

Council budget 2016-17

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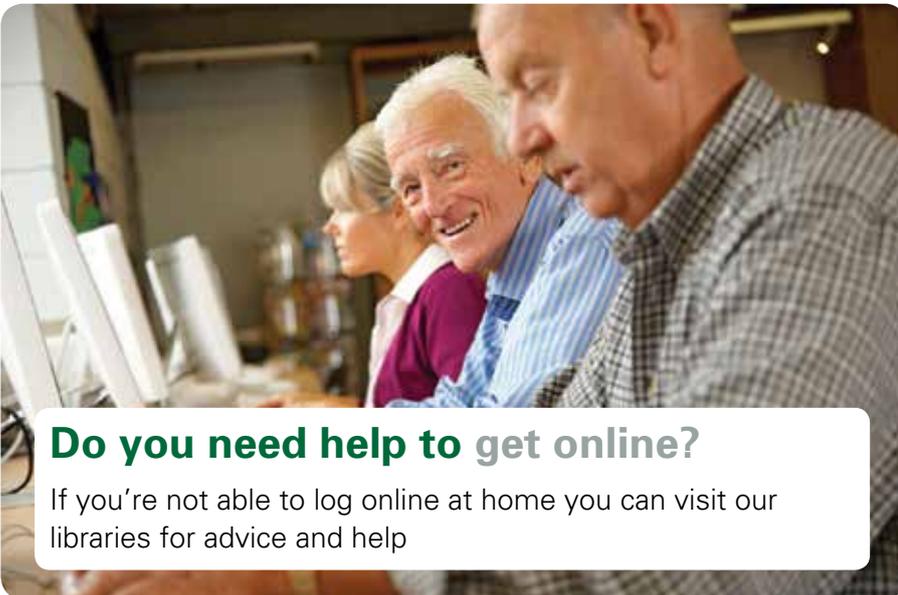
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11am-12.30pm on Thursday 26 November
at Civic Centre, Bromley, BR1 3UH

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We have already saved more than £60 million over the past few years and we still have to save more than £50 million in the next four years. As we make our decisions for 2016-17 and beyond, we want to know what you think about how we continue to deliver our Building a Better Bromley priorities against a background of reduced resources. Reduced resources that we must direct towards those in genuine need especially as demands on services for the elderly, looked after children and those with special needs continue to grow. We must also ensure we fulfil our statutory responsibilities.

Your views helped us make difficult choices over the past few years and as your elected councillors it is vital we hear from you as we shape the future of our council.



Councillor Stephen Carr,
Leader of Bromley Council

You told us and we listened

Over the page you can see just a few of the ways we're investing in the future of our borough based on previous budget decisions that your feedback and comments helped inform.



Improvements in Bromley town centre part of the successful Bromley North Village initiative

Vibrant town centres

As well as a great new look Bromley North village and exciting developments in the town centre such as a 9-screen cinema, restaurants, a boutique hotel and expansion of the Bromley shopping centre we're working hard to make improvements across the borough.

We've also secured £3.2 million for improvements in Beckenham and we are now working on the design detail with the improvements starting in 2016.

The new Penge library, which opened last year has increased visitor numbers. We are now improving the town centre with

new seating, lighting and pavements, better parking and brand new signage. Orpington's new cinema is being fitted out ready for opening and we're working on a new market infrastructure with new paving, lighting, trees, seating and new signage.

Bringing in business

One of the ways we are working with partners to attract business to the borough is by securing a multi-million pound investment into high tech industrial business opportunities in Biggin Hill and supporting investments in the Cray Valley Business Corridor.

Living well with Dementia

Supporting independence is a key priority for us and in a joint initiative with the Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group we are commissioning a service to help residents diagnosed with dementia and their family, friends and carers. The Bromley Dementia Hub will be launched next April and will give those living with the condition a clear and simple pathway for care and support to follow so they get early information, advice, guidance and practical support.



You've got Friends

Our excellent, ground breaking Friends initiative continues to grow. We've now got over 1,150 Street Friends, over 4,600 Snow Friends and 50 Friends of Parks Groups as well as community groups who have raised more than £300k to look after our open spaces.



Light savers - We've installed 16,000 modern energy efficient street lights with savings of around £400,000 a year.

Less landfill

You've helped us save money as we now divert three-quarters of the borough's waste from expensive landfill and have sustained a 50 per cent recycling rate.

Investing in their futures

There are now more than 3,000 extra school places in our borough since we started our schools expansion programme, which started in 2010. Through work experience and apprenticeships and other schemes we are helping our young people stay in education and training so they can achieve their full potential. We've launched a Bromley Youth Employment Scheme offering support for young people, especially Children Looked After and are working with partners to help young people with more complex needs live, learn and work in their own communities.