



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2020, AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION 1

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

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

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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Chief Executive

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17th January 2020

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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 S. Douglas:

“In light of the threat of Climate Change, this Council should take practical steps to combat its consequences.

Therefore, we call upon the Cabinet to carry out a full analysis of land in the ownership of the Council which would be available for the planting of wild flowers and trees.”

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NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Defending our district against flooding

Council notes the considerable damage and disruption that recent floods have caused in our community and the likelihood of further problems as a result of climate change.

Council resolves to task the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with reviewing the resources made available for flooding prevention in our community with a view to making more investment available if necessary from 2021/22.

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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.

Show Pride in our LGBT Community

Council notes that each year a Pride festival is organised in Worcester to recognise and celebrate our LGBT community.

Council believes that as a Worcestershire authority we should help to enhance the visibility of this important work.

Council resolves to fly the Rainbow Flag at the Parkside Building on Worcester Pride weekend which this year falls on 19-20 September and each year thereafter. Council further resolves to publicise our support for the event.

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