## BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE CABINET

Tuesday, 15th February 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors D. C. Norton (Executive Leader), Mrs. M. M. T. Taylor (Deputy Executive

Leader), B. L. Fuller C.B.E., Q.F.S.M., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, R. Hollingworth and

P. J. Whittaker.

Observer: Councillor G. G. Selway.

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The Corporate Director (Resources) outlined the budget-making process which had been adopted in order to establish the Council's revenue and capital budgets for 2005/06 and medium-term financial plan to 2007/08, which was based on achieving a balanced budget. Ms. A. Morris, a representative of the local Chamber of Commerce was present and had the opportunity to comment on the budget proposals. Ms. Morris made positive comments about the Council's approach to the management of its resources and services that it provided. She also welcomed the fact that Business Start Up Grants had been identified as one of the high budget pressures which it was proposed to include within the revenue budget. On a more general note, Members welcomed comments made by Ms. Morris with regard to the possibility of the local Chamber of Commerce linking up with the Shropshire Chamber of Commerce/Business Link.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Morris for her attendance and contribution to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that the comments of the local Chamber of Commerce be noted.

The Meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.

**Chairman**