

A Message from the Leader of Bromley Conservatives:

Bromley has a well-deserved reputation as being amongst the very best places to live, not just in London but in the UK. Bromley scores highly as a place to live, work, raise a family and participate in leisure activities. None of this has happened by accident.

Bromley's Conservative Council has worked tirelessly to support the Borough's vital public services, support local businesses and employment and to protect and enhance our green spaces. This has been an incredible challenge over the last two years, but Bromley continues to win awards for its performance.

Bromley is the only debt-free Council in London. This is in stark contrast to the bankrupt neighbouring Labour-run Borough, Croydon, owing £1.5 billion and neighbouring Labour-run Lewisham where 30% of Council Tax goes to servicing their debts. We balance the books to ensure that we can continue providing frontline services to residents.

As a Conservative Council, we never have, nor ever will, recklessly raise Council Tax to fill gaps in revenue spending, ever mindful that every penny we spend is yours.

With your trust and support, we will, if re-elected, continue to provide that experienced, award-winning, no gimmicks approach as we navigate our way out of these difficult times, ensuring we continue to provide excellent services at a reasonable cost.

As we look to continue to take our Borough forward, we make these pledges to you.

Yours faithfully,

Colin P. Smith
Leader of Bromley Conservative Group

Our Commitments to you

If elected, we promise to keep Bromley as a Borough which...

Has a well-run Council that puts residents first by:

- ▶ Remaining a low tax Borough with no core Council Tax rise in 22/23, and planning for a lower than inflation increase every year until 2026.
- ▶ Continuing to seek to drive out bureaucracy and waste to retain more funds for frontline services.

Is the Greenest Borough by:

- ▶ Becoming Carbon Neutral two years earlier than originally planned, in just 5 years in 2027, instead of 2029.
- ▶ Maintain our highly rated recycling rates, and aiming to be #1 in London.
- ▶ Protecting our Green Belt and open spaces, including a £1million Jubilee investment to upgrade our parks and playgrounds.
- ▶ Planting 5,000 new trees to improve our streets, our air quality and our biodiversity.
- ▶ Maximising energy and cost savings by completing our borough-wide LED lights scheme.
- ▶ Targeting increased resources towards the prosecution of fly-tippers, litter bugs and irresponsible dog owners to keep our streets clean and pleasant.
- ▶ Ensuring that Bromley's air quality remains amongst the very cleanest in London, and work tirelessly to improve it further over the next four years.

Cares for our most vulnerable residents by:

- ▶ Ensuring sufficient resource is ring-fenced to support our most vulnerable residents through our award-winning Adult and Children Social Care teams.
- ▶ Continuing to work hard to re-house homeless families through our 'Bromley Homes for Bromley People' scheme.
- ▶ Working in close partnership with NHS and Clinical Commissioning Group partners to deliver several new medical centres within the Borough.
- ▶ Helping to tackle loneliness across Bromley with our new Loneliness Strategy and Action Plan.

Keeps residents safe and connected by:

- ▶ Working with the Government and TfL to ensure the Freedom Pass remains protected.
- ▶ Continuing to work with MPs and our London Assembly Member to ensure local public transport services are reliable.
- ▶ Continuing to work with the Police and other agencies to further reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
- ▶ Supporting our highly respected Trading Standards team which has already saved residents millions of pounds and will continue to protect residents from fraud and harm.
- ▶ Bromley roads have one of the lowest casualty rates in London - we aim to become the number one while keeping traffic flowing.

Invests in our future by:

- ▶ Continuing to work in close partnership with BT Openreach to improve connectivity for households and businesses.
- ▶ Over 97% of our schools are rated either 'good' or 'outstanding' by OFSTED, with over 92% of children getting into one their top three choice school places in 2021
- ▶ Supporting new schools and new SEN provisions.
- ▶ Continuing to invest in our High Streets to generate employment and create places that people want to go to.
- ▶ Continuing to provide the homes Bromley needs while ensuring they fit with the character of our neighbourhoods and have the infrastructure we need.
- ▶ Continue improving our libraries and leisure facilities over the next four years.

A Record of Action, A Promise of More: Vote Conservative on Thursday 5th May 2022