



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CABINET

WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2019, AT 6.30 P.M.

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SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

The attached papers will be tabled at the meeting. the Agenda previously distributed relating to the above mentioned meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 3rd December 2018 (Pages 1 - 4)
 - (a) To receive and note the minutes
 - (b) To consider any recommendations contained within the minutes

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MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

14TH JANUARY 2019, AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors L. C. R. Mallett (Chairman), S. A. Webb (Vice-Chairman), S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, M. Glass, C.A. Hotham, R. J. Laight, P. M. McDonald and P.L. Thomas

Observers: Councillor C. J. Bloore and Councillor C. B. Taylor

Officers: Mr. D. Allen, Ms F. Mughal, Ms. J. Pickering, Ms. D. Poole, Ms. A. Scarce and Mrs B. Talbot

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors C. Allen Jones and M. Thompson.

Members were advised that due to prior commitments Councillor S. Colella would need to leave the meeting at 6:30 pm and Councillor P.L. Thomas at 7:00 pm.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS

There were no declarations of interest or whipping arrangements.

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FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP - UPDATE

The Chairman provided an update in respect of the Finance and Budget Working Group, at its most recent meeting it had met with the Heads of Service and relevant Portfolio Holders to discuss in detail the fees and charges for 2019/20 and considered the Medium Term Financial Plan. A number of areas within the Plan had been discussed including the bids, savings and capital programme. The Working Group had put forward a number of recommendations which it would like Cabinet to consider in more detail. These were tabled at the meeting for the Board's information and attached as an appendix to the minutes.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Chairman

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Finance and Budget Working Group

Fees and Charges – Meeting 10th January 2019

The Finance and Budget Working Group met with the Heads of Service and relevant Portfolio Holders and discussed in detail the fees and charges for 2019/20. The Working Group put forward a number of recommendations which they would like Cabinet to consider in more detail, these were:

New and Existing Properties

Street naming and numbering – it was noted that the charge for this service should not exceed the cost of providing it to include any share of overhead cost

Recommended:

Officers look at the cost of providing this service and what a reasonable charge would be for it, with a view to doubling this charge if possible.

Private Sector Housing

Strategic Housing – Members discussed the charges at length and proposed that no increase would be made and a comment be made to ensure residents were aware of the financial support that can be made to provide funding for those in crisis.

Housing Fitness Inspections – It was noted that this was a one off payments every three years.

Recommended:

This be increased to £150 per inspection.

Environmental Services

Cemetery charges – particularly in respect of child burials.

It was suggested that the words free of charge be replaced with “no charge”.

Mechanically Sweep Private Road/Car Park – Mini Sweeper per hour

Recommended:

That a charge for travel time be included, in additional to the use of the sweeper and that this be included in the charge

Medium Term Financial Plan

Members also considered the Medium Term Financial Plan and discussed a number of areas including Bids, Savings and the Capital Programme. The following recommendation was made:

Recommended:

An ambition to make clear identified savings in the coming years.