



**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2016, AT 6.00 P.M.**

**PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION**

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

8. Finance and Budget Working Group - Update (Pages 1 - 4)

(To include a written response from Cabinet to the Working Group's Recommendations – to follow)

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## **Cabinet Response to the Overview & Scrutiny Board Finance & Budget Working Group**

### Introduction

At the Cabinet meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 consideration was given to the recommendations put forward from the Overview and Scrutiny Board's Finance & Budget Working Group.

The Leader thanked the Working Group Members for their work and .

### Response to recommendations

Please find below the formal responses to the recommendations contained within the Review report:

#### **Recommendation 1**

CMT to develop a set of principles around savings to be made.

#### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

#### **Recommendation 2**

The Leader should source, with immediate effect, the services of an external commercial organisation in order to review the management structure of the Council.

#### **Cabinet Response**

We are liaising with the Leader of Redditch Borough Council, Cllr Bill Hartnett and have requested Officers to evaluate the options and costs in this respect.

**Implementation date:** to be determined

#### **Recommendation 3**

There be one overall corporate training budget and HR prioritise that budget to meet the needs of staff.

#### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

## **Recommendation 4**

The £11k in respect of Business Transformation, which was reserved for training be given up as a saving.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** February 2017

## **Recommendation 5**

The Council should have a robust four year funded Capital Programme for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21 to include estimates across each year of the budget.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** February 2017 (part MTFP)

## **Recommendation 6**

There be an overall corporate budget for apprenticeships.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

## **Recommendation 7**

An exercise by carried out to ensure the Council makes the best use of its assets.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

## **Recommendation 8**

Officers ensure that the Asset Register is kept up to date at all times.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** Immediate effect

## **Recommendation 9**

A review of the Low Cost Housing Scheme be undertaken as soon as possible.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

## **Recommendation 10**

Consideration be given to revising the pricing structure for the Recreation Road South car park, to blocks of hours and a day rate.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

## **Recommendation 11**

Virements between pay and general expenditure only be allowed with approval from Cabinet.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

## **Recommendation 12**

Virements between income and expenditure only be allowed with approval from Cabinet.

### **Cabinet Response**

Agreed - subject to internal limit of £40k before Cabinet report required.

**Implementation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

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