

# 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

# 2008/09



## Foreword from the Leader of the Council

In these challenging economic times every penny counts and we've been looking carefully at how we can continue to Build a Better Bromley and provide high quality, value for money services for residents.

The recession means more people are in need of some of our services like housing, help getting back into employment and social care. Some of the ways we are tackling these issues include:

- minimising our costs by being more efficient
- working closely with partners
- finding more innovative ways of working
- keeping council tax as low as possible

Currently 84% of residents are satisfied with the borough as a place to live.\* While this is among the highest scores in London, and reflects our top four star rating as a council by independent watchdog the Audit Commission, we are determined to improve satisfaction even further. We aim to continue providing the core range of services that residents have come to expect, but where it is affordable to make further improvements.

It won't be easy, not least because of inadequate funding from central government. Bromley remains one of the lowest funded authorities in the country. But, by continuing to manage our resources well, listen to residents' priorities and focus on what matters most to them, we can continue to plan for the future, ensure value for money and deliver even better public services for all. Together we can Build a Better Bromley.

\*Place Survey 2008, a national survey which collects the views of people about the place they live

**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 grants and local taxpayers was £201.2m, representing an increase in General Fund balances of £1.2m.

Within the £1.2m, the level of general fund reserves held by schools reduced by £0.5m and the Council's General Fund balances increased by £1.7m.

Capital expenditure totalled £32.2m in 2008/09, largely financed by capital receipts and grants, compared to planned expenditure of £62.2m when the programme was originally agreed. Most of the £30.0m underspending is attributed to the completion of capital schemes being extended from 2008/09 to 2009/10.

Detailed performance information can be found in our Building a Better Bromley strategy documents which can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://www.bromley.gov.uk/council/strategies/>

The full Statement of Accounts for 2008/09 can also be found online at:

[www.bromley.gov.uk/council/finance/statement+of+accounts+2008-09.htm](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/council/finance/statement+of+accounts+2008-09.htm)

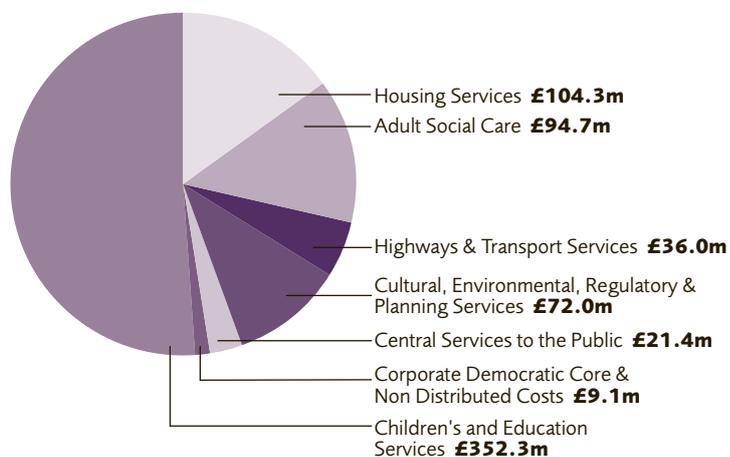
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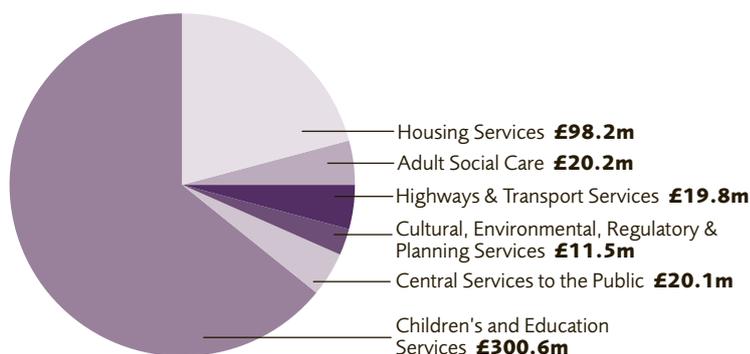
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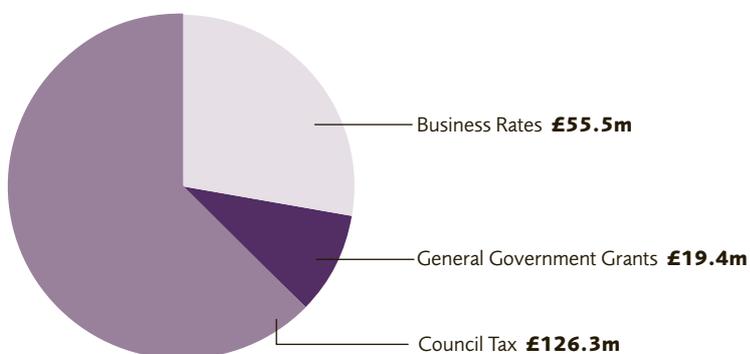
### Spending on Services: £689.8m



### Income from Services: £470.4m



### Where the Money comes from: £201.2m



## The Cost of Council Services in 2008/09

The Income and Expenditure Account below shows the cost of running Council services between April 2008 and March 2009, 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	21,400	(20,094)	1,306
Cultural, Environmental, Regulatory and Planning Services	72,012	(11,532)	60,480
Children's and Education Services	352,285	(300,638)	51,647
Highways and Transport Services	35,985	(19,825)	16,160
Housing Services	104,256	(98,140)	6,116
Adult Social Care	94,665	(20,185)	74,480
Corporate and Democratic Core	7,106	-	7,106
Non Distributed Costs	2,047	-	2,047
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>689,756</b>	<b>(470,414)</b>	<b>219,342</b>
Other operating income and expenditure			4,735
Technical accounting adjustments			21,943
<b>Net Operating Expenditure</b>			<b>246,020</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>			
General Government Grants			(19,418)
Council Tax			(126,267)
Business Rates			(55,477)
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>(201,162)</b>
Deficit for the year on the Income and Expenditure Account			44,858
Net additional amount required to be credited to the General Fund			(46,037)
Increase in General Fund Balance for the Year			<b>(1,179)</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Schools Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Opening Balance	(45,214)	(16,437)	(61,651)
(Surplus)/Deficit on Income and Expenditure Account	44,360	498	44,858
Net additional amount required to be credited to the General Fund	(46,037)	-	(46,037)
(Increase) / Reduction in General Fund Balances	(1,677)	498	(1,179)
<b>General Fund Balance at 31st March 2009</b>	<b>(46,891)</b>	<b>(15,939)</b>	<b>(62,830)</b>

## 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 2009

	<b>£000</b>
Land, Buildings, Vehicles, Roads and Parks owned by the Council	858,863
Investment Properties	50,792
Surplus Assets held for Disposal	17,553
Long Term Investments	45,510
Short Term Investments	91,200
Stocks and work in progress	286
Money owed to the Council	40,057
Money owed by the Council	(77,708)
Cash Overdrawn	(2,906)
Long Term Liabilities and Provisions	(150,348)
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>	<b>873,299</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>	
Non distributable reserves *	782,389
Deferred Capital Receipts **	2,517
Distributable reserves:	
- General Fund ***	54,922
- Schools Fund	15,939
- Insurance Fund	3,500
- Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	14,032
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>873,299</b>

### Notes

\* Non distributable reserves consist of non-cash backed technical accounting balances.

\*\* Deferred capital receipts represent income still to be received when long-term assets have been sold and where deferred payments have been agreed.

\*\*\* Bromley has relatively high reserves compared with other local authorities and these 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 £15m. £8,031k of the General Fund reserve has been committed to fund specific projects in future years, the remaining general reserve of £46,891k 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 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 2008/09 is set out in the following table.

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		<b>£000</b>
<b>Education</b>	Extensions/improvements to schools, etc.	11,479
	Planned maintenance/modernisation works	3,314
	Computers in schools	767
	Children's Centres	2,544
<b>Highways</b>	Road, highway and transport schemes	5,790
	Street lighting repair/maintenance	651
	Other, including car parking improvements	221
<b>Leisure Facilities</b>	Sports/recreational facilities – improvements	359
	Libraries – repair/maintenance	428
<b>Social Services</b>	Improvements to Social Services facilities	1,345
<b>Housing Services</b>	Renovation grants, estate regeneration, etc.	3,864
<b>Corporate</b>	Works to municipal buildings	126
	Computer hardware/software replacement	1,291
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32,179</b>

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- a combination of the above

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