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BROMLEY BUDGET SPECIAL
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YOUR ONLINE ROUND UP FROM BROMLEY COUNCIL

**We want
your views**

**Daytime meeting
11am-12.30pm**

> **Tuesday 8 November**
Civic Centre, Stockwell Close,
BR1 3UH

**Evening meetings
7.30pm to 9pm**

> **Thursday 17 November**
Orpington Methodist Church,
Sevenoaks Road, BR6 9JH

> **Wednesday 23 November**
Civic Centre, Stockwell Close,
BR1 3UH

> **Monday 28 November**
Citygate Church, Rectory Road,
Beckenham, BR3 1AA

- All venues provide access for people with disabilities
- A hearing loop is available
- Tea and coffee available after the meetings



Tough choices – we want your views



Council Leader Stephen Carr invites you to join him and other senior councillors at a public meeting to talk about the tough choices to be made as the Council sets the budget for 2012-13.

In Bromley, more than £30million savings must be made over the next three years due to cuts in government funding, so we are making tough choices about our Council and our borough.

These are choices that affect us all, choices about our services and how we deliver them, about our town centres, our social care, our parks and our libraries.

In fact, all our services will need to be reviewed in light of the deficit we face locally and nationally.

You can read an extract from Councillor Carr's open letter to the residents of Bromley on page two of this newsletter and find out other ways to give your views if you are unable to make any of the meetings.

For further details

For further information about these meetings call **020 8464 3333** and ask for Public Meetings or visit www.bromley.gov.uk/publicmeetings

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Tough choices – extract from Council Leader, Stephen Carr's open letter to Bromley residents

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Councillor Stephen Carr,
Leader of Bromley Council

We have to be realistic and honest with you and discuss what services you think we can do without and what services can be provided differently through whoever is best placed to deliver them. And, where the money should be used knowing every penny spent in one area could mean we have to make a saving in another.

We are also fighting for the people of Bromley to get a fairer deal from government funding. Did you know that because of the current system we receive only £214 per head of population compared with the highest level in London of £1043, less than half the average of £540? Did you know that we also lose out on other government grants and that if Bromley received the average level of grant funding for London our income would increase by approximately £110million?

As your elected councillors we will have to make very difficult decisions and it is vital we talk with you and discuss openly the tough choices to be made and the options available. I would like to invite those who live and work in the borough to join me, leading councillors and senior officers, to one of the four meetings we will be holding to talk about the difficult decisions to be made as we set the 2012-13 budget and beyond. ”

You can read the full letter on our website by following the link for Tough Choices from our home page www.bromley.gov.uk

You can give your views by:

- > Attending a public meeting
- > [Writing to us](#)
- > emailing Leader@bromley.gov.uk
- > using our [online complaints, compliments or suggestions form](#)
- > commenting on our facebook page or [twitter@LBofBromley](https://twitter.com/LBofBromley)
- > contacting your [ward councillor](#)
- > attending [council meetings](#)

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Tough choices – about our finances

In addition to unprecedented cuts in government funding, you might want to read about some of the other reasons why the Council has to save over £30million from its budget this year in addition to the £22million it had to save last year. You can also find out other facts and figures about the financial pressures the Council faces.

Visit: [About our finances](#) or follow the link for Tough Choices from our homepage.



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