

COUNCIL MEETING 26th FEBRUARY 2018

Motion in the name of Cllr John Warren on behalf of Brent Conservative Group

This Council agrees the attached budget for 2018/19 with a Council Tax freeze.
This proposal means a Brent Council Tax of £1,145.16 at Band D for 2018/19 compared to the Labour proposal for £1,202.31.

The Council notes the following:

- Cumulative Conservative cut in Council Tax since 2014 of 8% against a Labour increase of 13% over the same period.
- Conservative budgets since 2014 would have cost £250 less than Labour over the same period at Band D.
- Scrapping of the hated Green Bin Tax.
- Additional Adult Social Care funding of £2.2m – paid for out of Brent Council bank account, not out of bank accounts of Brent residents.
- Council Tax discount for Universal Credit residents.

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BRENT CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS 2018/19

MAIN SUMMARY

	£m
PER BUDGET REPORT COUNCIL TAX to be met per report	115.0
Additional savings/Central Items (note 1)	(10.9)
	104.1
Growth (Note 2)	5.4
	109.5

Brent Council Tax requirement at Band D

£1,145.16

Nil Increase on 2017/2018

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ADDITIONAL SAVINGS/CENTRAL ITEMS (NOTE 1)

	£m
Additional savings -	
Press & Communications	0.7
Business Intelligence	0.3
Central Items -	
New Homes Bonus (£6.5 minus £0.5 interest costs)	6.0
Additional monies from Business Rates pilot	3.0
Contingency not required	0.6
Improved debt collection	0.3
	10.9

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GROWTH (NOTE 2)

	£m
Additional adult social care	2.2
Pavement/pothole repairs - additional	1.0
Scrap green bin tax	1.1
5% Council tax discount to Universal Credit residents	0.7
Retain free bulky waste service	0.1
Community libraries	0.2
Freeze burial charges for Brent residents and freeze library charges (Labour budget – massive hike for both)	0.1
	5.4