

#### **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

### WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2012 AT 3.00 P.M.

#### COMMITTEE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Councillors R. Hollingworth (Leader), Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP

(Deputy Leader), Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, M. A. Bullivant,

C. B. Taylor and M. J. A. Webb

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. To receive apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Referral from Council Motion on Free Parking for Blue Badge Holders

At its meeting on 18th January 2012, the Council agreed:

That the following motion submitted by Councillor L. C. R. Mallett be referred to the Cabinet for consideration in the context of an officer report currently being prepared.

"Noting the increasing pressure being put on disabled people as a result of cuts to benefits and services as well as the forthcoming rise in charges for blue badges, Council resolves to reintroduce free parking in Bromsgrove District Council car parks for blue badge holders with effect from April 2012."

Referral from the Council - Motion on CCTV

At its meeting on 18th January 2012, the Council agreed:

That the following motion submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald be referred to the Cabinet for consideration as part of the budget process so that relevant facts and figures could be reported and taken into account.

"That this Council no longer monitors CCTV coverage outside of Bromsgrove and Redditch and gives due notice of this to those it may concern."

- 5. Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/13 2014/15 (Pages 1 10)
- 6. Fees and Charges 2012/13 (Pages 11 12)
- 7. Treasury Management Statement (Pages 13 42)
- 8. Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2011/12 (Pages 43 64)
  - Appendices For Item 5 Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/13 2014/15 (Pages 65 - 80)
  - Appendix For Item 6 Fees And Charges 2012/13 (Pages 81 96)
  - Appendix For Item 7 Treasury Management Statement (Pages 97 98)
  - Appendices For Item 8 Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 3 (Pages 99 -104)
- 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, by reason of special circumstances, considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting

K. DICKS
Chief Executive

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14th February 2012







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# **Declaration of Interests - Explained**

#### **Definition of Interests**

A Member has a **PERSONAL INTEREST** if the issue being discussed at a meeting affects the well-being or finances of the Member, the Member's family or a close associate more than most other people who live in the ward affected by the issue.

Personal interests are also things relating to an interest the Member must register, such as any outside bodies to which the Member has been appointed by the Council or membership of certain public bodies.

A personal interest is also a **PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** if it affects:

- The finances, or
- A regulatory function (such as licensing or planning)

Of the Member, the Member's family or a close associate **AND** which a reasonable member of the public with knowledge of the facts would believe likely to harm or impair the Member's ability to judge the public interest.

#### **Declaring Interests**

If a Member has an interest they must normally declare it at the start of the meeting or as soon as they realise they have the interest.

#### **EXCEPTION:**

If a Member has a **PERSONAL INTEREST** which arises because of membership of another public body the Member only needs to declare it if and when they speak on the matter.

If a Member has both a **PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** they must not debate or vote on the matter and must leave the room.

#### **EXCEPTION:**

If a Member has a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting at which members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, the Member has the same rights as the public and can also attend the meeting to make representations, give evidence or answer questions BUT THE MEMBER MUST LEAVE THE ROOM ONCE THEY HAVE FINISHED AND CANNOT DEBATE OR VOTE.

However, the Member must not use these rights to seek to improperly influence a decision in which they have a prejudicial interest.

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