



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2022, AT 6.00 P.M.

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SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION 1

The attached papers were specified as "to follow" on the Agenda previously distributed relating to the above mentioned meeting.

9. **Recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 16th February 2022**
(to follow) (Pages 1 - 2)

11. **Background Information on the recommendations from the Cabinet meetings held on 16th February and 23rd February 2022**
 - 11d Council Tax Resolutions 2022/23 (considered at the Cabinet meeting held on 23rd February 2022) (to follow) (Pages 3 - 16)

12. **To note the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday 16th February 2022** (to follow) (Pages 17 - 22)

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21st February 2022

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CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Cabinet meeting 16th February 2022

Sustainable Warmth Funding

RECOMMENDED that

- a) the Capital and Revenue Budgets be increased to receive Bromsgrove District Council's Sustainable Warmth scheme allocation of £429,000;
- b) and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Community & Housing Services following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Climate Change to administer the funding received in line with the grant conditions.

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COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTIONS 2022/23

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling Services
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Chris Forrester Head of Finance and Customer Services
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Wards Affected	Yes
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	Yes
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	All
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Cabinet is asked to **NOTE** that at its meeting on 19th January 2022 they approved the calculated Council Tax Base 2022/23 as:
- (a) for the whole Council area as 37,511.05 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates the amounts as shown in Column 4 of the attached **Schedule 1**.
- 1.2 Cabinet is asked to **RECOMMEND** to Council that they approve:
- 1.2.1 the calculation for the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish precepts) as **£8,937,309.38**.
 - 1.2.2 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £43,846,702 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act (taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils) (*i.e.*, *Gross expenditure*)

- (b) £33,847,101 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act. (*i.e.*, *Gross income*)
- (c) £9,999,601 being the amount by which the aggregate of 1.2.2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 1.2.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £266.58 being the amount at 1.2.2 (c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1.1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £1,071,812 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act (as per the attached **Schedule 3**).
- (f) £238.00 being the amount at 1.2.2 (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 1.2.2 (e) above by Item T (1.1 (a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
- (g) The amounts shown in Column 3 of **Schedule 1**. These are the basic amounts of the council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the Council's area shown in Column 1 of the schedule respectively to which special items relate, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act. (District and Parish combined at Band D).
- (h) The amounts shown in Column 5 of **Schedule 1** being the amount given by multiplying the amounts at 2.2.2(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

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1.2.3 It be noted that for the year 2022/23, Worcestershire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia and Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwelling in the Council's area as indicated below:

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Worcestershire County Council	931.19	1,086.38	1,241.58	1,396.78	1,707.18	2,017.57	2,327.97	2,793.56
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	166.44	194.18	221.92	249.66	305.14	360.62	416.10	499.32
Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority	59.60	69.53	79.47	89.40	109.27	129.13	149.00	178.80

1.2.4. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 1.2.2(h) and 1.2.3 above, that Bromsgrove District Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the amounts shown in **Schedule 2** as the amounts of Council Tax for 2022/23. for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings:

1.2.5. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments under Section 90(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund by ten equal instalments between April 2022 to March 2023 as detailed below:

	Precept £	Deficit on Collection Fund £	Total to pay £
Worcestershire County Council	52,394,684.00	991,717.00	53,386,401.00
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	9,365,008.74	177,384.00	9,542,392.74

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Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority	3,353,491.52	65,913.06	3,419,404.58
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- 1.2.6 That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make transfers under Section 97 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund to the General Fund the sum of £10,171,181 being the Council’s own demand on the Collection Fund (£8,927,789.21) and Parish Precepts (£1,071,812) and the distribution of the Deficit on the Collection Fund (£171,580).

- 1.2.7 That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments from the General Fund to Parish Councils the sums listed on **Schedule 3** by two equal instalment on 1 April 2022 and 1 October 2022 in respect of the precept levied on the Council.

- 1.2.8. That the above resolutions to be signed by the Chief Executive for use in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the recovery of unpaid Council Taxes.

- 1.2.9 Notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive are given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- 1.2.10 That authority be delegated to the Head of Finance and Customer Services (Interim S151) following consultation with the finance portfolio holder to amend the resolution should the Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority Service not approve the estimated figure that is being used in this report. This is due to the Hereford and Worcester Authority Service having their approval meeting after this resolution report has been brought to Council.

2. BACKGROUND

The report is to seek approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Bromsgrove District Council for Financial year 2022/23. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Bromsgrove District Council, Worcestershire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority and the various Parish Councils.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is necessary to formally set Council Tax levels throughout the area for the spending requirements of Bromsgrove District Council,

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Worcestershire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority and the various Parish Councils.

- 3.2 Details have been received from the various precepting bodies to enable the Council to set the Council Tax for 2022/23. The amounts of the precepts are set out below:

	£
Worcestershire County Council	52,394,684.00
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	9,365,008.74
Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority	3,353,491.52
Bromsgrove District Council	8,927,789.21
Parish precepts	1,071,811.88
Total	75,112,785.35

The Parish Council Precepts for 2022/23 are detailed in the attached **Schedule 3**.

- 3.3 If the Council approves the recommendations set out above the average band D Council Tax in 2022/23 will be £2,002.41, made up as follows:

Authority	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Increase %
Bromsgrove District Council	233.00	238.00	2.15
Worcestershire County Council	1,343.83	1,396.78	3.94
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	240.19	249.66	3.94
Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority	87.68	89.40	1.96
Parish Councils (average)	28.30	28.57	0.97
Total Council Tax	1,933.00	2,002.41	3.59

The % increases all relate to the change from current year levels.

4. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Localism Act 2011 made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as was previously the case.

5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS**Relevant Strategic Purpose**

- 5.1 The Strategic purposes are included in the Council's corporate plan and guides the Council's approach to budget making ensuring we focus on the issues and what are most important for the borough and our communities. Our MTFP and strategies are integrated within all of our Strategic Purposes.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.2 The green thread runs through the Council plan. The MTFP has implications on climate change and these will be addressed and reviewed when relevant by climate change officers to ensure the correct procedures have been followed to ensure any impacts on climate change are fully understood.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 Any impact on the customer of savings over the 4 years period will be managed via impact assessments and in discussion and consultation with the customer as to the most effective and supportive way of managing reductions in funding and potentially service delivery.

Operational Implications

- 6.2 The MTFP will enable services to be maintained and, where achievable, improvements to the community.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The risks associated with the budget estimations are included in the MTFP report as presented to Cabinet on 23rd February 2022.

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9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Geoff Denaro, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling	Various
Lead Director / Head of Service	Chris Forrester, Head of Finance and Customer Services	Various
Financial Services	Chris Forrester, Head of Finance and Customer Services	Various
Legal Services	Claire Felton	Various

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**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL TAX
INCLUDING PARISH PRECEPTS 2022/23**

SCHEDULE 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5 – by valuation band							
				Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Part of the Council's Area	Parish Band D £	Basic Amount of Council Tax Band D (District + Parish) £	Taxbase	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alvechurch	80.82	318.82	2328.59	212.55	247.97	283.40	318.82	389.67	460.52	531.37	637.64
Barnt Green	66.18	304.18	1027.52	202.79	236.58	270.39	304.18	371.78	439.37	506.97	608.36
Belbroughton and Fairfield	57.68	295.68	1213.49	197.12	229.97	262.83	295.68	361.39	427.10	492.80	591.36
Bentley Pauncefoot	35.26	273.26	202.24	182.18	212.53	242.90	273.26	333.99	394.71	455.44	546.52
Beoley	36.28	274.28	456.93	182.86	213.33	243.81	274.28	335.23	396.18	457.14	548.56
Bournheath	48.22	286.22	221.48	190.82	222.61	254.42	286.22	349.83	413.43	477.04	572.44
Catshill & North Marlbrook	22.22	260.22	2340.85	173.48	202.39	231.31	260.22	318.05	375.88	433.70	520.44
Clent	91.34	329.34	545.75	219.56	256.15	292.75	329.34	402.53	475.72	548.90	658.68
Coffton Hackett	44.73	282.73	1158.74	188.49	219.90	251.32	282.73	345.56	408.39	471.22	565.46
Dodford with Grafton	29.74	267.74	405.19	178.50	208.24	238.00	267.74	327.24	386.74	446.24	535.48
Finstall	25.39	263.39	318.66	175.60	204.86	234.13	263.39	321.92	380.45	438.99	526.78
Frankley	46.56	284.56	46.84	189.71	221.32	252.95	284.56	347.80	411.03	474.27	569.12
Hagley	64.76	302.76	3211.78	201.84	235.48	269.12	302.76	370.04	437.32	504.60	605.52
Hunnington	56.80	294.80	242.50	196.54	229.29	262.05	294.80	360.31	425.82	491.34	589.60
Lickey & Blackwell	23.48	261.48	2129.67	174.32	203.37	232.43	261.48	319.59	377.70	435.80	522.96
Romsley	83.41	321.41	667.48	214.28	249.98	285.70	321.41	392.84	464.26	535.69	642.82
Stoke	31.44	269.44	1891.93	179.63	209.56	239.51	269.44	329.32	389.19	449.07	538.88
Tutnall & Copley	19.87	257.87	366.39	171.92	200.56	229.22	257.87	315.18	372.48	429.79	515.74
Wythall	29.34	267.34	4805.26	178.23	207.93	237.64	267.34	326.75	386.16	445.57	534.68
Urban	N/A	N/A	13929.73	158.67	185.11	211.56	238.00	290.89	343.78	396.67	476.00
Taxbase Total			37,511.02								

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**COUNCIL TAX SCHEDULE FOR THE BROMSGROVE DISTRICT AREA INCLUDING BROMSGROVE D C,
WORCESTERSHIRE C C, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST MERCIA, HEREFORD &
WORCESTER FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY, PARISH PRECEPTS 2022/23**

SCHEDULE 2

	Taxbase	Precept £	Council Tax per Valuation Band							
			Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Worcestershire County Council	37,511.05	52,394,684.00	931.19	1,086.38	1,241.58	1,396.78	1,707.18	2,017.57	2,327.97	2,793.56
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	37,511.05	9,365,008.74	166.44	194.18	221.92	249.66	305.14	360.62	416.10	499.32
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority	37,511.05	3,353,491.52	59.60	69.53	79.47	89.40	109.27	129.13	149.00	178.80
Bromsgrove District Council	37,511.05	8,927,788.79	158.67	185.11	211.56	238.00	290.89	343.78	396.67	476.00
Total Unparished			1,315.90	1,535.20	1,754.53	1,973.84	2,412.48	2,851.10	3,289.74	3,947.68
		Precept £	Total Bill Band A £ (6/9)	Total Bill Band B £ (7/9)	Total Bill Band C £ (8/9)	Total Bill Band D £ (9/9)	Total Bill Band E £ (11/9)	Total Bill Band F £ (13/9)	Total Bill Band G £ (15/9)	Total Bill Band H £ (18/9)
Parish										
Alvechurch	2,328.59	188,195.00	1,369.78	1,598.06	1,826.37	2,054.66	2,511.26	2,967.84	3,424.44	4,109.32
Barnt Green	1,027.52	68,000.00	1,360.02	1,586.67	1,813.36	2,040.02	2,493.37	2,946.69	3,400.04	4,080.04
Belbroughton and Fairfield	1,213.49	70,000.00	1,354.35	1,580.06	1,805.80	2,031.52	2,482.98	2,934.42	3,385.87	4,063.04
Bentley Pauncefoot	202.24	7,131.00	1,339.41	1,562.62	1,785.87	2,009.10	2,455.58	2,902.03	3,348.51	4,018.20
Beoley	456.93	16,576.00	1,340.09	1,563.42	1,786.78	2,010.12	2,456.82	2,903.50	3,350.21	4,020.24
Bournheath	221.48	10,680.00	1,348.05	1,572.70	1,797.39	2,022.06	2,471.42	2,920.75	3,370.11	4,044.12
Catshill & North Marlbrook	2,340.85	52,021.00	1,330.71	1,552.48	1,774.28	1,996.06	2,439.64	2,883.20	3,326.77	3,992.12
Clent	545.75	49,850.00	1,376.79	1,606.24	1,835.72	2,065.18	2,524.12	2,983.04	3,441.97	4,130.36
Cofton Hackett	1,158.74	51,830.00	1,345.72	1,569.99	1,794.29	2,018.57	2,467.15	2,915.71	3,364.29	4,037.14
Dodford with Grafton	405.19	12,052.00	1,335.73	1,558.33	1,780.97	2,003.58	2,448.83	2,894.06	3,339.31	4,007.16
Finstall	318.66	8,090.00	1,332.83	1,554.95	1,777.10	1,999.23	2,443.51	2,887.77	3,332.06	3,998.46
Frankley	46.84	2,180.88	1,346.94	1,571.41	1,795.92	2,020.40	2,469.39	2,918.35	3,367.34	4,040.80
Hagley	3,211.78	208,000.00	1,359.07	1,585.57	1,812.09	2,038.60	2,491.63	2,944.64	3,397.67	4,077.20
Hunnington	242.50	13,775.00	1,353.77	1,579.38	1,805.02	2,030.64	2,481.90	2,933.14	3,384.41	4,061.28
Lickey & Blackwell	2,129.67	50,000.00	1,331.55	1,553.46	1,775.40	1,997.32	2,441.18	2,885.02	3,328.87	3,994.64
Romsley	667.48	55,675.00	1,371.51	1,600.07	1,828.67	2,057.25	2,514.43	2,971.58	3,428.76	4,114.50
Stoke	1,891.93	59,476.00	1,336.86	1,559.65	1,782.48	2,005.28	2,450.91	2,896.51	3,342.14	4,010.56
Tutnall & Cobley	366.39	7,280.00	1,329.15	1,550.65	1,772.19	1,993.71	2,436.77	2,879.80	3,322.86	3,987.42
Wythall	4,805.26	141,000.00	1,335.46	1,558.02	1,780.61	2,003.18	2,448.34	2,893.48	3,338.64	4,006.36
Urban	13,929.73		1,315.90	1,535.20	1,754.53	1,973.84	2,412.48	2,851.10	3,289.74	3,947.68
Total	37,511.02	1,071,811.88								

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Parish Precepts 2022/23

SCHEDULE 3

	2021/22 Precept	2021/22 Taxbase	2021/22 Levy per Band D Equivalent	2022/23 Precept	Percentage Change in Band D	Percentage Change in Precept Amount	2022/23 Taxbase	2022/23 Levy per Band D Equivalent
	£			£	%	%		£
Alvechurch	176,299.00	2,319.86	76.00	188,195.00	6.34%	6.75	2,328.59	80.82
Barnt Green	65,000.00	1,030.11	63.10	68,000.00	4.88%	4.62	1,027.52	66.18
Belbroughton and Fairf	65,000.00	1,207.16	53.85	70,000.00	7.11%	7.69	1,213.49	57.68
Bentley Paucefoot	7,129.00	199.40	35.75	7,131.00	-1.37%	0.03	202.24	35.26
Beoley	15,630.00	456.81	34.22	16,576.00	6.02%	6.05	456.93	36.28
Bournheath	10,680.00	216.97	49.22	10,680.00	-2.03%	0.00	221.48	48.22
Catshill & North Marlbr	71,000.00	2,325.36	30.53	52,021.00	-27.22%	-26.73	2,340.85	22.22
Clent	49,850.00	545.53	91.38	49,850.00	-0.04%	0.00	545.75	91.34
Cofton Hackett	49,059.00	1,116.87	43.93	51,830.00	1.82%	5.65	1,158.74	44.73
Dodford with Grafton	11,478.00	406.77	28.22	12,052.00	5.39%	5.00	405.19	29.74
Finstall	8,240.00	320.71	25.69	8,090.00	-1.17%	-1.82	318.66	25.39
Frankley	2,096.86	46.62	44.98	2,180.88	3.51%	4.01	46.84	46.56
Hagley	203,000.00	3,183.43	63.77	208,000.00	1.55%	2.46	3,211.78	64.76
Hunnington	13,195.00	234.71	56.22	13,775.00	1.03%	4.40	242.50	56.80
Lickey & Blackwell	50,000.00	2,109.89	23.70	50,000.00	-0.93%	0.00	2,129.67	23.48
Romsley	55,675.00	659.98	84.36	55,675.00	-1.13%	0.00	667.48	83.41
Stoke	57,079.00	1,815.98	31.43	59,476.00	0.03%	4.20	1,891.93	31.44
Tutnall & Cobley	7,280.00	367.28	19.82	7,280.00	0.25%	0.00	366.39	19.87
Wythall	134,507.00	4,786.23	28.10	141,000.00	4.41%	4.83	4,805.26	29.34
Total	1,052,197.86	23,349.67		1,071,811.88		1.86	23,581.29	

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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2022, AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors K.J. May (Leader), G. N. Denaro (Deputy Leader),
M. A. Sherrey, M. Thompson and S. A. Webb

Observers: Councillor C. Hotham (Chairman of the Overview and
Scrutiny Board)

Officers: Mr. K. Dicks, Mrs. C. Felton, Mr. J Howse, Ms J. Willis
and Mrs. P. Ross (via Microsoft Teams), Mrs. S. Hanley

51/21 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P. L. Thomas.

52/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

53/21 **TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE CABINET HELD ON 19TH JANUARY 2022**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 19th January
2022 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on
Wednesday 19th January 2022 be approved as a true and correct
record.

54/21 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
BOARD HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2022**

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Councillor C.
Hotham, briefly presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board held
on 17th January 2022, and in doing so the Cabinet was informed that
since the meeting of the Board things had moved on and that items had
been discussed and agreed. It was noted that there were no
recommendations from the Board in the minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board
meeting held 17th January 2022 be noted.

55/21

SUSTAINABLE WARMTH FUNDING

The Head of Community and Housing Services presented a report on the subject of Sustainable Warmth Funding. Cabinet was informed that the Council was due to receive £429,000 for a sustainable heating grant, which was designed to help fund actions that could be taken to improve the energy efficiency of properties in the district with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating D – G.

The Head of Community and Housing Services drew Members' attention to the 2 components to this funding, as detailed on page 24 of the main agenda report:-

- Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) Phase 1 – these grants were intended for properties that were not connected to the mains gas system.
- Local Authority Delivery (LAD) Phase 3 – these grants were intended for properties that were connected to the mains gas system.

Cabinet was advised that there had been a typographical error (on page 25 of the main agenda report), the maximum average grant per property was £10,000 for LAD3 and £25,000 (not £15,000 as shown) for HUG.

There were a range of measures that could be funded, including cavity wall insulation, roof insulation and air source heat pumps.

The Council was working with Worcestershire County Council and Act On Energy in respect of the administration of the funds and promotion of the funding to eligible residents.

After the report had been presented Members discussed the following points in detail:

- The deadlines for expenditure of the grant funding and the extent to which the Council was likely to be able to ensure that all funding was spent by those deadlines. Officers clarified that the HUG Phase 1 and LAD Phase 3 funding needed to be spent by 31st March 2023 whilst the deadline for expenditure of the previous LAD Phase 2 had been extended to 31st July 2022. Members were advised that Officers were anticipating that these deadlines would be met.
- The potential for park home owners to apply for the HUG Phase 1 and LAD Phase 3 funding, following a change in regulations which meant that they could not apply for LAD Phase 2 funding. Members were informed that park homes were not eligible for HUG Phase 1 or LAD Phase 3 funding, but officers were monitoring any future funding opportunities that might become available for park home owners.

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Cabinet was further advised that action would be taken to promote the funding to eligible members of the public, and that the Council was aiming to target low income households. A targeted approach to communications was considered preferable in order to ensure that the Council was not inundated with requests and that the funding was provided to those most in need. Support would be made available locally to help eligible households apply for the funding. Officers explained that Act On energy would be providing this type of support to eligible households and would also be able to help householders identify the most appropriate funding for them and if required would also support householders in obtaining an EPC rating.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Councillor C. Hotham, commented that the report was widely welcomed at the Board meeting and Members were pleased to note that officers were using external support to monitor and ensure that the funding was spent.

The Head of Community and Housing Services highlighted that, as detailed in the preamble above, that the report was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 15th February 2022. Board Members had raised a number of questions and officers had agreed to provide answers and further information to the Board. The following information was provided to Board Members in response to the questions raised: -

Current Energy Rating							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Grand Total
46	4054	5988	9392	3959	816	196	24451

Total number of households	Unknown proportion
38,800	14,349

“There was little difference in the LADS 1, 2 and 3 programmes. The eligibility criteria was the same it was just the next tranche of funding but this latest Sustainable Warmth competition included the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) for off gas properties”.

“Air Source heat pumps cost around £6k - £8k to install so should be affordable within the scheme. Average max cost is £10,000 for LAD3 and £10,000 for EPC D up to £25,000 for EPC G for HUG”.

“We will work with Act on Energy who had been procured as the customer journey provider to assist in targeting applicants. A communication plan was being developed with the Midlands Energy Hub to have targeted communication but would also utilise traditional

methods such as social media and EPC data, Communications would also go out through partners such as County to those residents that received free school meals etc”.

The Leader took the opportunity to express sincere thanks to officers for a comprehensive report.

RECOMMENDED that

- a) the Capital and Revenue Budgets be increased to receive Bromsgrove District Council’s Sustainable Warmth scheme allocation of £429,000;
- b) and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Community & Housing Services following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Climate Change to administer the funding received in line with the grant conditions.

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THE COUNCIL'S 2022/23 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23 TO 2024/25 DRAFT

The Executive Director of Resources presented the draft Council’s 2022/2023 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025.

Cabinet was advised that this was an important budget report which also included the MTFP for a period of 3 years. The draft report had previously been presented to the Finance & Budget Working Group and was also presented at the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 15th February 2022, whereby a good debate was had. It was noted that following on from the debate that no recommendations had been put forward by the Overview and Scrutiny Board. Good feedback was received from Members of the Board with regard to the new report format.

The Executive Director of Resources highlighted that the new report format added transparency and cut through complexity. It was a robust and balanced MTFP. Members’ attention was drawn to the following paragraphs in the report: -

Paragraph 2.5	Financial Context
Paragraph 2.9	Unprecedented Levels of Uncertainty
Paragraph 4.8	Table 2, The Updated MTFP and Annual Revenue Budgets
Paragraph 4.12	Table 3, The Updated (versus Previous) MTFP and General Fund
Paragraph 4.15	Table 4, which showed that the General Fund balance was now forecast total £2.259 million at the end of 2023/2024 (compared to £1,735 million in the previous MTFP) and (without further action) reduce to £1,046 million at the end of 24/25 which was

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	below the minimum set levels.
Paragraph 4.17/ 4/18	Table 4, Reconciliation of Previous and Updated MTFP – Adjustments made to the Annual Budget Forecasts 22/23 and 23/24.
Paragraph 4.22	Pressures
Paragraph 4.23	Resource Planning and Prioritisation (RPP).
Paragraph 4.24	Funding Impact (£0.956m in 22/23)
Paragraph 4.25	Council Tax Increase
Paragraph 4.26	Reallocation of Earmarked Reserves to General Fund

The Executive Director of Resources advised the Cabinet that the report was the draft report and that the final version of the Council's 2022/2023 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025, would be presented to Council on 23rd February 2022.

The Leader took the opportunity to express her sincere thanks to officers.

The Deputy Leader echoed this and was pleased to see that the end results had been warmly received by the Overview and Scrutiny Board; this was a credit to the Executive Director of resources and his team.

The Head of Legal, Property and Democratic Services reiterated that the report before the Cabinet was a draft report and that the final report would be presented to the Cabinet and Council on 23rd February 2022, therefore the report was for noting.

During consideration of this item, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Councillor C. Hotham, briefly stated that the report had been pre-scrutinised at the meeting of the Board on 15th February 2022. Board Members had been satisfied with the budget and had appreciated the new format of the report, it was very well received. Councillor Hotham expressed his thanks to the Executive Director of Resources and his team.

RESOLVED that as detailed in the preamble above, that the draft Council's 2022/2023 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025, be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman

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