



## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 2010, AT 6.00 P.M.**

**THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE**

MEMBERS: Councillors S. R. Colella, D. L. Pardoe, A. N. Blagg,  
Mrs. M. Bunker, R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent,  
Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, C. R. Scurrall, Mrs. C. J. Spencer,  
C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh and L. J. Turner

### **AGENDA**

1. Election of Chairman
2. Election of Vice-Chairman
3. To receive apologies for absence
4. Declarations of Interest and whipping arrangements
5. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 9th March 2010 (Pages 1 - 6)
6. Petitions - Alvechurch Multi-Usage Games Area (MUGA) (Pages 7 - 28)
7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Planning (Pages 29 - 42)
8. Verbal Update on the Worcestershire Hub Joint Scrutiny Task Group (Councillor K. Taylor)
9. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting

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7th June 2010

## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**TUESDAY, 9TH MARCH 2010 AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors S. R. Colella (Chairman), D. L. Pardoe (Vice-Chairman), A. N. Blagg, Mrs. M. Bunker, R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, S. R. Peters, C. B. Taylor and C. J. Tidmarsh

Officers: Ms. J. Pickering, Mrs. A. Heighway, Mrs. S. Sellers, Mr. C. Santoriello-Smith, Mr. M. Carr and Mrs. A. Scarce

#### 21/09 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. D. Luck, Mrs. C. J. Spencer and L. J. Turner.

#### 22/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS**

Councillor S. R. Peters declared an interest in the Worcestershire Hub Joint Scrutiny Committee in view of the fact that he was a Member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Worcestershire County Council that was considering the matter.

#### 23/09 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 19th January 2010 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board be approved as a correct record.

#### 24/09 **BROMSGROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - PRESENTATION**

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the resolutions of the Board on 1st December 2009. These included that the Chairman of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board (JOSB) meet with a representative from the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership (BCSP), to discuss the approach for the scrutiny of crime and disorder in line with statutory requirements and that any proposed protocol be submitted to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board and the BCSP for formal approval.

He reported that he had met with the Chairman of the BCSP and officers to discuss the approach. It had been agreed that a presentation from the Head of Community Services on the role of the BCSP and its responsibilities would be a good introduction for Members of the Board. He reminded the Board that

there was a need to identify and consider the strategic level issues for the BCSP and crime and disorder in Bromsgrove.

Ms. A. Heighway, Head of Community Services, provided the Board with a presentation on the BCSP (also known as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) and its responsibilities. She provided the Board with the background of what community safety partnerships are and why they came into existence. She briefed Members on the requirements of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which first established the requirements for partnerships between the police, local authorities, probation service, health authorities, the voluntary sector, and local residents and businesses, to reduce crime and disorder. Section 17 placed a statutory duty on police and local authorities to develop and implement a strategy to tackle problems in their area. BCSP was established in August 1998.

Members were informed that Section 5 (1-3) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defined responsible authorities as: local and county level authorities, the police, the Metropolitan Police Authority, the Fire and Rescue Authority, and the Primary Care Trust.

The Head of Community Services explained that responsible authorities were also required to work with other 'co-operating bodies', including: the Probation Board, parish councils, NHS Trusts, NHS Foundation Trusts, governing bodies of schools, proprietors of independent schools, governing bodies within further education sector, social landlords and other partners invited to participate.

The BCSP also worked in partnership with a range of local private, voluntary and other public and community groups such as Neighbourhood Watch scheme representatives, the Environment Agency, bodies established to promote retail business, voluntary organisations (e.g. youth work) and drug and alcohol action teams.

It was noted that the members of the BCSP were:

- Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service,
- Herefordshire and Worcestershire Youth Offending Service,
- Bromsgrove District Council,
- Bromsgrove Neighbourhood Watch,
- West Mercia Police,
- West Mercia Police Authority,
- West Mercia Probation Trust,
- Worcestershire County Council,
- Worcestershire Drug and Alcohol Action Team,
- Worcestershire Primary Care Trust.

Examples of the relevant local authority departments involved, included Worcestershire County Council Education, Social Services, Highways, Trading Standards, transport departments, and Planning, Housing, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Licensing/public entertainment departments at District Council level.

The Head of Community Services also outlined the statutory objectives for Section 17. These were:

- To place ownership and responsibility for crime reduction beyond the police and on to a range of agencies.
- To make it a statutory responsibility to ensure that crime and disorder (etc) is given the same importance in the decision making process as other statutory responsibilities.
- To encourage local authorities to think creatively about crime and disorder reduction strategies.

The new responsibilities for crime and disorder partnerships were also outlined. The Police and Crime Act 2009, which received royal assent in November 2009, had resulted in 3 key changes to Section 17 for CDRPs:

- 1) partnerships would have a statutory duty to reduce re-offending,
- 2) the Probation Service would change in legal status from a co-operating body to a responsible body, and
- 3) responsible authorities would extend Section 17 duties to include routinely reducing re-offending.

The new duties were expected to come into force in April 2010. In response to a query as to whether extra funding would be provided from central Government for the new responsibilities; none was expected. In response to a query as to what would happen if the responsible authorities were unable to achieve the targets for reducing re-offending and if there were any penalties, the Head of Community Services responded that this was not known but that it was expected that pressure would be brought to bear by some means to meet the new duties. A Member queried if there were some areas, such as homelessness, that the responsible authorities might not be able to change and therefore impede their ability to meet the targets. The Head of Community Services explained that the responsible authorities may, for example, be expected to support offenders to prevent the cycle of homelessness and crime and there was a link between the homelessness and re-offending.

The Head of Community Services provided examples of the types of work undertaken by crime and disorder partnerships in different fields. In Housing this included crime prevention training, tenancy enforcement, through Neighbourhood Wardens and tackling hate crime. In Planning this included consultation with the police on planning applications. In Environmental Services this included removal of refuse and abandoned vehicles and the regulation of pub licences. In Education Services this included supporting children affected by domestic violence targeted work with persistent truants and excluded pupils.

The Head of Community Services explained the structure of BCSP (see diagram at Appendix 1). The Strategic Board provided leadership and agreed the priorities of the partnership.

It was reported that the BCSP met quarterly, with the following scheduled meeting dates in 2010:

- 24th March

- 23rd June
- 20th October
- 15th December

The Board was informed that the Operational Tasking Group met monthly on the first Wednesday of every month and that it provided operational support, drove activities, monitored performance, facilitated information sharing and identified common issues. The meetings were not held in public, as there may be sensitive issues being discussed, but CSPs were expected to find ways to engage with the public. The PACT meetings had been very effective at the beginning of the process but had possibly become less effective. The Head of Community Services explained that the Portfolio Holder was the link back to elected Members of the Council.

The Head of Community Services explained the funding arrangements for the BCSP. Funding was provided through an Area Based Grant via the Worcestershire Partnership and partner agency contributions. Spending by the BCSP contributed to projects that support delivery of the BCSP priorities.

Mr. C. Santoriello-Smith, the Senior Community Safety Project Officer, provided the Board with examples of projects delivered through the BCSP, including Community Action Days and the "Adopt a Box" scheme to tackle graffiti on utility company boxes in the street. He also advised that the 2010-2011 Partnership Plan would be published in April 2010 and that this may be useful to inform the work of the Board.

The Head of Community Services invited Members of the Board to attend a meeting of BCSP to gain a better understanding of its work. Members of the Board suggested that they would also like to receive an update from the Chairman of the BCSP at a future meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Community Safety and the Senior Community Safety Project Officer for the presentation.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Chairman of the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership be asked to attend the next meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board; and
- (b) that the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety be formally requested to attend all future meetings of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board.

25/09 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The future work programme for the Board was discussed. As there were only two meetings currently scheduled in the Council Calendar of meetings, which were to discuss the annual budget setting reports, the Board was asked to consider the number of meetings required for the next municipal year. It was suggested that four extra meetings should be scheduled around the BCSP meeting dates provided by the Head of Community Services and that the first meeting should be in June 2010. The Scrutiny Officer said that he would inform Members of the Board of the new meeting dates once they had been

scheduled in the Council Calendar.

**RESOLVED** that the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme be updated and that four additional meeting dates be scheduled.

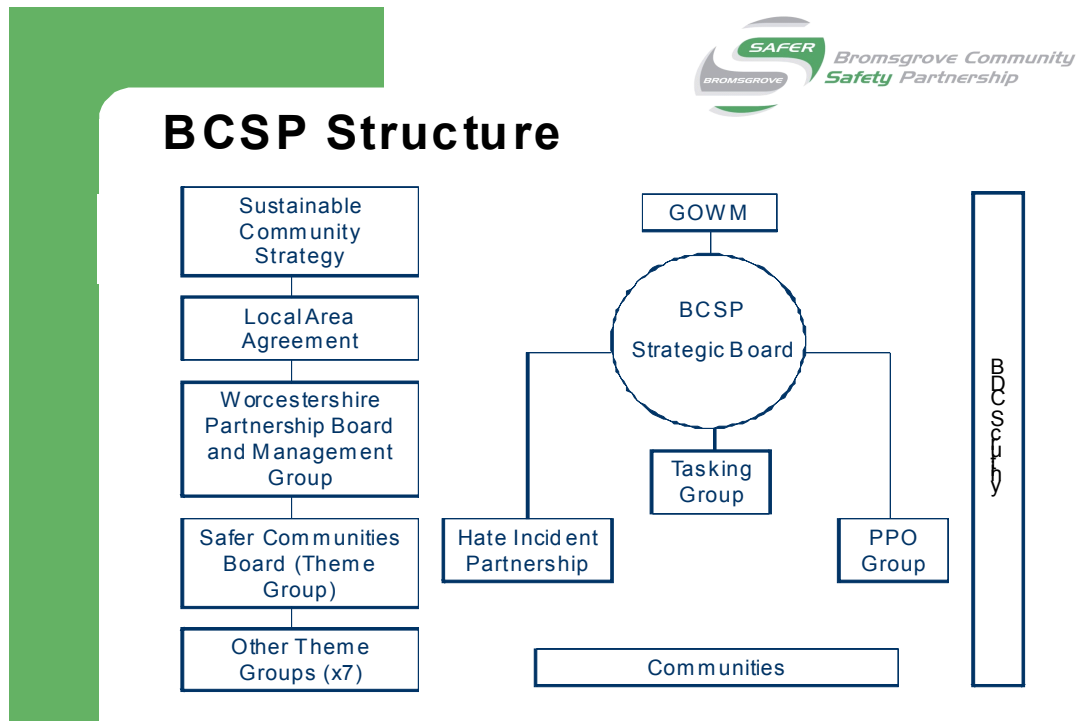
26/09 **VERBAL UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE HUB JOINT SCRUTINY TASK GROUP (COUNCILLOR C. B. TAYLOR)**

Councillor C. B. Taylor provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Worcestershire Hub Joint Scrutiny Task Group. He spoke about a presentation delivered to the Joint Scrutiny Task Group and Members asked if a copy of this could be distributed for information.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Chairman

**APPENDIX 1**



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#### **PETITIONS –**

#### **MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) at Swans Length Open Space**

Relevant Portfolio Holder for Overview and Scrutiny	Councillor G. N. Denaro – Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources
Relevant Head of Service	Mrs. Claire Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Non-Key Decision	

#### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 To consider petitions both for and against the demolition of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Swans Length Open Space, Alvechurch received at the Cabinet meeting held on 2nd June 2010.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board are asked to consider the petitions and to either:
- take no further action; or
  - convene a meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board in order to consider further evidence from relevant sources and make recommendations to Cabinet.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Petitions for and against the demolition of the MUGA at Swans Length Open Space, Alvechurch were submitted and received by the Monitoring Officer on 2nd June 2010 and in accordance with Article 2, 6.8 of the Council Constitution have been referred for consideration by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board (JOSB).
- 3.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committees cannot make executive decisions, but can make recommendations to the Cabinet and other decision makers. In accordance with the designated role of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board, Members of the Board are asked to consider the petition and after receiving appropriate evidence to decide either to take no further action or, where it deems necessary to make recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet.

#### **Procedure for Consideration of Petitions**

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3.3 Upon the consideration of the petition the JOSB may receive evidence and interview key stakeholders to determine what action, if any, to recommend in respect of the petition. It is anticipated that the JOSB will hear from the lead petitioners who will introduce each petition.

3.4 The suggested procedure for consideration of petitions is provided at Appendix 1.

### **4. KEY ISSUES**

4.1 N/A

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Local Government Act 2000 requires Councils operating Executive Arrangements to include one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees within their Constitution, which may be composed of any councillors who are not on the Executive Committee of the Council.

5.2 Executive arrangements by a local authority must ensure that their overview and scrutiny committee has power (or their overview and scrutiny committees have power between them) to:

- a) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
- b) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
- c) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,
- d) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,
- e) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive on matters which affect the authority's areas or the inhabitants of that area.

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### **7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

### **8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

8.1 Overview and Scrutiny links to Council Objective Three: One Community.

### **9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

9.1 There are no direct risks associated with this report.

### **10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Overview and Scrutiny aids transparency and accountability of local services and service users, council tax payers and other local residents through elected councillors.

### **11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no implications of the Council's Equality and Diversity policies arising from this report.

### **12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

12.1 There are no value for money implications arising from this report.

### **13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY**

13.1 There are no climate change and carbon implications arising from this report.

### **14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

14.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

### **15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

15.1 There are no governance/performance implications arising from this report.

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### **16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

16.1 The petitions being received by the JOSB will enable consideration of a possible crime and disorder issue.

### **17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

17.1 There are no health inequalities implications arising from this report.

### **18. LESSONS LEARNT**

18.1 N/A

### **19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

19.1 The petitions process is an opportunity for the Council to engage with the local community and key stakeholders.

### **20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	NO
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	NO
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	NO
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	NO
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	NO
Head of Service	NO
Head of Resources	NO
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic	NO

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Services	
Corporate Procurement Team	No

**21. WARDS AFFECTED**

Alvechurch

**22. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Procedure for Consideration of Petitions  
Appendix 2 – MUGA Report to Cabinet 2nd June 2010

**23. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**24. KEY**

None

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## **Appendix 1**

### **Consideration of Petitions by a Committee of the Council**

The following procedure should be followed by the committee considering a petition:

1. Presentation of the petition by the Lead Petitioner, allowing up to 5 minutes.
2. Statement invited from anyone against the petition, allowing up to 5 minutes.
3. Presentation of the officer report (if appropriate) and questions to the chief officer by the committee.
4. Questions to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder by the committee.
5. Questions to Ward Members by the committee.
6. Questions to other witnesses by the committee.
7. Discussion by Members of the committee.
8. Resolution by the committee to either:
  - a. take no further action;
  - b. request further information from a relevant source and re-consider once that information is available;
  - c. agree to refer the topic to either the Scrutiny Board, Overview Board or the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board for further investigation;
  - d. make recommendations to Cabinet.

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**REPORT TITLE: Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Swans Length Open Space.**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Mike Webb
Relevant Head of Service	Angela Heighway – Head of Community Services
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision To consider the removal and possible re-location of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) facility at the Swanslength Open Space in Alvechurch	

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 There has been an increase in reported anti-social behaviour (ASB) and complaints from residents who live within the proximity of the MUGA. This has led to an extensive public engagement which has captured the impact this facility has had on local residents.
- 1.2 This public engagement has highlighted residents wish for the local authority to consider the removal of this facility to improve the quality of life and well-being of those residents directly affected.
- 1.3 Analysis of reported ASB has evidenced that the impact of the installation of the MUGA has resulted in Swanslength Open Space becoming a focal point for youth related ASB. Although levels of reported ASB around the Alvechurch Village has reduced since the installation of the MUGA the levels of reported ASB at Swanslength has increased.
- 1.4 The impact of ASB on residents of Swanslength has been further inflated as a result of other environmental factors and design such as the location of natural seating areas (perimeter wall) which attracts young people to congregate at the open space and several entrance and egress points to the open space which makes the area difficult to police.
- 1.5 Public engagement through a local resident's focus group has explored the impact of this facility to the residents who live closest to the facility but also explored the views of residents who would be sad to see this facility go and expressed the importance to have provision for local young people, in some form or another.
- 1.6 At the last meeting of this resident's focus group it was decided that the removal of the MUGA from Swanslength was an option that they would like the local authority to consider in order to address their concerns.

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**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To remove the MUGA facility including the removal of the hard-standing and the re-instatement of the land at Swanslength Open Space in Alvechurch to enable the re-location of the facility elsewhere within the District.
- 2.2 To leave the facility in situ and instruct officers to work in partnership to initiate alternative interventions in an attempt to alleviate the problems faced by local residents and monitor the situation.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Swanslength MUGA was installed in June 2008 by the Bromsgrove District Council following a request from the Alvechurch Local Neighbourhood Partnership to increase access to youth facilities in the village.
- 3.2 Consultation with young people identified that a MUGA was the preferred choice for an open space facility closely followed by a skate park and a climbing facility. Young people identified three locations for this facility the Wiggin Memorial sometimes referred to as the Meadow, George Road and Swanslength Open Space.
- 3.3 Consultation with residents, contractors and the crime risk manager for West Mercia Police followed. The consultation with contractors and the Crime Risk Manager identified Swanslength Open Space as the most suitable location of those available based on practicality to build the facility, and the safety of its users.
- 3.4 There was a consultation with residents through a postal survey sent to 1600 households within the village. 21% of residents responded of which 65.5% of respondents were in favour of the facility being built on Swanslength Open Space.
- 3.5 Due to the results of the consultation with residents, young people and stakeholders, and the assessments from contractors, a MUGA was built at the preferred location at Swanslength and officially opened in June 2008. Available funding enabled the installation of additional equipment in the form of a climbing facility to complement the MUGA facility.
- 3.6 During the summer of 2009 there was an increase in reported ASB to West Mercia Police and an increase in complaints to Bromsgrove District Council. These reports were from residents who live in proximity to the Swanslength



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Open Space and consisted of youth related ASB, alcohol misuse, vehicle related nuisance, inappropriate sexual activity, litter and noise. Swanslength Open Space has also been victim to various negative press in the local newspapers.

- 3.7 This prompted the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Tasking Group to undergo a piece of analysis to assess the impact the installation of this facility has had on Alvechurch Village and in particular Swanslength Open Space.
- 3.8 This analysis identified that the level of reported ASB within the whole of the village was of a similar volume following the installation of the MUGA when compared prior to the installation. The analysis also displayed a shift in the locations of ASB within the village; since the installation of the MUGA ASB had decreased around the village but was dispersed into Swanslength making it a focal point. Appendix 2 shows the intensity of ASB 12 months prior to the installation of the MUGA and Appendix 3 show the intensity of ASB 12 post installation for comparison.
- 3.9 For the 12 months following the installation of the MUGA reported ASB in Swanslength had increased by 29% when compared to the 12 months prior to the installation.
- 3.10 The analysis identified that the installation of the MUGA had reduced the volume of reports of alcohol misuse, inappropriate ball games and trespassing but increased reports of noise, throwing incidents, criminal damage, youth gathering, verbal abuse, banging on doors, and ASB involving motorbikes and mopeds.
- 3.11 The findings of the analysis were considered at the October 2010 CSP Tasking Group. The impact of the installation of the MUGA was acknowledged but the level of repeat complainers raised concern that we did not have a true account of how this facility was impacting on the quality of life of all residents who live there. The group decided to deliver a programme of community engagement including door to door surveys, targeted patrols to engage with residents and young people and an Open Public Forum.
- 3.12 On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 an open public forum was held in the village to offer all residents an opportunity to voice their concerns of ASB in Alvechurch Village. A select panel of officers representing various agencies undertook this listening exercise and residents were vocal regarding their local concerns. There were two clear groups of residents, those who had concerns with the

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Swanslength MUGA and those who had other concerns of ASB around the village. This meeting was attended by over 60 residents

- 3.13 All concerns from the open public forum were captured and 20 residents from the open public forum were nominated by all attendees to create a focus group to work alongside officers and consider all concerns that had been raised and the available options to resolve them.
- 3.14 The focus group met on 4 occasions. This group prioritised the concerns that were raised and were split into two groups, one that would consider options for addressing the issues raised with the Swanslength MUGA and the other group would review the available provision for young people in the village. This focus group also had attendance from a small group of young people who attended sporadically at the meetings.
- 3.15 This focus group identified the availability of Alvechurch Middle School facility for hire from community groups for the purpose of organised and supervised activities. They established links with a local community group which was emerging within the village with the purpose of setting up a youth club. They also identified all available locations within Alvechurch which could be considered as an alternative location for the MUGA however, a crime risk analysis conducted by the Crime Risk Manager from West Mercia Police identified that each location was inappropriate due its proximity to residential areas or hazardous to the safety of the facilities users.
- 3.16 The focus group undertook a Friday evening walkabout in Swanslength and identified some key changes to the environment that could discourage disorder. It was clear to see the enclosed nature of the site and the design of the surrounding environment was contributing towards the ASB and disorder experienced by local residents (see appendix 1 for an aerial view of Swanslength). Some recommendations which came out of the group were removal of seats, removal of a wall which is used by young people to gather at, the re-location of some street lights, the removal of some vegetation to increase sight lines to the facility and the implementation of a plant scheme to create a barrier between the open space and homes adjacent to the area. All of these suggestions have either been completed or are being programmed for completion over the coming months.
- 3.17 The last meeting of this group was emotive and many residents who felt sympathetic to the need for youth provision they felt that the risk of not removing this facility outweighed the risk of leaving it in situ.

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- 3.18 This focus group also acknowledged that many residents who live predominantly within other parts of the village do use the MUGA facility and would be disappointed if the facility were removed.
- 3.19 The group also raised concerns that the impact of 72 new dwellings that are to be built next the MUGA will have on the situation.
- 3.20 Since the last meeting a new youth club has opened in the village which operates once a week with the support of youth workers from Worcestershire County Council Youth Support Team and is currently well attended. This youth group has been set up as a social enterprise organisation. It has been reported by this group that in the first four sessions which were delivered between April and May 2010 an average of 50 young people have attended aged 12-17 years old although the main contingent of attendees are aged between 12 – 14 years old.
- 3.21 The last meeting of the focus group concluded with a request for Bromsgrove District Council officers to compile a report for the cabinet committee which captured the concerns of residents, captured their commitment through an engagement process to work with the local authority to address these concerns, and forward the recommendations outlined in this report for elected members to consider.

**4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The installation of the MUGA at Swanslength has had a negative impact on the well-being and quality of life of residents who live closest to the facility; this has been evidenced through an extensive engagement process with those local residents.
- 4.2 The installation of this facility has reduced some of the ASB from around the wider village but focused it into Swanslength by creating a focal point for youth gathering which has led to an increase in youth related ASB; this has been evidenced through analysis.
- 4.3 Bromsgrove District Council and West Mercia Police have attempted to address disorder at this location through high visibility presence and altering the built environment in an attempt to deter disorder however this level of support is neither sustainable nor good value for money.
- 4.4 Many residents clearly feel that the removal of this facility is the most effective way to improve their quality of life of those who live closest to the facility and to address their fears and concerns.

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- 4.5 Bromsgrove District Council has a legal duty in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to take due regard to the decisions it had taken to locate this facility at Swanslength and the impact that has had on crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- 4.6 Bromsgrove District Council is now in the possession of evidence that their decision to locate this MUGA has increased ASB and decreased the quality of life of local residents; this could not have been pre-empted at the time of installation based on the successful installation of 7 other MUGA facilities in other areas of the district. Under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Bromsgrove Duty Council is now once again faced with a legal duty to consider the impact of the decision to locate this MUGA at Swanslength.
- 4.7 Bromsgrove District Council must consider the likely impact of the 72 new dwellings which will be built on the old school site on Tanyard Lane which will immediately back onto the MUGA facility.
- 4.8 Bromsgrove District Council must also consider the views of the wider village that use this facility in the appropriate manner including young people and families and would be disappointed to see the facility be removed.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There will be estimated financial costs of £5'500 to remove the facility in a manner which will allow it to be reused else where and re-instate the land back to open space. This cost can be met within the existing budgets of the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership. Costs for re-location will have to be determined if/when a suitable alternative site can be found.
- 5.2 There will be other associated savings such as a reduction in staff costs that are currently absorbed to deal with street cleansing, maintenance of the facility, responding to incidents of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, which could be effected pending the decision for the MUGA to be removed or to remain.

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (and amendments)

**7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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- 7.1 Planning Policy Guidance 17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation – The removal of this facility would have a minimal impact on PPG17 as a new risky play facility has been installed at Swanslegth Open Space and therefore there will still be sufficient provision in the absence of the MUGA facility.

**8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

- 8.1 CO3 One Community

**9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 If the concerns of residents are not addressed the local authority may be liable to legal action for not fulfilling its duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which states that “Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime, disorder and re-offending in its area”
- 9.2 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 directly relates to this subject as it could be viewed that the decision of a local authority to install this facility at this particular location has contributed to the increase of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. Although this could not have been foreseen at the time the decision was made to install the facility, evidence shows the facility has negatively impacted on the levels of ASB and the fear of crime amongst residents has increased; if the local authority chose not to re-address the decision to install the MUGA at Swanslength the local authority could be viewed as not fulfilling its section 17 duty.
- 9.3 The reputation of the local authority is also at stake with regards to how the local authority addresses crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within Bromsgrove District in conjunction with our partners.

**10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 The levels of anti-social behaviour experienced by local residents of Bromsgrove District directly effects their wellbeing and quality of life. The decision to address the impact of having a MUGA facility at Swanslength may affect the levels of ASB experienced by those residents who live nearest to the facility.

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**11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 It must be acknowledged that the key implications of this report considers the impact of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour experienced by residents versus the right for young people to access play facilities.

**12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

- 12.1 None

**13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY**

- 13.1 None

**14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

- 14.1 None

**15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 15.1 None

**16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

- 16.1 This report is directly linked to section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as previous decisions to install the MUGA have influenced the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and any subsequent decisions from this report could also impact on the future levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

- 16.2 The increased levels of fear amongst residents that live closest to the MUGA facility have been clearly made evident at resident focus groups; subsequent decisions made from this report could impact the levels of fear amongst residents

**17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 17.1 A decision to remove the MUGA facility will reduce the access to play equipment for young people which reduces the opportunity for young people to access physical recreation.

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**18. LESSONS LEARNT**

18.1 The local authority will need to review its processes when installing open space facilities to capture the potential impact on local residents. The consultation with residents carried out prior to the installation of the Swanslength MUGA which indentified a majority level of support for the facility to be installed at Swanslength however, there should be more consideration/importance given to those who live near to any proposed open space development.

**19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

19.1 The concerns of increased levels of ASB were first raised through Alvechurch PACT meetings as well as an increase in the levels of reported ASB and complaint made to the local authority and other partners.

19.2 Officers responded to these concerns by holding a open public forum dedicated to residents raising concerns of ASB. From this open forum a residents panel of approximately 20 representatives were elected by the wider attendees to represent the public at a series of focus groups with community safety officers to review the concerns raised and explore options to deal with them.

19.3 A resident's panel (focus group) have therefore been involved from the start of this engagement process including influencing this report.

19.4 Other members of the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership have also been involved with the focus groups including West Mercia Police (local policing inspector, local policing teams and the crime risk manager), and Bromsgrove District Housing Trust.

19.5 A representative from Alvechurch Parish Council and the Alvechurch Village Society has also been present at all focus group meetings.

**20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	YES
Chief Executive	

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Executive Director (S151 Officer)	
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	
Head of Service	
Head of Resources	
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	
Corporate Procurement Team	

**21. WARDS AFFECTED**

Alvechurch

**22. APPENDICES****23. BACKGROUND PAPERS****Appendix 1: Aerial view of Swanslength Open Space****Appendix 2: Temporal map to show the intensity and location of ASB 12 months prior to the installation of the MUGA facility.****Appendix 3: Temporal map to show the intensity and location of ASB 12 months following the installation of the MUGA facility.****24. KEY****AUTHOR OF REPORT**



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**APPENDIX 1**  
**Aerial view of Swanslength Open Space**

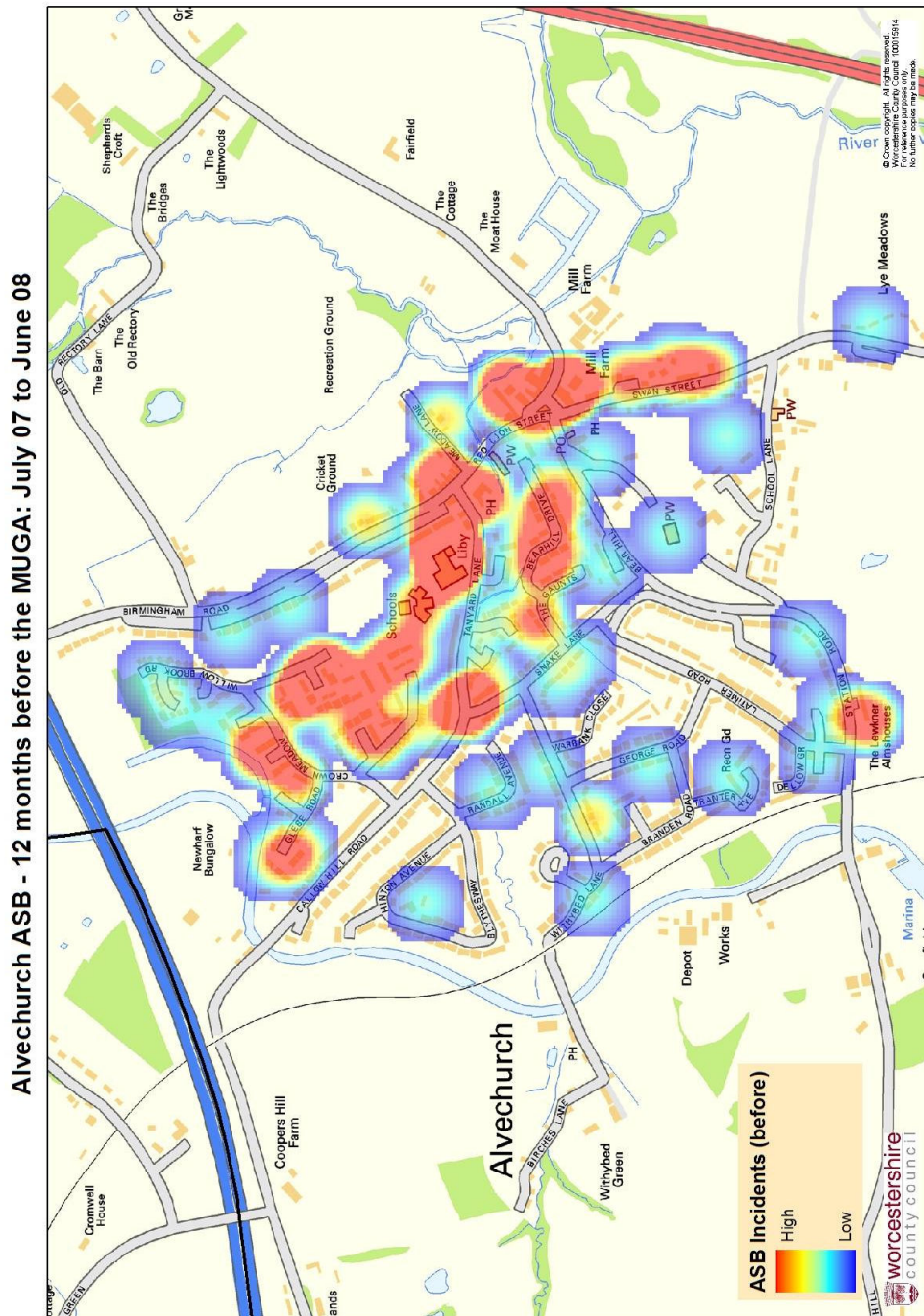


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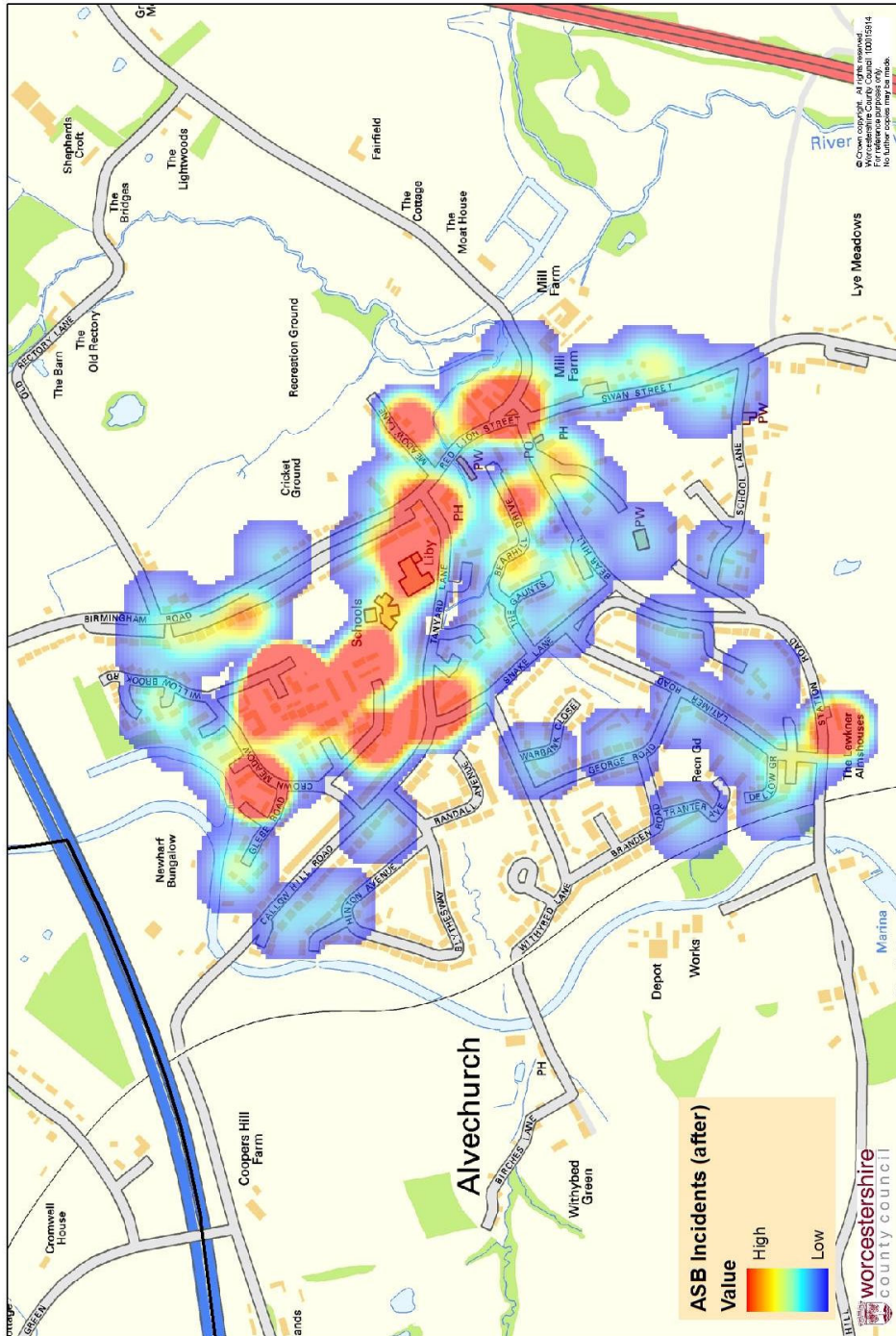
Temporal map to show the intensity and location of ASB 12 months prior to the installation of the MUGA facility.



**APPENDIX 3**

**Temporal map to show the intensity and location of ASB 12 months following the installation of the MUGA facility.**

**Alvechurch ASB - 12 months after the MUGA: July 08 to June 09**



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#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLANNING 2010-2011**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Cllr G. N. Denaro
Responsible Head of Service	Claire Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Non-Key Decision	

#### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 This report outlines the process and rationale for the Overview and Scrutiny Work Planning for 2010-2011.
- 1.2 Overview and Scrutiny is a vehicle for non-executive elected Members of the Council to engage in the local decision making process. The objective of the work planning process is to identify key issues for consideration where Overview and Scrutiny can make a constructive impact upon the local democratic decision making process, to help the Council and its community partners achieve their vision and objectives and promote community well being.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board (JOSB) are requested to:
- consider and identify the priority issues for Overview and Scrutiny for 2010-2011,
  - identify the terms of reference for each priority topic, and
  - ask the Scrutiny Officer, in consultation with the chairmen of the 2 Boards, to schedule the topics identified around the remaining meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Boards for 2010-2011.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. There are 3 Overview and Scrutiny Boards in Bromsgrove; the Overview Board, the Scrutiny Board and the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board.
- 3.2. The role of the Overview Board is to take an overview of council and community services and make recommendations for improvement. The Overview Board is forward looking and contributes to policy and service development. The board is made up of 7 elected councillors, which currently includes one vacancy.
- 3.3. The role of the Scrutiny Board is to review council and community services, to hold the executive to account and to make recommendations for

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improvement. It also reviews executive decisions referred through the Call In process. It takes a post-decision role and concentrates on service review and decisions already taken by the Cabinet, to help the council and community partners achieve their objectives and to provide greater democratic probity. The board is made up of 7 elected councillors, which currently includes one vacancy.

- 3.4. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board (JOSB) joins up the work of the Overview Board and the Scrutiny Board and undertakes responsibility for receiving Councillor Calls for Action, scrutiny of the Council budget, receiving petitions and the scrutiny of crime and disorder. The JOSB and is currently made up of 12 elected councillors with two vacancies. The membership is usually the combined membership of the Overview Board and Scrutiny Board.
- 3.5. Overview and Scrutiny can be undertaken by the Overview Board, the Scrutiny Board, the JOSB, scrutiny task groups, and jointly with scrutiny committees of other local authority councils. The scrutiny boards cannot make executive decisions but can make recommendations to the Cabinet and other local decision makers.
- 3.6. The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2010/2011 is now being drawn up and scheduled around the remaining meetings for this municipal year. During this process, it is hoped to identify some key strategic issues for the Council and its community partners where Overview and Scrutiny can constructively add value to the decision making process.

#### **The Purpose of Work Planning**

- 3.7. The purpose of the Work Planning Workshop is to allow Members of Overview and Scrutiny to consider the topics suggested for the 2010/2011 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme and identify which topics are to be included and prioritised. It also provides Members with the opportunity to begin planning the scope and approach of the scrutiny investigations and the evidence they wish to consider for each topic.

#### **Identifying Topics**

- 3.8. A list of possible items for Overview and Scrutiny has been drawn up to include the suggestions for topics from various sources. The Suggested Topics for Overview and Scrutiny is at Appendix One of this report.
- 3.9. The work of Overview and Scrutiny may include topics which review existing policies and services and make recommendations for improvement, or may



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consider policy development, for example in response to new Government legislation or guidance. Topics for Overview and Scrutiny should be strategic in scope and aimed at making recommendations to the Cabinet, Council or other local decision makers, or where democratic probity is required.

3.10. In order to identify the key issues for Overview and Scrutiny and to make the process inclusive, possible items for future scrutiny work have been identified in a variety of ways:

- ❖ The Corporate Management Team (CMT) have been asked to identify key issues for Overview and Scrutiny,
- ❖ The LSP have been asked to identify key issues for Overview and Scrutiny,
- ❖ The Overview Board and the Scrutiny Board have considered their work programmes and identified topics
- ❖ The Council's Forward Plan and has been taken into account.

3.12. Suggested topics have been put forward by elected members and by CMT. No topics have been submitted recently by members of the public or by community partners; although it may be considered good practice in future to have wider engagement in identifying suggested topics. Members of the public and elected Councillors may also submit proposals at any time during the year.

3.13. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board on 15th June 2010 are asked to consider the suggested topics and to prioritise them. The priority topics identified will be scheduled and timetabled around the scheduled meetings for 2010/2011, according to available time and resources.

### **Prioritising topics**

3.14. It is important for Overview and Scrutiny Members to carefully prioritise the issues that they wish to include on the scrutiny work programme. The workshop will discuss the suggestions and should prioritise them according to the guidance criteria.

3.15. The following queries are used as guidance criteria:

- ❖ Is it a priority issue for the Council or the Local Strategic Partnership?
- ❖ Is it an important issue for local residents?
- ❖ Is it a topic where Overview and Scrutiny could feasibly and constructively make recommendations?
- ❖ Is it a topic where external review would be helpful?

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- ❖ Is it a topic where a review could be made in time to make recommendations for the executive decision making process?
- ❖ Is it a poorly performing service?
- ❖ Is it a review that could render significant savings or value for money?
- ❖ Is the topic strategic in scope?

3.16. Selected topics do not need to answer “yes” to all of these criteria, but they should be used as a way of determining priorities.

3.17. Members are also asked to consider the objectives of the topic, i.e. what the Overview and Scrutiny investigation is trying to achieve and is it achievable within the timescale available.

3.18. The following criteria may also be helpful to members in identifying what issues are **not** suitable for Overview and Scrutiny:

- ❖ Issues which could be dealt with more effectively as a Member Enquiry,
- ❖ Issues where it would not be feasible for Overview and Scrutiny to make realistic recommendations,
- ❖ Issues which are for information only,
- ❖ Issues which are already being dealt with in a similar way elsewhere (duplication),
- ❖ Issues where the matter is sub judice or prejudicial to the Council's interests,
- ❖ Issues where the matter relates to a specific case within the complaints procedure,
- ❖ The issue relates to an individual disciplinary matter or grievance.

3.19. The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme should include a balance of different types of topics, including short, medium and long term investigations. Some topics could be considered at one-off, 'select committee' style meetings; others may be more in-depth investigatory scrutiny exercises. There should ideally be a mix of topic themes across the Council and community partner services and reflecting the different Council and LSP priority areas.

3.20. Bromsgrove District Council Vision, Values and Objectives are given for reference at Appendix Two.

3.21. Using the criteria above, Members are asked to prioritise the topics as:

- ❖ “High”,
- ❖ “Medium” or

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❖ “Low”.

- 3.22. Members are asked to identify no more than **8 “High”** priority topics. This should be divided between the Overview Board and the Scrutiny Board (see Allocation of Topics below). These topics will be given greatest priority and will definitely be scheduled.
- 3.23. The remaining topics will be scheduled in order of priority. As it will not be possible to consider all topics during the year, the prioritised topics will tend to be scheduled first and lower priority topics will be held in reserve. Topics not considered in 2010-2011 may be scheduled for 2011-2012 or reconsidered in the work planning process.

#### **Allocation of Topics**

- 3.24. Topics are allocated to the Overview Board, the Scrutiny Board or the JOSB. Overview and Scrutiny investigations may be carried out through Task Group working groups, which meet outside of the formal committee process to investigate particular issues and report back to one of the main Overview and Scrutiny committees with a report and recommendations.
- 3.25. Topics vary in size and scope, but it is advised that generally no more than 1 in depth investigation be allocated to each Board. Members will need to take a realistic view as to how many Task Groups it is possible to operate at one time given the level of resources needed both in terms of Member time and officer support. It is suggested that any issues relating to the number of topics be addressed by consultation between the Chairmen of the Boards and the Head of Legal Equalities and Democratic Services.
- 3.26. The allocation of topics should allow room for additional items to be added during the municipal year, although it is advised that this be avoided as far as possible and key issues identified in advance. Additional items may arise from a Call In of a Cabinet Decision, a Councillor Call for Action, a topic proposal submission, referral from The Council or Leader and Cabinet, petitions or a joint overview and scrutiny committee proposal from another local authority’s scrutiny committee.
- 3.27. The existing work programmes for the respective Overview and Scrutiny Boards will be updated at the end of the work planning process, agreed by the respective Overview and Scrutiny Boards and inform the work of the scrutiny boards for the remainder of the municipal year. The Overview and Scrutiny Boards will ratify their work programmes at the Scrutiny Board 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010, the Overview Board 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board in July 2010.

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### **Scoping and Planning Topics**

- 3.28. The issues identified for consideration should also be defined to give a precise definition of the area for review. Suggested topics may be rationalised where there are similar themes in two or several suggestions or where a suggested topic may contain more than one issue for consideration.
- 3.29. Initially, Members are asked to consider the *title* and *description* of the topics.
- 3.30. Secondly, Members are asked to consider and identify the precise aims and objectives for review, as well as possible outcomes, evidence to be considered and other details for each topic.
- 3.31. This is an opportunity for Members to identify what evidence they wish to consider for each chosen topic. Evidence may include:
- ❖ Witnesses – people who can talk to the committee about the chosen topic. These may be service users, interest groups, voluntary groups, other service providers, partner agencies, experts in the field or officers of the Council.
  - ❖ Documentary evidence – this may include background papers, written testimonials, academic research, government guidance, officer reports etc.
  - ❖ Site visits – places where Members should visit as part of their investigation, e.g. looking at service delivery on the ground, visiting other service providers, looking at physical environments and places etc.
- 3.32. In planning their Work Programme Members should also consider and identify:
- **Key stakeholders**
    - Decision makers (e.g. the Cabinet)
    - Partner Agencies
    - Lead Officers and Department
    - Service user representatives
    - Voluntary groups
    - Minority groups

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- **Council / LSP Targets** – Any strategic targets that the issues relate to including CAA targets and LAA targets and any other corporate or community targets which may be relevant.
- **Key Background Papers** – Strategic plans, Government legislation or guidance, Council policies etc that are relevant to the policy and services concerned.

3.33. Priority topics will be scheduled with the meetings for the 2010/2011 municipal year and in line with resources. It is suggested that topics be planned over 2-3 Board meetings to allow for a structured “beginning”, “middle” and “end” for each topic.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no budgetary implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. The Local Government Act 2000 requires Councils operating Executive Arrangements to include one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees within their Constitution, which may be composed of any councillors who are not on the Executive Committee of the Council.

5.2. Executive arrangements by a local authority must ensure that their overview and scrutiny committee has power (or their overview and scrutiny committees have power between them) to:

- a) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
- b) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
- c) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,
- d) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,

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- e) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 This process concurs with existing council policy for the overview and scrutiny work planning process as outlined in Part 4 of the Council Constitution.

#### **8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

- 8.1 Overview and Scrutiny links to Council Objective Two: Improvement and Council Objective Three: One Community.

#### **9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no direct risks associated with this report. Any risks associated with topics selected by the Overview Board will be addressed as part of the scrutiny exercises.

#### **10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 Overview and Scrutiny will contribute to improvement of service provision and community well being through the review of local council and community services. It will also aid accountability of local services to service users, council tax payers and other local residents through elected Members as Overview and Scrutiny is led by elected councillors.

#### **11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 Overview and Scrutiny will consider the equality and diversity implications of topics chosen for the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme.

#### **12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

- 12.1 Value for money will be considered and encouraged through the Overview and Scrutiny process in the scrutiny review of local services.

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**13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY**

13.1 There are no direct climate change, carbon implication and biodiversity issues arising from this report, although these issues may be considered in relation to overview and scrutiny investigations undertaken.

**14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

14.1 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

**15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

15.1 The identification of worthwhile topics for consideration through the overview and scrutiny process in line with council and LSP objectives will help to improve the governance of the council and help to focus on performance improvement.

**16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

16.1 Overview and scrutiny committees now have the power and responsibility of scrutinising the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. This function is undertaken by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board (JOSB). Suggestions for key crime and disorder issues will be useful in informing the work of the JOSB.

**17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

17.1 There are no health inequalities implications arising from this report.

**18. LESSONS LEARNT**

18.1 Evidence suggests that overview and scrutiny committees that are more focused on corporate and community objectives with worthwhile topics are able to make more of an impact and play a useful role in policy development and review.

**19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

19.1 Overview and scrutiny investigations can play a useful role of involving and consulting the public and community stakeholders in the development and review of council and community services.

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**20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	NO
Chief Executive	NO
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	NO
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	NO
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	NO
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	NO
Head of Service	NO
Head of Resources	NO
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	NO
Corporate Procurement Team	NO

**21. WARDS AFFECTED**

All Wards

**22. APPENDICES**

Appendix One                      Suggested Topics for Overview and Scrutiny

Appendix Two                      Bromsgrove District Council Vision, Values and Objectives



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**23. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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**Appendix One - Suggested Topics for Overview and Scrutiny**

<b>No/Board</b>	<b>Topic &amp; Description</b>	<b>Proposed by / when</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	<b>Climate Change Strategy</b>	Bromsgrove Partnership Board 20th May 2010	Potentially suitable for joint scrutiny with RBC (second half of the year).
2	<b>Community Engagement Strategy and Community Forums</b>	CMT 20th April 2010	Potentially suitable for joint scrutiny with RBC (March 2011).
3	<b>County Play Strategy</b>	CMT 20th April 2010	Each district to pre-scrutinise the district version of the play strategy once the County version has been finalised (date not specified).
4	<b>Customer Access Strategy</b>	CMT 20th April 2010	Potentially suitable for joint scrutiny with RBC (Some time between January - April 2011).
5	<b>Every Child Matters Strategy, 5 key themes</b> (to include Engaging With Young People in Bromsgrove - engage with young people and improve local amenities for them.)	CMT 20th April 2010 (Original proposal from Cllr C. B. Taylor)	(date not specified).
6	<b>The Place Survey – Committee level assessments</b>	CMT 20th April 2010	late 2010
7	<b>Shared Services</b>	CMT 20th April 2010	This may be a suitable area for joint scrutiny with RBC. (Date not specified but this is likely to require ongoing monitoring arrangements).
8	<b>WETT Service Level Agreements</b>	CMT 20th April 2010	Possible Joint Scrutiny with other local authorities in Worcestershire (date not specified but likely to require ongoing monitoring arrangements).
9	<b>Bromsgrove Planning Policy</b> To consider the Council's planning policy framework the planning process and opportunities for local democratic influence over the development of local planning policies and strategies.	Chair OB	

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10	<b>Economic Regeneration Policy</b> Do we have one and does it reflect local employment needs, match current skills sets, fit with current character and culture of district. What is the policy for town centre regeneration i.e. types of business, balance and mix of business.	(Original proposal from Cllr S. R. Colella)	
11	<b>Anti-Social Drinking</b> The impact of alcohol on health issues and anti-social behaviour. Concerns about social drinking within town centre.	(Original proposal from Cllr Mrs R Dent)	
12	<b>Alcohol Admissions to Hospitals</b> Examining the problems associated with alcohol on public health.	Hugh Bennett – 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	
13	<b>The Worcestershire Older Peoples' Strategy</b> To consider the Worcestershire Older Peoples' Strategy levels 3, 4 and 5.	CMT 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2009 – Hugh Bennett	
14	<b>The New Council House Accommodation</b> To consider the options and proposals for the new council house accommodation	OB 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2009	
15	<b>The Corporate Safeguarding Policy (Children and Vulnerable Adults)</b>  <i>To consider the provisions in place for the Corporate Safeguarding Policy</i>		
16	<b>Street Trading Consent Policy</b> <i>Identified as a future item to be included in Work Programme at meeting held on 24th November 2009 and to be reviewed following initial implementation period of 6 months.</i>		
17	<b>The Annual Bonfire Event</b>	(Original proposal from Cllr J. Duddy) Identified as a future item to be included in Work Programme at meeting held on 24th November 2009. Suggested to be reviewed after 2010 event.	

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