



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

MONDAY 11TH JULY 2011, AT 6.00 P.M.

THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

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

7. Reduction in Bus Services - Overview and Scrutiny Topic Proposal Report (Pages 1 - 8)

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SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL

Relevant Portfolio Holder	
Relevant Head of Service for Overview and Scrutiny	Claire Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

- 1.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Proposal Form relating to the effect of Bus Subsidy Cuts in Bromsgrove, has been completed by Councillor C. Bloore, which the Board needs to consider.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Board considers the completed proposal form (at Appendix 1), and agrees to one of the following:
- (a) that the topic is included on the work programme and the Board undertakes the investigation, discuss broad terms of reference and set a time scale for completion of the investigation;
 - (b) that the topic is included on the work programme and a Task Group is established to undertake a more in-depth investigation, appoint a Chairman for the Task Group and set a time scale for completion of the investigation;
 - (c) that further information be requested from a relevant source before deciding whether or not further investigation is required; or
 - (d) decide to take no further action.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Proposal Form relating to Bus Subsidy Cuts in Bromsgrove submitted by Councillor C. Bloore is attached at Appendix 1 for the Board to consider and discuss.
- 3.2 If the Board decides that it does wish to investigate this topic further, it then needs to decide whether it is appropriate for the Board itself to undertake the investigation or whether a more in-depth investigation is required and a task group established.
- 3.3 Another option is for the Board to request further information on the topic from a relevant source to assist Members to decide whether an investigation is required.

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3.4 Alternatively, the Board could decide that it is not a topic it wishes to investigate, in which case no further action would be required.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 Consideration given as to whether the topic proposed is feasible for investigation and a high priority.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

8.1 This report does not directly link to the Council Objectives.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 There are no risk management issues directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no customer implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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11.1 There are no implications directly relating to this report for the Council's Equalities and Diversity Policies, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

5.1 There are no value for money implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

13.1 There are no climate change, carbon implications and biodiversity implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 None for the purpose of this report.

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

15.1 None for the purpose of this report.

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

16.1 None for the purpose of this report.

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

17.1 None for the purpose of this report.

18. LESSONS LEARNT

18.1 Not applicable for the purpose of this report.

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

19.1 None for the purpose of this report.

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20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	No
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	No
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No
Head of Service	No
Head of Resources	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards

22. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Overview and Scrutiny Proposal Form

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

24. **KEY**

None

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TOPIC PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer: CHRISTOPHER BLOORE

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Date: 5/7/11

Title of Proposed Topic:	INVESTIGATION INTO THE EFFECTS OF BUS SUBSIDY CUTS IN BROMSGROVE
Specific subject areas to be investigated:	THE EFFECT ON STUDENTS, WORKERS, TRADERS AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS BY SERVICE CUTS.
Reasons why this subject should be considered:	MAJOR ISSUE OF CONCERN TO ALL RESIDENTS AND TRADERS IN BROMSGROVE.
Evidence to support the need for this particular investigation:	VERBAL FROM BUS USERS AND LOCAL TRADERS/STUDENTS. VERBAL/WRITTEN EVIDENCE FROM COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS AND BUS OPERATORS.
Council priorities it links to:	ENSURING BROMSGROVE IS A NICE PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND ATTRACT INVESTMENT.
Possible key outcomes: (i.e. what do you anticipate could be achieved?)	IDENTIFY KEY AREAS OF CONCERN AND WHAT SERVICES COULD BE SAVED WITH COOPERATION FROM STAKEHOLDERS. POSSIBLE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC.

Please indicate if any of the following apply to the proposed subject area:

CRITERIA	NO	YES	Why?
Is it a priority issue for the Council or the Local Strategic Partnership?		✓	IT IS A PRIORITY FOR RESIDENTS AND TRADERS AND THEREFORE THE COUNCIL.
Is it an important issue for local residents?		✓	YES.
Is it a topic where Overview and Scrutiny could feasibly and constructively make recommendations?		✓	IT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD AND CLRS TO ENSURE PUBLIC CONCERNS ARE HEARD.
Is it a topic where external review would be helpful?	✓		HAVE CONFIDENCE IN BOARD TO CONDUCT THROUGH INVESTIGATION.
Is it a topic where a review could be made in time to make recommendations for the executive decision making process?		✓	THERE IS CURRENTLY A 6 WEEK GAP BEFORE POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF SERVICES.
Is it a poorly performing service?	✓		NO. BUT THESE CUTS COULD MAKE IT A POOR SERVICE.
Is it a review that could render significant savings or value for money?		✓	INVESTIGATING THE ISSUE NOW COULD ENSURE VALUE FOR MONEY.
Is the topic strategic in scope?		✓	THE REMOVAL OF PUBLIC

TRANSPORT COULD LEAD

Please return completed forms to: Committee Section, BROMSGROVE TO BECOME
Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, Bromsgrove District Council A LESS DESIRABLE
Email: scrutiny@bromsgrove.gov.uk Page 7 PLACE TO LIVE.

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