



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021, AT 6.00 P.M.

MICROSOFT TEAMS - VIRTUAL

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

The attached papers were specified as "to follow" on Agenda previously distributed relating to the above mentioned meeting. The report and appendix at item 9 has been updated.

9. Political Balance Report (Pages 1 - 6)

10. Recommendations from the Cabinet (Pages 7 - 8)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting(s) of the Cabinet held on 13th January 2021 (to follow).

12. To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 13th January 2020 (to follow) (Pages 9 - 26)

13. Questions on Notice (Pages 27 - 28)

To deal with any questions on notice from Members of the Council, in the order in which they have been received.

A period of up to 15 minutes is allocated for the asking and answering of questions. This may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman with the agreement of the majority of those present.

14. Motions on Notice (Pages 29 - 30)

A period of up to one hour is allocated to consider the motions on notice. This may only be extended with the agreement of the Council.

K. DICKS
Chief Executive

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BROMSGROVE
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19th January 2021

COUNCIL

20th January 2021

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2020-21 - REVISED

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr G Denaro
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Members are asked to approve the appointment and composition of the Council's Boards and Committees for the remainder of the 2020-21 Municipal Year. The need for this to be revised is following a recent change to the political proportionality.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That for the ensuing Municipal Year, the Committees set out in the table in Appendix 1 of the report be appointed and that the representation of the different political groups on the Council on those Committees be as set out in that table until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the next review of political representation under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, whichever is the earlier; and**
- 2.2 **That Members be appointed to the Committees and as substitute members in accordance with nominations to be made by Group Leaders and the details will be appended to the minutes of the Council meeting.**

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 Sections 15 -17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 place a duty on Councils to allocate the seats on certain committees in proportion to the size of the political groups on the Council.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 The Council is required by law and/or its own Constitution to appoint various Boards and Committees, agree their terms of reference and to agree the allocation of seats which are subject to the rules of political proportionality. It must review the political balance on an annual basis or when any changes to the political proportionality occur.
- 3.4 The rules of political proportionality mean that the political balance of the Council needs to be reflected in the political composition of individual Boards and Committees. In addition, the total number of seats allocated to each group must reflect the political balance of the Council.
- 3.5 The proposed allocation of seats on each Board/Committee is done on a strict mathematical basis.
- 3.6 It should be noted that due to the mathematical calculation the allocation of the number of places on each committee has been discussed and agreed by all Group Leaders prior to this meeting in order for the overall allocation of places to balance, in line with the mathematical requirement, as detailed in appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.7 When the Council reviewed the constitution in June 2015, it agreed the principle of substitute members on the Planning and Licensing Committees undertaking the same training as the full members of the Committees. In order that such training can be run effectively by including all Councillors for whom it is most relevant, Group Leaders are asked to identify who will act as substitute members for the Licensing and Planning Committees for the remainder of this municipal year.
- 3.8 For all other committees substitutes will be notified to the Democratic Services Officers, as required on the instruction of the Group concerned.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.9 No implications have been identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no significant risks associated with this item.

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5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Revised Committees and Allocation of Committee Places
2019-20

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Agenda Item 9

POLITICAL BALANCE CALCULATION 2020/21 wef 20 January 2021

The figures in *italics* are the mathematical calculations.

Committee	Cons 18 <i>58.06% of total</i>	Lab 3 <i>9.68% of total</i>	Lib Dems Dem 3 <i>9.68% of total</i>	B'grove Ind East 4 <i>12.90% of total</i>	B'grove Ind West & Central 3 <i>9.68% of total</i>	Total
Overview and Scrutiny Board	6 <i>6.39</i>	1 <i>1.06</i>	1 <i>1.06</i>	2 <i>1.42</i>	1 <i>1.06</i>	11 11 members on Board <i>11</i>
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Planning Committee	7 <i>6.39</i>	1 <i>1.06</i>	1 <i>1.06</i>	1 <i>1.42</i>	1 <i>1.06</i>	11 11 members on Cttee <i>11</i>
Audit, Stds & Gov'ce Committee	5 <i>5.23</i>	1 <i>0.87</i>	1 <i>0.87</i>	1 <i>1.16</i>	1 <i>0.87</i>	9 9 members on Cttee <i>9</i>
Electoral Matters Cttee	4 <i>4.06</i>	1 <i>0.68</i>	1 <i>0.68</i>	0 <i>0.90</i>	1 <i>0.68</i>	7 7 members on Cttee <i>7</i>
Appeals	3 <i>2.90</i>	0 <i>0.48</i>	1 <i>0.48</i>	1 <i>0.65</i>	0 <i>0.48</i>	5 5 members on Cttee <i>5</i>
Appointments	3 <i>2.90</i>	0 <i>0.48</i>	1 <i>0.48</i>	1 <i>0.65</i>	0 <i>0.48</i>	5 5 members on Cttee <i>5</i>
Statutory Officers	3 <i>2.90</i>	0 <i>0.48</i>	0 <i>0.48</i>	1 <i>0.65</i>	1 <i>0.48</i>	5 5 members on Cttee <i>5</i>
TOTAL	37	6	7	8	6	64
Exact Mathematical Entitlement	<i>37.16</i>	<i>6.20</i>	<i>6.20</i>	<i>8.26</i>	<i>6.20</i>	64

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CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

On 20th January 2021

Cabinet meeting 13th January 2021

1. Worcestershire Regulatory Services Board – meeting held on

Cabinet considered the minutes of the above meeting and made the following recommendations in line with those minutes and the supporting report, attached to this agenda.

RECOMMENDED that

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	Tech Officer Income Generation £000	Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Tech Officer Gull Control £000
Bromsgrove District Council	5	6	-

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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CABINET

13TH JANUARY 2021, AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors K.J. May (Leader), A. D. Kent (Deputy Leader),
G. N. Denaro, M. A. Sherrey, P.L. Thomas and S. A. Webb

Observers: Councillor M. Thompson

Officers: Mr. K. Dicks, Mrs. S. Hanley, Mrs. C. Felton, Ms J. Willis,
Mr C. Forrester, Mr. M. Dunphy, Ms. A. Delahunty and
Ms. A. Scarce

51/20 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

52/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

53/20 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 25th November 2020 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 25th November 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

54/20 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2020**

Officers confirmed that there were no recommendations from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 23rd November 2020.

It was noted that the Board had pre-scrutinised the report in respect of Homelessness Grant and Flexible Homelessness Support Grant Allocation for 2021/22 at its meeting held on 11th January 2021 and had made no recommendations at that meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 23rd November 2020 be noted.

The Leader thanked Councillor M Thompson, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board for attending.

With the agreement of the Leader Councillor Thompson asked if he could make a short statement.

Councillor Thompson advised Cabinet that he was resigning as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and also from the Independent Alliance. He proposed to join the Conservative Group with immediate effect. He thanked officers who supported the Overview and Scrutiny Board for their hard work whilst he had been Chairman and also Councillor J Till and the other Members on the Board.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed to Councillor Thompson that officers would be in touch with him and the Leader to complete the necessary paperwork in order to action this.

The Leader and Cabinet thanked Councillor Thompson and welcomed him their Group and looked forward to working with him.

55/20

WORCESTER AND BIRMINGHAM CANAL CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services began by encouraging all Cabinet Members and Members watching to share the document as he believed it was a stunning document which was an advert for the Worcestershire Countryside and what this Council had in Bromsgrove in particular.

The Strategic Planning and Conservation Manager presented the report and credited his Team for all their hard work in preparing it. It was explained that this version was similar to that brought before Cabinet some 18 months ago and that whilst this Council did not own the conservation area it would continue to work with those who do. The purpose of the report was to report back on the initial consultation carried out. Responses were limited due to there not being many residents within the area. The relevant parish councils had also been spoken to, but as detailed in appendix 2 to the report. The majority of responses were from the Canals and Rivers Trust and the Canal Society and were therefore quite technical. However, a number of events, pre Covid-19, were held and the responses from these were also included in the report.

All comments had been taken onboard and included within the final document before Members this evening. The process going forward was for the document to become a material planning consideration at Planning Committee, so carried some weight and would be used for any planning applications which arose in and around the conservation area. It also provided a position in terms of the planning review going forward, in relation to the conservation area setting and likely impact of that. It was highlighted that significant amounts of land had been put forward

for development in the surrounding area and this provided an evidence base to move forward in assessing those.

It was suggested that the level of evidence in the report was something which should be used in the promotion of the District and a leaflet was being prepared to promote the tourism aspect, which would sit alongside this document without the more technical areas being included so it could be used as a marketing tool. This would be circulated in due course and prepared in time for when the current restrictions begin to ease.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services praised the document and again reiterated that it was a testament to what was available in the countryside and asked the Strategic Planning and Conservation Manager to provide all Councillors with a link to the document as it was really important to recognise the huge amount of work which had gone into its preparation. There was some really useful information within it, including key points of interest.

The Leader agreed that it was a marketing opportunity to promote the best of the District and reiterated the thanks to officers for an excellent piece of work. This was supported by all Cabinet Members.

RESOLVED that the Worcester and Birmingham Canal Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and its contents be endorsed and approved as a material consideration for planning purposes.

56/20

BROMSGROVE HOMELESSNESS GRANT AND FLEXIBLE HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT GRANT ALLOCATION FOR 2021/22

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Health and Well Being presented the report and explained that this was brought to Members annual and had previously included the flexible homelessness support grant and the homelessness reduction grant, which had now been combined. The report requested approval of the allocation of grants which provided a variety of services and initiatives which helped to prevent homelessness or support for those actually experiencing homelessness. Its allocation was detailed in paragraph 3.7 of the report and these services provided an important role in assisting people experiencing adversity and provided pathways to help them deal with the effects of being homeless and assist the statutory service in the prevention of homelessness.

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Health and Well Being highlighted a mis-calculation in the table at 3.5 of the report due to the inclusion of crash-pad income in the draft report that has now been removed due to the notification of the final grant award which had been uplifted to cover all grant funding for 2021/22. The report stated in the table that homelessness grant including young persons' pathway worker grant of £127,200 and this should be £123,200 which gave a total of £281,794.

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Health and Well Being thanked officers for all their hard work and the prevention work they carried out alongside the service provider.

The Leader highlighted the importance of the grants particularly at the current time and in light of the pandemic and the Head of Community Services also welcomed the support of the voluntary sector in supporting this really vulnerable group in these very challenging times.

RESOLVED that

- a) the initiatives in 3.7 of the report receive allocation of funding 2021/22 be approved; and
- b) delegated authority to the Head of Community and Housing Services following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing to use any unallocated Grant during the year or make further adjustments as necessary to ensure full utilisation of the Grants for 2021/22 in support of existing or new schemes be approved.

57/20

COUNCIL TAX BASE CALCULATION 2021/22

The Head of Finance and Customer Services gave a presentation which provided an update in respect of the Medium Term Finance Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24. The presentation has been included as an appendix to these minutes. It was explained that this was a work-in-progress, which showed the current position with further work being undertaken over the coming days. The following areas were highlighted:

- Improvements to budget position (including additional New Homes Bonus for one year only and a new Lower Tier Service Grant, again for one year only). It was noted that these grants had not been expected.
- Additional costs which were against the Council's budget position (the Government had capped the maximum Council Tax percentage increase the Council could make).
- The third slide showed the position in respect of the General Fund Revenue and changes to the budget gap which had taken place. It was highlighted that there was a small use of reserves planned. It was further noted that the Council Tax based had actually shrunk for this year and it was understood this was due to the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme coming into place and Covid-19 driven issues.
- Medium Term Budget Gap currently stood at £79k climbing to £1,153k in 2022/23 and £1,482 in 2023/24.
- Further detail was provided in respect of the funds planned to be released from reserves and the difference that the Lower Tier Services Grant had made this year. It was noted that the unavoidable pressures included areas such as the lost car parking income due to Covid-19; projected losses from income

due to Covid-19. The grants received in respect of Covid-19 had not as yet been factored into the calculations as there continued to be a shortfall from these.

- It was noted that the capital programme was being further revised which would reduce the MRP principal and interest payable. There would also be a reduction in the investment income which was predicated on investing in assets. It was hoped that the market would stabilise over the next 12 months which would hopefully be a safe position for the Council to invest in and receive good value.
- It was noted that there was much work to be done in future year as the gap was significant, this was being worked on at the moment.
- Details were provided in respect of savings being made to date – a significant number of which were from Environmental Services. Other areas continued to review these to see what other savings could be made.
- There were a number of pressures for 2021/22 including the car parking income. It was noted that there was an error in the original business case for Commercial Waste. The service was not underperforming, this was merely a correction.
- There were a number of bids for 2021/22 in respect of ICT support and the Corporate GIS.

Following the presentation the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources commented that the Council was in an excellent position so far taking into consideration that it still had £800k of grants to allocate. It was for Cabinet to decide how this would be used. He thanked officers for bringing the deficit down to a very manageable position. The Leader echoed these comments and thanked officers.

Officers responded to a query in respect of what Polygonisation of BLPU's referred to, it was believed to be in respect of work that was being done in calculating the areas of buildings, but further clarification would be provided outside of the meeting.

The Deputy Leader took the opportunity to highlight the difficulties in preparing a budget let alone in the current circumstances with everyone working remotely and also having to allocate the amount of grants that had been made available and thanked the Head of Finance and Customer Service. It was noted that officers were under an immense amount of pressure and all the work from the team was very much appreciated.

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MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22 - 2024/25 - UPDATE PRESENTATION

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WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES -
RECOMMENDATIONS BUDGET 2021/22

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regulatory Services presented these recommendations and reminded Members that some of these had been considered at the previous meeting and agreed at full Council, with the base budget being in place at that time. However, there had been a number of areas which he had asked for clarification on before being agreed. For completeness, all recommendations were being considered at this meeting.

Clarification had been sought, together with a full report, in respect of the accommodation and ICT charges, as detailed at minute No 23/20 of the Worcestershire Regulatory Board's meeting held on 19th November 2020 (pages 4/5 of the additional papers pack).

The remaining recommendations were detailed at minute No 26 (pages 12/13 of the additional papers pack).

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Agenda Item 12

Cabinet
13th January 2021

	Tech Officer Income Generation £000	Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Tech Officer Gull Control £000
Bromsgrove District Council	5	6	-

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to be discussed.

The meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

Chairman

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Bromsgrove District Council

MTFP 2020/21 – 2023/24



Bromsgrove District Council – 2020/21- 2023/24

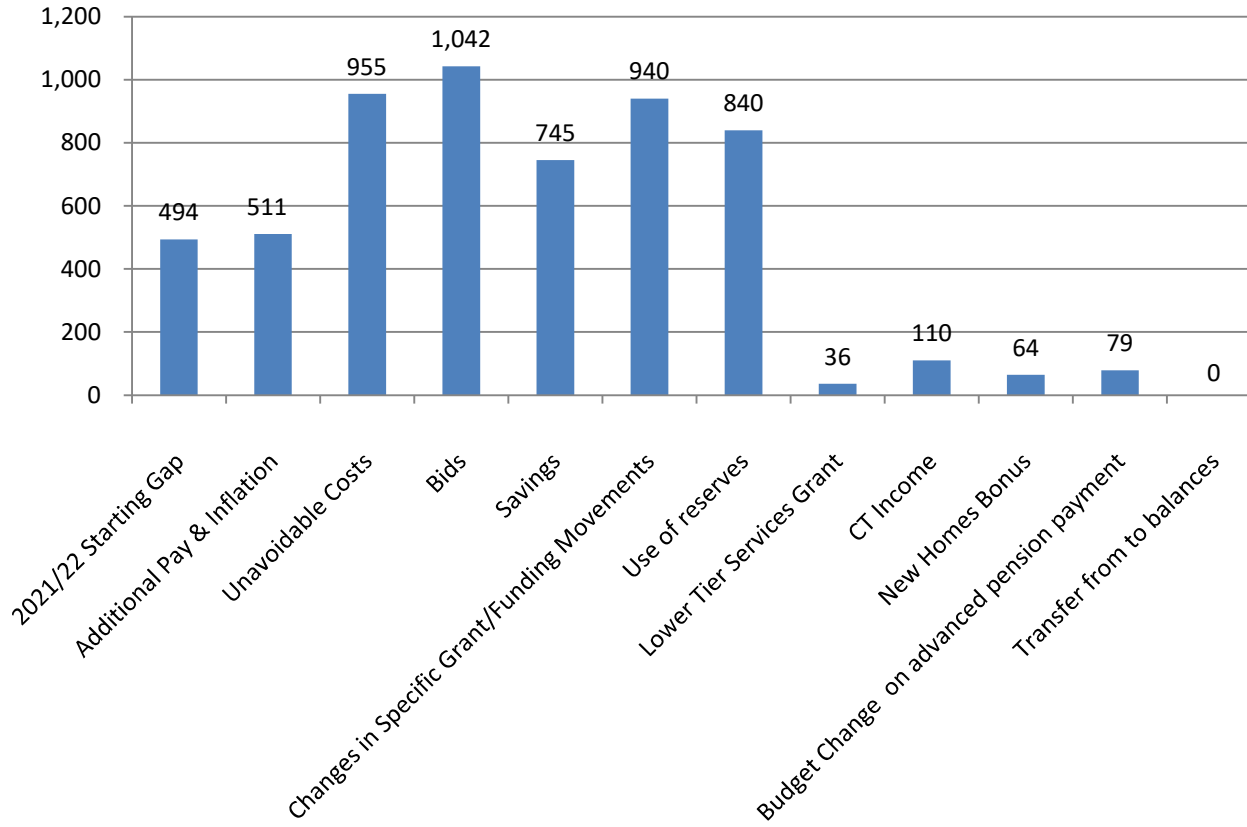
Improvements to budget position :

- Extra New Homes Bonus (one year only)
- New Lower Tier Services Grant (one year only)
- Reduction in cost of borrowing (having reviewed what we need to spend)
- Some service savings and additional income realised

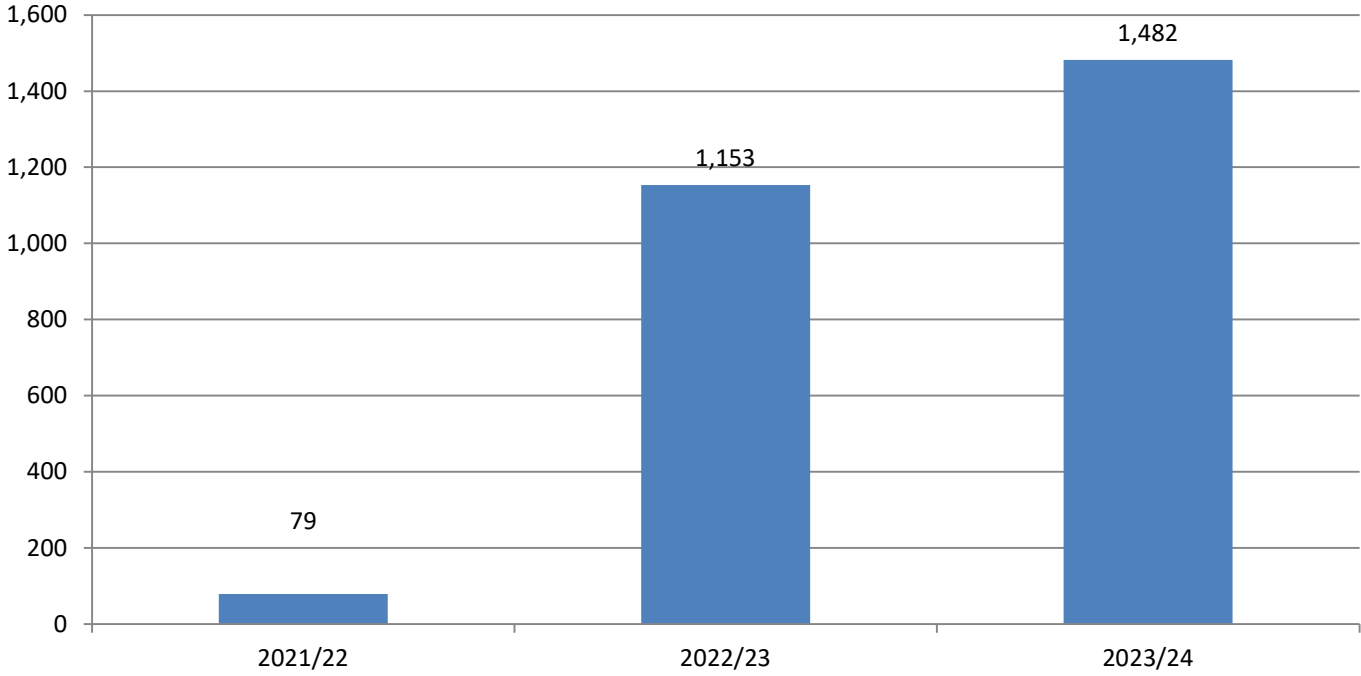
Additional costs:

- Government reduced the maximum Council Tax % increase we could make
- Pay award proposed more than anticipated
- Additional service pressures

Bromsgrove District Council – General Fund Revenue - Changes to 2021/22 Budget Gap



Bromsgrove District Council Medium Term Budget Gap



Bromsgrove District Council – General Fund MTFP 2021-22/2023-24

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	£000	£000	£000
Departmental base budget	11,571	11,511	11,325
Incremental Progression/Inflation on Utilities	17	4	14
Unavoidables Pressures	444	340	409
Revenue Bids & Revenue impact of capital bids	87	70	25
Savings and Additional income	-297	-219	-150
Changes in Specific Grant/Funding Movements	195	197	254
Net Revenue Budget Requirement	12,017	11,903	11,877
FINANCING			
Funding from reserves	-438	-100	0
Lower Tier Services Grant	-804	0	0
Business Rates Net Position	-2,474	-2,510	-2,510
New Homes Bonus	-656	-295	0
Council Tax	-8,665	-8,924	-9,243
Investment Income	-309	-450	-536
Interest Payable	500	538	542
MRP (Principal)	1,036	1,205	1,393
Discount on advanced pension payment	-128	-214	-40
Funding Total	-11,938	-10,750	-10,395
General Balances	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	£000	£000	£000
Opening Balances 20/21 (projected)	4,254	4,175	3,022
Contribution (from) / to General Balances	-79	-1,153	-1,482
Agreed in year release of balances			
Closing Balances	4,175	3,022	1,540

Bromsgrove District Council - savings 2021/22

Department	Description of saving	2021-22 £'000	2022-23 £'000	2023-24 £'000
Corporate Services	Loss of sales, fees and charges income from MHCLG	-77	0	0
Environmental Services	Additional Income	-10	-10	-10
Environmental Services	Vehicle R&M	-7	-7	-7
Environmental Services	Fixtures & Fittings	-2	-2	-2
Environmental Services	Car Mileage	-1	-1	-1
Environmental Services	Photocopying & Print	-2	-2	-2
Environmental Services	Stationery	-2	-2	-2
Environmental Services	Vehicle Hire	-57	-57	-57
Environmental Services	Income SLA	-28	-28	-28
ICT	ICT	-15	-15	-15
Policy	Other Local Authorities	0	-1	0
Development Management	Mileage	-1	-1	-1
Building Control	Mileage	-1	0	0
Building Control	Photocopying & Print	-1	0	0
Building Control	ICT	-2	0	0
Sports development	reduction in general exp budget	-5	-5	-5
Sports development	reduction in mileage	-1	-1	-1
Parks and open spaces	various amendments general supplies overall budgets	-1	-1	-1
Housing GF	various amendments overall budgets - reduction of general supplies	-9	-9	-9
CCTV/Lifeline	various amendments overall budgets - general supplies	-7	-7	-7
Policy	Reduction in hours on posts	-4	-4	0
Equalities	Reduction in hours on posts	-8	-8	0
Environmental Services	Salaries	-54	-56	0
Parks Team	Salaries	-3	-3	-3
		-297	-220	-151

Bromsgrove District Council - Pressures 2021/22

Department	Description of Pressure	2021-22 £'000	2022-23 £'000	2023-24 £'000
Building Control	Under achieved income	52	0	0
Environmental Services	Increase in fees from WFDC for NWWM SLA	6	6	6
Environmental Services	Reduced numbers of car parking in the town	120	0	0
Environmental Services	Correction to Disposal budget on Commercial Waste as highlighted in Business Case September 2020	190	250	310
Environmental Services	Increase of Water budget to reflect increased costs from Severn Trent	45	48	51
Environmental Services	Funding of Joint Role as part of Joint Herefordshire and Worcestershire Waste Strategy to influence and implement changes to services arising from proposed Environment Bill.	8	8	8
Environmental Services	Management Restructure - Linked to Saving	10	10	10
Democratic Services	Members NI	5	5	5
Reg Client	WRS Salary Pressures	8	13	19
TOTAL		444	340	409

Bromsgrove District Council - Bids 2021/22

Department	Description of revenue bid	2021-22 £'000	2022-23 £'000	2023-24 £'000
Democratic Services	Members ICT Training	2	2	2
ICT	2 Members ICT Support Officers for 2Yrs	44	45	0
ICT	Corporate GIS	32	23	23
ICT	Polygonisation of BLPUs	9	0	0
TOTAL		87	70	25

**Bromsgrove District Council – 20th January 2021
Item 13 - Member Questions**

**1. From Councillor S Robinson
Question for the Leader**

Can the portfolio holder inform me what enforcement is being carried out to stop cars parking on double yellow lines?

**2. From Councillor K Van der Plank
Question for the Leader**

“Many of our local businesses are really struggling especially as a result of this new lockdown. Please could the leader confirm what business grants are still available to businesses in the District impacted by Covid. What is the process for applying for these and the deadline and how is this going to be communicated across the district?”

**3. From Councillor R Hunter
Question to The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling**

“Please could you update council on what is being done to support those local businesses worst affected by the pandemic. Can you confirm how many Bromsgrove businesses have received the Additional Restrictions Grant since November and how many Bromsgrove pubs have received their Christmas Support Grant?”

**4. From Councillor S Baxter
Question to the Leader**

“Please can the leader update the Council on progress with the green borehole district heat network proposal to be sited at Bromsgrove School.”

**5. From Councillor S Douglas
Question for the Leader**

“Please can the Leader tell the Council what state of readiness any proposals are for the Bromsgrove Town Centres so that good supported applications can be made for future funding. If a proposal fits a grant criteria, readiness is a key to success. It is sad that we did not qualify for the large Government Grants for towns awarded recently.

These plans might include feasibility studies, concept designs/plans and viability appraisals.

Who is involved in these preparations?

What is the role of town centre councillors particularly in the early stages?

What more can be initiated locally towards implementation?”

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor H Rone-Clarke.

Background Information:

- i. People on lower paid jobs are less likely to be able to work from home, increasing their risk of exposure to Coronavirus.
- ii. That research by the TUC has found unionised workplaces to be more 'Covid secure.'
- iii. Union membership brings job security.
- iv. Trade union membership will provide greater employment rights beyond the end of the pandemic.

Council sends congratulations to the Trade Union Congress on the 150th anniversary of the passing of the Trade Union Act and

Council requests Cabinet to do the following:

- i. Commit to sending a representative of the Cabinet to attend trade union liaison meetings moving forward.
- ii. Reaffirm its commitment to working/consulting with trade unions as it leads us through the Coronavirus crisis and beyond.
- iii. Commit to promote trade union membership both as an employer and for the people of Bromsgrove.

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