



**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2019, 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.

16. Motions on Notice (to follow if any) (Pages 1 - 6)

A period of up to one hour is allocated to consider the motions on notice. This may only be extended with the agreement of the Council.

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15th November 2019

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#### NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor K. Van der Plank:

This Council notes that;

- Fly tipping cost this Council £88,000 and over 200 staff hours to clean up in the financial year 2018-19. Time and money that could be put to better use for our residents.

- Fly tipping damages our natural environment, harming both wildlife and our eco-systems.

Keeping our district clean and protecting our environment by tackling and eliminating fly tipping is essential in building a district people can enjoy and where people are proud to live

This motion calls on this Council to request that the Cabinet

1. Explore more effective methods of environmental enforcement in particular the levels of investment in CCTV
2. Make it clear this District will not tolerate fly tipping and will take a tough stance on offenders. Look into the levels of funding allocated to enable the investigation of incidents and ensure fly-tippers are held to account.
3. Ensure that when prosecutions occur that this is communicated widely to deter rogue operators and fly-tippers.
4. Raise awareness with residents through a comprehensive communication campaign including:
  - ensuring residents understand they must take appropriate steps to ensure they give their waste to a person who is licensed. If they don't and their rubbish is found dumped and it's tracked back to them, they will be prosecuted or receive a fixed penalty notice.
  - promoting the green agenda, and in particular, encouraging residents to reduce and reuse so less waste is created
  - encourage residents to be vigilant (whilst remaining safe) and report suspicious behaviour and incidents of fly tipping

5. Work with County and cross-boundary with Birmingham to explore opportunities to collaborate to reduce fly tipping and encourage and make it easy for residents to dispose of waste properly
6. Make it easier for our residents to access the directory of licensed waste collection companies on the environment agency website by providing a prominent link on the BDC Website alongside information about County Council tip site in our district.
7. Put the necessary steps in place to ensure that all fly tipped waste, whether hazardous or non-hazardous is removed within a timely, efficient and safe way.
8. Explore ways in which the Councils Bulky Waste Service can be expanded to take additional items that are not currently available under our disposal arrangements with the County Council and how much this would cost.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor S. Douglas.

All accompanied children under 8 may swim in the new Bromsgrove pool for free. This also applies to children and adults with disabilities and their carers. The remaining children from 8-18 need this opportunity too.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to consider extending this provision to include all children from 8-18 and that the costs associated with this be built into the budget when presented to this Council in February.

So to help alleviate Bromsgrove's child poverty in a small way this Council proposes that the first stage of extending free children's swimming is enabled.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor R. Hunter:

**Restoring pride, improving bus shelters**

Council recognises that many of Bromsgrove's existing bus shelters are in poor condition and need upgrading or removing where they are no longer in use. The current budget only enables the council to upgrade 1 out of the 44 bus shelters it is responsible for each year which is insufficient.

Council resolves to ask the Cabinet to undertake a full review of bus shelter provision and bus shelter funding across the district.

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## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor M. Thompson:

Council notes the high rate of deaths from rough sleeping in the county and, as the winter approaches, recognises the increasing severity of this problem.

Council is mindful that current economic uncertainty and changes to housing benefit under the universal credit scheme could have an impact on many vulnerable families, putting them at risk of being made homeless or being made to sleep rough. Council is aware of the survey that will be undertaken soon on those sleeping rough in the district.

Council resolves to:

1. Task officers to make an estimate of those at risk of becoming homeless if the price of living rises, as is forecast.
2. Take action, by whatever means, to find immediate and local shelter for any person rough sleeping.
3. Tasks Overview and Scrutiny to examine the district's strategy (and its relationship and lines of communication with its partners on this matter), in light of officers' findings, and report to Full Council, with a view to creating a robust and coherent policy and strategy that ensures nobody is homeless nor sleeps rough in the district.

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#### NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor P. McDonald:

“Council notes

Local Government has endured central government funding cuts of nearly 50% since 2010.

Between 2010 and 2020, councils will have lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government. The 2019 LGA survey of council finances found that 1 in 3 councils fear they will run out of funding to provide even their statutory, legal duties by 2022/23. This number rises to almost two thirds of councils by 2024/2025 or later.

The LGA estimates councils will face a funding gap of £8 billion by 2025. Faced with these cuts from central government, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing 22 per cent of their value since 2009/10.

At the same time as seeing their pay go down in real terms, workers experience ever increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity. Across the UK, an estimated 876,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.

There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three quarters of the local government workforce.

Our workers are public service super heroes. They keep our communities clean, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running. Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.

Government funding has been cut to the extent that a proper pay rise could result in a reduction in local government services. The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding *has* been cut to the bone.

This Council:

- asks the Cabinet in the context of the budget setting process to support the pay claim submitted by GMB UNISON and Unite on behalf of council and school workers for a £10 per hour minimum wage and a 10 per cent uplift across all other pay points in 2020/21 and
- calls on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim

- [write](#) to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor S. Baxter:

Bromsgrove District Council urgently establishes a cross party group to reviews it's Strategic Planning, shared services arrangements with Redditch Borough Council with immediate effect.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor S. Hughes:

‘As part of the council’s formulation of a new economic development strategy, the cabinet must set an ambitious plan for upgrading the district’s car parks. This plan will include an investment programme to make our car parks safer, greener, more accessible and more convenient to visitors, whilst keeping charges low.’

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor H. Rone-Clarke:

Across the district, there are parcels of land which neither the County, District Councils or BDHT are willing to claim responsibility for. This means that, where there is casework relating to this land, often this can stagnate and residents can be left without answers.

This council calls upon the leader, alongside the relevant portfolio holders and officers, to meet with representatives from BDHT and the County Council to, once and for all, establish the ownership of all disputed land across the district, as well as an action plan to resolve disputes for future land which is highlighted.

Furthermore, we call upon the aforementioned to work with Councillors to identify where there are questions of land ownership within their own wards.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor L. Mallett:

Council notes the current issues of so called “fleece-hold” at Cofton Fields.

Council further notes the trend in recent years, of the Council not taking on the public open space on new developments, abdicating accountability and leaving the residents to pay exorbitant charges to management companies.

Council resolves that all newly created public open space should be managed and maintained directly by the Council.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor S. Colella:

“In 2018 the Hagley Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) was revoked based on a period which saw the mean NO<sub>x</sub> values fall below the Governments ‘safe’ level of Air Polutants.

At the same time WRS agreed to extend the monitor area to lower down on the A456 between the Garden centre and the junction with the B4187.

These monitors have shown a steady rise to a point where one monitoring point exceeds 40m/g NO<sub>x</sub>. Exceeding the ‘safe’ threshold dictated by Government. The motion is that BDC as the parent and responsible authority instruct WRS to review the results of the extended monitoring to date and to report their findings and whether the evidence supports the implementation of the Air Quality Management Area.”

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