



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a MEETING of BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL to be held in the Council Chamber at The Council House, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 14th September 2011, when the business referred to below will be brought under consideration:-

The meeting will be opened with a prayer.

1. To receive apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

(Members are reminded that they need to keep their register of interest forms up to date)

3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th July 2011 (Pages 1 - 8)

4. To receive any announcements from the Chairman, the Civic Head and the Head of Paid Service

5. To receive any announcements from the Leader

6. Recommendations from the Cabinet (TO FOLLOW)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7th September 2011 on the following items *(the full Cabinet reports are enclosed for information at the back of the white section of the Council agenda book)*

- Budget Preparation Guidelines
- Dedication of BDC Car Park Land to Highway (adjustment to Capital Budget)

7. To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20th July 2011 (Pages 9 - 12)

8. **Questions on Notice**

To deal with any questions on notice from Members of the Council, in the order in which they have been received.

9. **Motion - Universal Credit**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor R. Hollingworth:-

“This Council supports the concept of the universal credit system but does not believe that the current implementation plan will work and this Council should therefore write to the Secretary of Communities to ask him to deliver proper localisation and not the centralisation he seems to be striving for.”

10. **Motion - Police and Positive Activities Funding**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP:

- “1. The Council should ask the Home Secretary to reconsider the cuts in Police Funding and should recommend to him that the money that will be spent on the proposed Police Commissioners should be better spent on front line Policing.
2. The Council should ask the Home Secretary to request the County Council to reconsider the cuts in Positive Activities given that it is felt that the additional costs to public services arising from these cuts will be far greater than the cuts themselves.”

11. **Motion - Cutbacks in Youth Provision**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald:

“The proposed cutbacks in youth provision by the County Council could have devastating effects on our youth and the wellbeing of our communities.

Young people are becoming one of the most deprived groups within our communities with poor job prospects.

Any cuts in youth provision can only add to their isolation and thus exclusion from mainstream society.

Therefore, this Council calls upon the County Council to withdraw its proposal to cut back youth provision and maintain its present provision and by doing so giving much needed support to our young people at a time they feel neglected and forgotten.”

12. **Motion - Shared Services**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor C. J. Bloore:

“It was originally agreed that a feasibility study would be carried into whether Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Council could take advantage of economies of scale through sharing services. It was agreed from the outset that should any political group decide against a move to share services then it would not go ahead.

With the outcome of the feasibility study it was decided by a political group it did not support the outcome to share services. This was ignored by the controlling group who embarked on shared services with Redditch spending millions of pounds on start-up costs.

From shared services it developed into shared management, shared authority to merging with Wyre Forest to create a North Worcestershire Authority to rival the County Council.

At no time have the residents of Bromsgrove been consulted and all decisions relating to this issue have been made and discussed in secret. The actions being taken in secret threaten to lose Bromsgrove’s identity and service supplied on local need.

Therefore we call upon the Council to have a referendum letting the people decide on whether they agree with the decisions that have been made in secret and want to merge with Redditch and Wyre Forest.”

- **Background information on recommendation from the Cabinet - Budget Preparation Guidelines** (Pages 13 - 20)
- **Background information on recommendation from Cabinet - Dedication of BDC Car Park Land to Highway** (Pages 21 - 26)

13. **To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of items of business containing exempt information:-**

"RESOLVED: that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph of that part, in each case, being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>	
14	1 and 4	"

14. **Recommendations from the Cabinet (TO FOLLOW)** (Pages 27 - 228)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7th September 2011 on the following items *(the full Cabinet reports are enclosed for information on pink paper at the back of the Council agenda book)*

- Land Drainage Shared Services Business Case
- Single Business Case for Shared Services
- Car Park Shared Services Business Case
- North Worcestershire Emergency Planning Shared Services Business Case

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL