendent Luke Baldock to ensure all SNTs have access to Police vehicles so they can travel to these neighbourhoods whenever necessary, not when a bus can take them. It will call on the Home Office to provide additional funding if this cannot be achieved within existing budgets.”

This would leave the full amended motion as follows:

"The Council thanks the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Mark Rowley, for coming to Bromley last summer to present his 'New Met for London' plan.

This Council broadly welcomes the measures in the plan, especially the commitment to restoring community policing. Council recognises the funding challenges that the Metropolitan Police face and that the proportion of the Met police budget provided by City Hall has now increased from 19 per cent in 2016 to 27 per cent in the proposed budget for 2024-25. It also recognises the additional strain on funding recent extractions are having.

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