



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 16th November 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 the need to keep their register of interest forms up to date)

3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14th September and 27th September 2011 (Pages 1 - 12)

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

5. To receive any announcements from the Leader

6. Recommendations from the Cabinet (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2nd November 2011 on the following items *(the full Cabinet reports are enclosed for information at the back of the Council agenda book)*

- Worcestershire Regulatory Services Enforcement Policy
- Corporate Data Backup
- Proposed Merger of North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnerships
- Single Sustainable Community Strategy for Worcestershire

7. To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 27th September, 5th October and 2nd November 2011 (Pages 15 - 28)

8. **Recommendations from the Licensing Committee** (Pages 29 - 30)

To consider the recommendation from the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 31st October 2011 on the following item (*the full Licensing Committee report is enclosed for information at the back of the Council agenda book*)

- Street Trading Consent Policy Review – Fees and Charges

9. **Appointment to Outside Body**

To appoint a representative to fill the vacancy on the Worcestershire County Council Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the period ending May 2012 arising from the resignation of Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths

(Note: The appointed representative must be a member of the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Board)

10. **Questions on Notice**

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

11. **Motion - Shared Services**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald which stands deferred from the meeting of the Council held on 14th September 2011:-

“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."

12. **Motion - Police Funding**

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

"That the Council should write to and ask the Home Secretary Theresa May to reconsider the cuts in Police Funding and should recommend to her that the proposed £130 million pounds to be spent on the proposed Police Commissioners should be spent on retaining front line Police Officers instead."

13. **Motion - National Issues**

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

"That this Chamber calls upon the Chairman to apply Council Procedure Rule 11.5 without variance to ensure that we do not discuss motions on national issues. Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the District of Bromsgrove. A motion will not be regarded as affecting the District of Bromsgrove if it relates to a national issue and would have no more effect on Bromsgrove than it would on any other area. A motion will not be regarded as affecting the District of Bromsgrove if it relates to action taken by or statements made by a body or individual connected with Bromsgrove, but those actions or statements are not specifically related to the District."

14. **Motion - Chief Officers Pay**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor E. J. Murray:

"That this Council treats its Chief Officers the same as other employees by implementing a pay freeze and that pay freeze continues in line with other employees."

- **Background information on recommendation from the Cabinet - Worcestershire Regulatory Services Enforcement Policy** (Pages 31 - 44)
- **Background information on recommendation from the Cabinet - Corporate Data Backup** (Pages 45 - 46)
- **Background information on recommendation from the Cabinet - Proposed Merger of North Worcestershire Community Partnerships** (Pages 47 - 68)
- **Background information on recommendation from the Cabinet - Single Sustainable Community Strategy for Worcestershire** (Pages 69 - 94)
- **Background information on recommendation from the Licensing Committee - Street Trading Consent Policy Review - Fees and Charges** (Pages 95 - 110)

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL