

London Borough of Bromley

How we spend your money

A summary of our Statement of Accounts, including
spending on services and the Council's overall
financial position at the year end

2011/12

Foreword from the Leader of the Council

We have a reputation for sound financial management and we continue to seek to drive out waste and to challenge everything we do to be as efficient and effective as possible. In these tough economic times this approach has served us well and despite much reduced Government funding the Council is determined to work with you and our partners to continue Building a Better Bromley. I am therefore pleased to present our Annual Statement of Accounts where we highlight a number of our achievements over the past year and outline some of our plans for the future to keep our borough a place where people choose to live, work and visit. These achievements include:

- A £5 million upgrade of the leisure complex at the Pavilion – opened by Prince Philip as part of our highly successful jubilee celebrations
- Opening a new library in Orpington to provide modern facilities for local people
- Opening a newly built performance hall in Langley Park Boys School
- Working with partners to maximise housing advice and initiatives to help more people to avoid losing their home and to manage debt
- Expanding our food waste collection scheme to include flats thereby increasing recycling
- Cutting £4 million from our staff costs and saving £350k through the shared management of our library service with Bexley
- Keeping our contracts under constant review to get the best value for your money with a further £1.4 million saved this year
- Keeping our Council tax as low as possible so it remains one of the lowest in (outer) London
- Developing two more flagship extra care housing schemes in Penge and Bromley Common
- Conducting a trading standards campaign to protect older and vulnerable adults becoming victims of crime and anti-social behaviour

There is much to be proud of in our borough and we have a responsibility to protect the things that make Bromley quite simply the best place to be. Next year, among other plans, there will be further investment in the economic well being of our borough through schemes to develop Bromley North Village, Orpington and Beckenham as well as the centre of Bromley and we will take every opportunity to work with Government to stimulate growth and employment. We will continue to protect our green and open spaces and to provide quality services for an ageing population, many with increasing levels of complex needs. At the same time we will invest in services that support more people with learning disabilities moving into adulthood and increasing numbers of fostered children and those in residential care with special needs. And we will continue to drive down our costs and to be innovative and bold in how we finance and provide our services. Because, while there is little doubt we continue to face unprecedented financial challenges I remain as determined as ever to continue Building a Better Bromley for us all.

Cllr Stephen Carr
Leader of Bromley Council

Summary of Financial Performance

The statements shown on page 3 summarise the Council's expenditure and income on all services. Total net revenue expenditure, including contributions to earmarked reserves, to be met from general grants and local taxpayers was £206.3m.

Capital expenditure totalled £48.8m in 2011/12, largely financed by capital grants and revenue contributions, compared to the final approved budget of £54.6m. Most of the £5.8m underspending is attributed to slippage of capital expenditure from 2011/12 to 2012/13.

Details of performance information can be found in our Annual Report which is included in our full Statement of Accounts 2011/12, which can be found online at:

www.bromley.gov.uk/annual_accounts

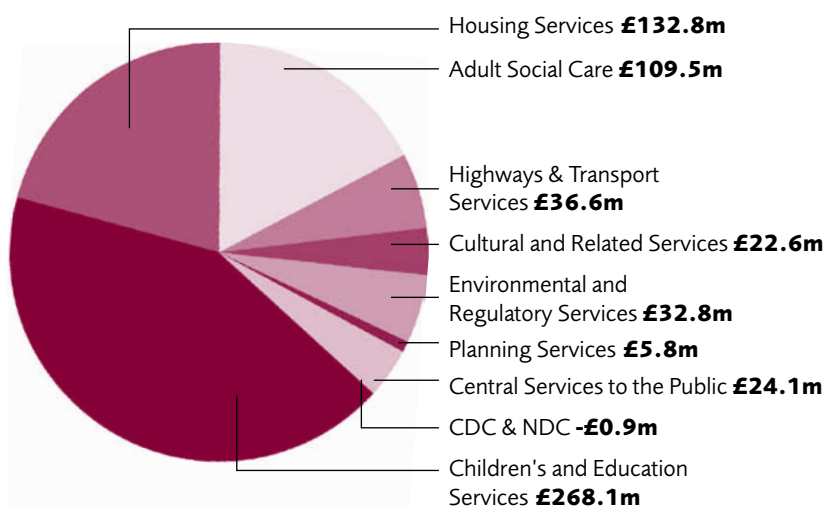
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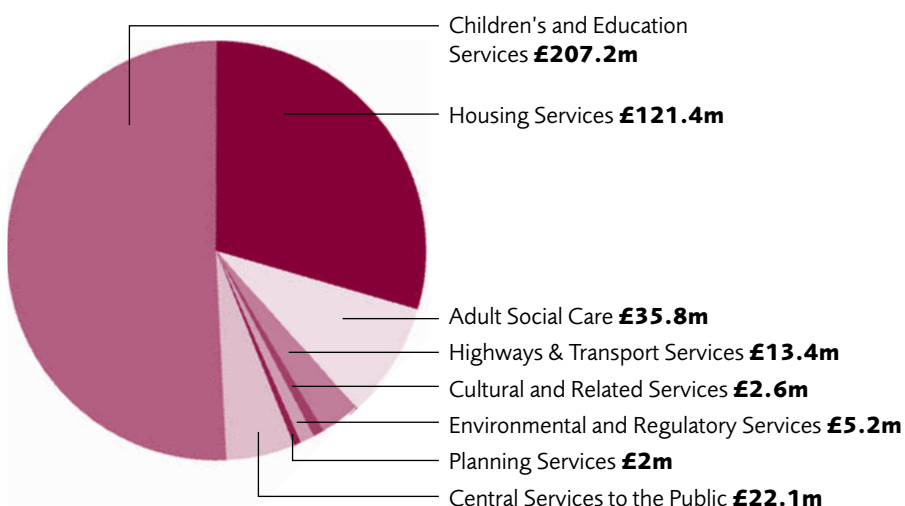
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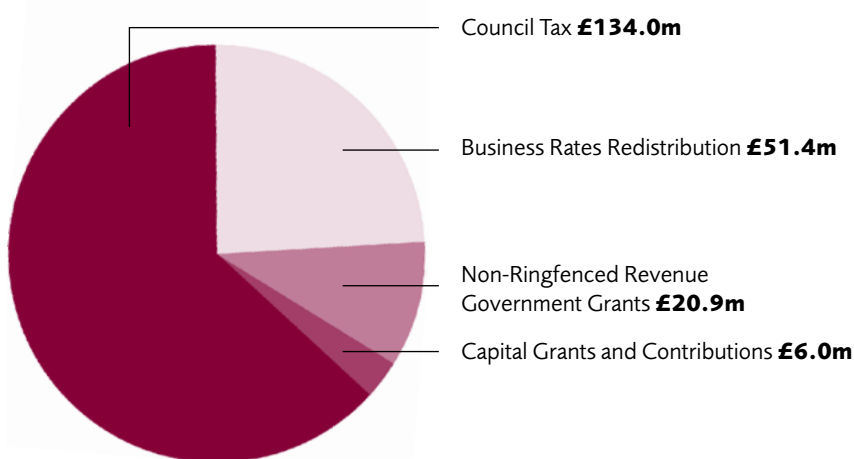
Spending on Services £631.4m



Income from Services £409.7



Council Tax and General Grant Income £212.3m



The Cost of Council Services in 2011/12

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement below shows the cost of running Council services between April 2011 and March 2012, where the money came from to fund those costs and the surplus at the year end.

Service	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
	£000	£000	£000
Central Services to the Public	24,042	(22,057)	1,985
Cultural and Related Services	22,587	(2,612)	19,975
Environmental and Regulatory Services	32,833	(5,233)	27,600
Planning Services	5,840	(2,000)	3,840
Children's and Education Services	268,122	(207,244)	60,878
Highways and Transport Services	36,564	(13,401)	23,163
Housing Services	132,806	(121,358)	11,448
Adult Social Care	109,477	(35,774)	73,703
Corporate and Democratic Core	6,776	-	6,776
Non Distributed Costs	(7,691)	-	(7,691)
Net Cost of Services	631,356	(409,679)	221,677
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	98,043	(3,286)	94,757
Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure	32,403	(36,674)	(4,271)
Net Operating Expenditure	761,802	(449,639)	312,163
Financed by:			
Non-Ringfenced Revenue Government Grants			(20,890)
Council Tax			(133,971)
Business Rates			(51,425)
Capital Grants and Contributions			(6,051)
Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income			(212,337)
Deficit for the year on the Provision of Services			99,826
Adjustments Between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations			(105,043)
Increase in General Fund Balance			(5,217)
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves			27,389
Net Decrease in General Fund Balance for the Year			22,172
			General Fund £000
Balance at the start of the year			(53,781)
Increase in General Fund Balance			(5,217)
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves			27,389
Net Decrease in General Fund Balance			22,172
General Fund Balance at 31st March 2012			(31,609)

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows the value of the Council's assets and liabilities as at the end of the financial year

31 March 2012

	£000
Land, Buildings, Vehicles and Roads owned by the Council	794,770
Heritage Assets	1,017
Investment Property	60,223
Long Term Investments	10,011
Short Term Investments	144,417
Inventories	736
Money owed to the Council	26,947
Money owed by the Council	(74,480)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	15,194
Long Term Liabilities and Provisions	(262,874)
Total Assets less Liabilities	715,961
Financed by:	
Unusable Reserves *	601,930
Usable Reserves - General Fund **	31,609
- Earmarked Reserves **	42,936
- Schools Fund	6,513
- Insurance Fund	2,965
- Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	14,002
- Capital Grants Unapplied	16,006
Total Reserves	715,961

Notes

* Unusable reserves consist of non-cash backed technical accounting balances.

** Bromley's reserves have historically been used to partly fund the Council's revenue budget, assist in keeping the Council Tax lower, to provide interest earnings that increase the Council's revenue income and to partly fund the Council's capital programme. The Council considers it important to plan the use of reserves in future years and has set a minimum target level for General Fund reserves of £25m. £42.9m of the General Fund reserve has been committed to fund specific projects in future years, the remaining general reserve of £31.6m is above the minimum target level.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure generally represents Council expenditure on the purchase, upgrade and enhancement of its assets, which mainly comprise land, buildings and roads. The Council receives the benefit from capital expenditure over a long period of time and finances the expenditure through a combination of external grants, receipts from asset disposals and the revenue budget. A summary of capital expenditure in 2011/12 is set out in the following table.

		£000
Education	Extensions/improvements to schools, etc.	24,415
	Planned maintenance/modernisation works	3,896
Highways	Road, highway and transport schemes	4,576
	Bridges and structures	2,059
	Car parking improvements	212
Leisure	Sports/recreational facilities	4,178
Facilities	Libraries and Museums - repairs/maintenance etc	833
	Waste Collection & Disposal	1,256
Social Services	Learning Disability Reprovision (with PCT)	3,536
Housing	Renovation grants, estate regeneration, etc.	1,474
Corporate	Works to municipal buildings	1,669
	Computer hardware/software replacement	654
TOTAL		48,758

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