



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2014, 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.

14. Notices of Motion (Pages 1 - 4)

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NOTICE OF MOTION – LEISURE CENTRE FACILITIES IN BROMSGROVE

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllrs M.J.A. Webb and M. A. Bullivant
Relevant Head of Service	Head of Leisure and Culture

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11 by Councillor L. C. R. Mallett:

“Council notes that the Dolphin Centre is approaching the end of its life.

Council recognises the importance of the leisure centre and the facilities it offers to the health and wellbeing of the local community.

Council further notes the important role of public leisure services within our District in engaging communities in physical activity.

Council supports the principle of a replacement leisure centre including pool and fitness facilities to be provided within the town.

Council further resolves to ask officers to prepare costed proposals for a free swimming scheme for under 16s during school holidays and for residents aged over 60.”

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NOTICE OF MOTION – HOUSING BENEFIT CHANGES

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr M.J.A. Webb
Relevant Head of Service	Executive Director Finance and Corporate Resources

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11 by Councillor C. J. Bloore:

Council Notes

The benefits changes introduced on 1st April 2013 meant social housing tenants deemed to have one spare bedroom have had their housing benefit reduced by 14%. Those with two or more spare bedrooms had reductions of 25%.

Bromsgrove District Council has in recent years changed its planning policy on building affordable homes removing the need for new building developments to build at least 40% affordable homes.

A discretionary payment system for those affected has been administered by the District Council staff.

Council Believes

That the national data available and statements from BDHT on the effects of the spare room subsidy commonly known as the bedroom tax suggests that residents in Bromsgrove may have fallen into debt because of the bedroom tax.

When Bromsgrove residents cannot pay their rent and end up in emergency accommodation it costs the District Council a significant amount of money through stays in bed and breakfast.

Council Resolves

To investigate all costs to the Council in lost council tax and other revenues of residents being forced into emergency accommodation.

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