

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors J. M. L. A. Griffiths (Chairman), R. J. Laight (Vice-Chairman), S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, D. W. P. Booth, J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, M. T. Buxton, R. A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, R. L. Dent, P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, H. J. Jones, P. Lammas, B. Lewis, L. C. R. Mallett, C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, C. R. Scurrall, E. M. Shannon, R. J. Shannon, S. P. Shannon, M. A. Sherrey, C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

53/13 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. J. Dudley, K. A. Grant-Pearce, J. A. Ruck and L. J. Turner.

54/13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Item 7 - Medium Term Financial Plan

Councillor S. P. Shannon declared an other disclosable interest as a Board Member of BHI a subsidiary of Bromsgrove District Housing Trust.

Councillor C. R. Scurrall declared an other disclosable interest as a Member of Belbroughton Parish Council. Councillor Scurrall left the room during the consideration of the item.

(The Monitoring Officer advised that there was a dispensation in place in respect of Members who were also Members of a Parish Council. Councillor Scurrall however stated he wished to declare his interest and would leave the room during consideration of the item.)

(A number of Members declared an other disclosable interest in the Notice of Motion - Support to Community Organisations. The Monitoring Officer advised that this Notice of Motion had in fact now been withdrawn.)

55/13 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th November 2013 were submitted.

Councillor S. P. Shannon attempted to raise a matter on minute 49/13 (Questions on Notice) however the Chairman ruled this was not an issue of accuracy of the minutes and should be taken up outside the meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th November 2013 be approved as a correct record.

56/13 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, THE CIVIC HEAD AND THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Chairman thanked fellow Members and officers for the many letters, cards and good wishes she had received whilst she had been undergoing medical treatment and during her subsequent recovery period. Councillor Griffiths also paid tribute to the excellent medical care she had received at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

The Civic Head reported that she had recently attended "The Spirit of Bromsgrove Awards" and thanked officers for the organisation of a very enjoyable event.

57/13 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader referred to the works which had now started in Bromsgrove High Street and to the Parkside development which would now commence on 10th March. Together with other developments such as the relocation of the Petrol Station on Birmingham Road, this demonstrated pleasing progress on the regeneration of the Town Centre.

58/13 **POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL**

Members were requested to note a report on the change to the political balance of the Council and the need for resulting changes to the Council's Boards and Committees.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council note the establishment of a new political group, the Independent Alliance;
- (b) that the authority to agree the political balance of the membership of the Committees be delegated to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services following consultation with the Group Leaders;
- (c) following agreement at (b) above, that Members be appointed to the Committees in accordance with nominations to be made by the Group Leaders; and
- (d) that the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Council's Constitution arising from (c) above.

59/13 **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2013**

(i) **Finance Monitoring – Quarter 2 2013/2014**

The recommendation from the Cabinet was proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor M. A. Sherrey. In proposing the recommendation Councillor Hollingworth referred to the work being undertaken on Transformation in conjunction with Stoke City Council.

Councillor L. C. R. Mallett queried the value of working with Stoke City Council which appeared to be a very different Authority to Bromsgrove District Council. In addition Councillor Mallett questioned what would the benefits be to this Council and what would be achieved above what could be provided in house.

Councillor S. J. Baxter stated that the financial information within the report was now almost five months old and queried whether the Council was still in a position to undertake this expenditure.

Councillor Hollingworth responded that a limited number of Authorities were undertaking a similar programme of Transformation and that geographically Stoke City Council was the closest amongst these. It was felt that there was a significant benefit to Bromsgrove in learning through the experiences of other Authorities.

RESOLVED that £32,000 be vired from Salaries to Other Local Authorities within Business Transformation to fund the proposed Academy to be implemented with Stoke City Council, subject to 50% of this sum being recharged to Redditch Borough Council.

60/13 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2014**

(i) **Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/2015 – 2016/2017**

At the invitation of the Leader the Section 151 Officer gave a brief overview of the background to the preparation of the Medium Term Financial Plan, including key issues such as the impact of the national economy, cuts in government grant settlement and the impact of County Council expenditure cuts.

Reference was made to the work being undertaken on Transformation with a view to finding alternative ways of making further savings and to the utilisation of any funding received through the New Homes Bonus to offset the pressures facing the Council.

Councillor R. Hollingworth emphasised the impact of cuts in the government grant settlement. In addition reference was made to the

grant included within the settlement for 2014/2015 in relation to the impact on Parish Councils from the Council Tax Discount Scheme. Councillor Hollingworth stated that it was proposed that the sum of £45,000 be allocated throughout the District for Members to spend for the benefit of their Wards and not only to the Parished areas. There would be a need for further consideration of the process to enable this.

It was intended to fund borrowing in respect of a new Leisure Centre by way of general fund balances for a period of 3 years after which it was anticipated that the Leisure Centre would be self - funding.

Councillor Hollingworth also referred to the proposal not to allocate £6,000 to support free parking on Small Business Saturday but to utilise this sum to fund general inward investment and economic development opportunities in the District. Reference was also made to the proposed Arts and Cultural Programme to improve the economy and footfall in the Town Centre.

During debate on the item Councillor L. C. R. Mallett stated that he did not support the proposed Medium Term Financial Plan in view of the high level of spending in previous years and the proposed level of borrowing to fund projects such as the Leisure Centre and the Parkside redevelopment. Concern was expressed that the projected New Homes Bonus was being utilised to support the cost of borrowing. Councillor Mallett stated that there was limited opportunity for proper scrutiny of the item or to put forward an alternative Medium Term Financial Plan due to a detailed breakdown of cost information not being available, although he thanked the Section 151 Officer for information supplied to him in recent days.

Councillors also discussed the proposal not to allocate the estimated £45,000 included in the Government settlement to mitigate the impact of the Council Tax Discount Scheme on Parish Councils. The view was expressed that Bromsgrove would be one of very few Authorities not to pass the Central Government grant in respect of the Council Tax Discount Scheme direct to the Parish Councils. It was suggested that although the Council had discretion about whether or not to pass it on, Central Government had clearly indicated that it expected all Councils to do so. The proposal to use New Homes Bonus income to offset budget pressures was also queried.

As required under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a named vote was taken on the Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/2015 – 2016/2017.

For the recommendations: Councillors D. W. P. Booth, J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, R. A. Clarke, B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, R. L. Dent, P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, H. J. Jones, R. J. Laight, P. Lammas, M. A. Sherrey, C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, M. J. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (20)

Against the recommendations: Councillors S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, M. T. Buxton, S. R. Colella, B. Lewis, L. C. R. Mallett, C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, E. M. Shannon, R. J. Shannon, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (13)

RESOLVED:

- (a) that in relation to the revenue bid for £6,000 for Small Business Saturday free parking, included in Appendix 1 of the report, this sum be allocated to fund general inward investment and economic development opportunities in the District ;
- (b) that subject to (a) above, the revenue bids of £206,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (c) that the following unavoidable pressures as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved:

2014/15 - £369,000
2015/16 - £210,000
2016/17 - £232,000

- (d) that the use of balances of £251,000 for 2014/15 be approved;
- (e) that the savings as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report be approved;
- (f) that the estimated value of grant of £45,000 as included in the Government's Settlement for 2014/15 in relation to the impact on Parish Councils from the Council Tax Discount Scheme, be allocated equally to Ward Councillors to spend within their Ward. (Calculation to be £45,000/39 x number of Members per ward);
- (g) that the increase in Council Tax of 1.9% for 2014/15 be approved; and
- (h) that the Pay Policy as attached at Appendix 4 of the report be approved.

61/13 **TO SET THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2014/2015**

Members received a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) with regard to the setting of the Council Tax for 2014/2015.

Having been moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor M. A. Sherrey, it was

RESOLVED that the recommendations as set out as an appendix to these minutes, setting a Council Tax for 2014/2015 of £200.24 for a Band D unparished property be approved.

As required under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a named vote was taken on the setting of the Council Tax for 2014/2015.

For the recommendations: Councillors D. W. P. Booth, J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, R. A. Clarke, B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, R. L. Dent, P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, H. J. Jones, R. J. Laight, P. Lammas, C. R. Scurrall, M. A. Sherrey, C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, M. J. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (21)

Against the recommendations: Councillors S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, M. T. Buxton, S. R. Colella, B. Lewis, L. C. R. Mallett, C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, E. M. Shannon, R. J. Shannon, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (13)

62/13 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2013, 8TH JANUARY 2014 AND 5TH FEBRUARY 2014**

The minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 4th December 2013, 8th January 2014 and 5th February 2014 were received for information.

4th December 2013

In relation to minute 67/13 Councillor M. A. Bullivant undertook to write to Councillor E. J. Murray detailing the Trees and Place interventions which would be trialled in Bromsgrove.

In relation to minute 70/13 Councillor M. J. A. Webb undertook to write to Councillor L. C. R. Mallett setting out what had been recommended by the Council's external auditors and actions agreed.

5th February 2014

In relation to minute 83/13 which referred to changes to Cabinet Portfolios, the Monitoring Officer apologised that Members had not been made aware of these changes at an earlier stage.

In relation to minute 87/13 regarding Fees and Charges, the Leader offered to discuss the increases to Lifeline costs with Councillor Mallett outside the meeting.

63/13 **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

Members' attention was drawn to a report of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel for Worcestershire District Councils setting out its recommendations to Bromsgrove District Council arising from its review of Members' Allowance for 2014/2015.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor M. A. Sherrey and

RESOLVED that for 2014/2015 the current levels of payment and existing structure in respect of Members' Allowances be maintained.

64/13 **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

It was noted that Councillor R. Dent had replace Councillor J. Brogan as a member of the Planning Committee.

65/13 **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Question submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald

"Please would the Leader tell the Council how many staff were paid in excess of £100,000 18 months ago and what that number is now, and projected in the financial year ahead including vacant posts?"

The Leader referred the question to Councillor M. J. A. Webb. Councillor Webb responded that the answer in each case was two members of staff and that this information was available on the Council's web site and within the Council's Pay Policy. In each case Bromsgrove District Council paid 50% of the salary.

Question submitted by Councillor S. P. Shannon

"Does the Leader of the Council agree and support my campaign to reduce a completely inappropriate speed limit that encompasses the junction of Bromsgrove by-pass with Stoke Road, Charford which is the main crossing point for several hundred local children and parents who twice a day are often stranded on the central reservation with traffic travelling at up to 60mph only inches away?"

The Leader responded that he had not been aware of Councillor Shannon's campaign but he was happy to consider supporting it if Councillor Shannon could provide him with details of the issue in writing.

Question submitted by Councillor E. M. Shannon

"Can the Leader of the Council please explain to us at what stage did he know that EPIC were to leave the TRUNK while also neglecting to tell the local Councillors, and what he did to avoid this action and does he agree that both LSP and this Council failed in their duty to protect services at the TRUNK?"

The Leader responded that knew some time ago that EPIC would be leaving the TRUNK but that he was not aware of interest expressed by local Councillors. The Local Strategic Partnership and the Council had worked very hard to ensure that services were still provided by EPIC from Sidemoor and that provision also covered the Charford area.

Question submitted by Councillor E. J. Murray

Please can the Leader confirm the total spent on redundancies, related pensions strains and compromise agreements since 2008 plus the total spent on transformation/shared services consultants such as SERCO and Vanguard – and what difference in total expenditure budget has been achieved as a result of these cuts and spends between the 2008/09 budget and that he proposes today?”

The Leader responded that the total expenditure on redundancies, pension strains and compromise agreements was £1,100,000, the total amount on transformation/shared services consultants was £142,000, (£99,000 Vanguard and £43,000 SERCO) and that savings had been approximately £1,000,000 per annum. Currently £3,400,000 had been saved in total.

Question submitted by Councillor S. J. Baxter

“The Council meeting held on 13th January 2013 (min 62/12) made the following resolution with regards the Localisation of council tax support and the £52,160 allocated to Bromsgrove from Central Government to protect the positions of the Parish Councils:

- (e) that the residual sum of £12,160 be allocated to the non parished areas within the District

Please can the Leader update Council on how this money has been spent?”

The Leader confirmed that £8,000 had been spent on the bridge in the Town Centre and £2,000 on signage and tidying up in Crown Close. The outstanding amount remained in the budget unspent at present.

Question submitted by Councillor M. T. Buxton

Would the Leader please confirm the total spent on payments to the Vanguard Consultancy company for transformation consultancy including via their Academy scheme and whether any Members or officers have travelled abroad to events connected with Vanguard and if so who, when and to where?”

The Leader asked Councillor M. J. A. Webb to respond. Councillor Webb stated that £93,000 had been paid to Vanguard Consultancy with £18,000 paid to the Academy in this financial year. No officers or Members had been abroad in connection with this.

66/13 **MOTION - MARLBROOK TIP**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor L. C. R. Mallett:

“Following the recent revelation that thousands more lorry-loads of soil may need to be tipped onto the Marlbrook Tip site in order to make safe the

thousands of tons over tipped already – Council resolves to establish an Independent Public Inquiry into the chain of events from the sale of the land to the present day in order to establish responsibilities and lessons learnt.”

The motion was moved by Councillor Mallett and seconded by Councillor P. M. McDonald.

In moving the motion Councillor Mallett referred to the history of the site, in particular to the conditions on the Planning Permission which had not been effectively enforced and to concerns subsequently raised by local residents which had not been satisfactorily addressed, partially because they had not been treated as “complaints”. This had led to the Environment Agency now recommending that 300mm of additional “restoration” soil be tipped onto the site. Councillor Mallett also referred to the recent public meeting at which the possibility of holding a Public Inquiry had been raised. Concern had been expressed as to how the additional tipping was itself to be monitored.

Councillor McDonald outlined the sequence of events including the grant of the original planning permission for a golf course and the subsequent setting up of a monitoring group. Councillor McDonald stated the group had proved to be unsuccessful in recognising and preventing the over tipping which had taken place despite complaints from residents.

Councillor B. T. Cooper spoke in detail as a Member for the ward in which the site was located and fully acknowledged the mistakes and apparent inaction which had led to the existing situation. In terms of moving forward however Councillor Cooper felt that an Inquiry would not be a helpful step in that it would be a slow process and would not have statutory powers to require attendance from potential witnesses. It was vital instead to direct efforts towards determining the best way of achieving progress on this site and to ensure that a similar situation did not arise elsewhere in the future.

Councillor C. B. Taylor acknowledged that it was a very difficult situation but agreed with Councillor Cooper that it was important to look forward rather than back and to try to find the best solution for residents. Councillor Taylor felt that Members, officers and residents should be able to work together to reach a solution.

(The Chairman agreed to a short adjournment to enable a discussion to take place with the proposer of the Motion on a proposed amendment and the meeting was therefore adjourned from 8.20pm to 8.25pm.)

Following some discussion an amendment to the motion (highlighted in italics) was proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor R. J. Deeming *that a cross party Working Group be established to both evaluate options going forward and to clarify the benefits of an Independent Public Inquiry into the chain of events from the sale of the land to the present day in order to establish responsibilities and lessons learnt.*

Having been put to the vote, the Chairman declared the amendment to be carried.

The amendment was then put to the vote as the substantive motion and the Chairman declared it to be carried.

67/13 **NOTICE OF MOTION - MOVE TO FORMER PARKSIDE SCHOOL**

The following motion had been submitted by Councillor B. Lewis:

“That the financial business plan relating to the proposed move of BDC Council House to the former Parkside School be scrutinised by Members of the Council”

It was noted that this motion had been referred to the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration.

68/13 **MOTION - SUPPORT TO LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

It was noted that this motion had been withdrawn.

69/13 **MOTION - LOCAL PLAN**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor C. J. Bloore:

“Council Notes

The decisions taken by Council in October 2013 in relation to the Local Plan.

Council Believes

Since October’s meeting real concerns about the pace of progress and the viability of the proposed Local Plan have been raised.

Council Resolves

Council calls upon the Leader, Cabinet and Portfolio Holder to urgently review these matters and give all Councillors an update on the progress of the Local Plan.”

The motion was moved by Councillor Bloore and seconded by Councillor L. C. R. Mallett.

In proposing the motion Councillor Bloore expressed disappointment at the lack of progress on the Local Plan and referred to the difficult and risky position of the Authority without a Local Plan in place. Councillor Bloore stated he was concerned that Bromsgrove was in danger of moving to “dormitory status”.

Members expressed concern that without a Local Plan Bromsgrove with its ring of Green Belt was exposed as a target for developers. Reference was also made to affordable homes and the imbalance of housing in Bromsgrove District.

Councillor C. B. Taylor reminded Members that a series of seminars and workshops had been arranged for Members throughout the Local Plan process to date. At each stage there had been an opportunity for all Members to raise issues and comments with officers or with himself as Portfolio Holder.

The Motion was put to the vote and the Chairman declared it to be lost.

The meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.

Chairman

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE & RESOURCES

1.0 PURPOSE

To seek approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Bromsgrove District Council for 2014/15. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Bromsgrove District Council, Worcestershire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority and the various Parish Councils.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Localism Act 2011 made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously.

3.0 PRECEPTS AND LEVIES

Details have been received from the various precepting bodies to enable the Council to set the Council Tax for 2014/15. The amounts of the precepts are set out below:

	£
Worcestershire County Council	36,138,442.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	6,218,919.48
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority	2,560,898.62
Bromsgrove District Council	6,831,778.00
Parish precepts	725,368.76
Total	52,475,406.86

The Parish Council Precepts for 2014/15 are detailed in the attached **Schedule 3**.

4.0 INFORMATION

Based on the recommendation from Cabinet, it is now necessary to formally set Council Tax levels throughout the area for the spending requirements of Bromsgrove District Council, Worcestershire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority and the various Parish Councils. If the Council approves the recommendations set out below the average band D Council Tax in 2014/15 will be £1,538.06, made up as follows:

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Authority	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	Increase %
Bromsgrove District Council	196.51	200.24	1.90
Worcestershire County Council	1,039.06	1,059.22	1.94
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	178.72	182.28	1.99
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue	73.64	75.06	1.93
Parish Councils (Average)	20.73	21.26	2.58
Total Council Tax	1,508.66	1,538.06	1.95

The % increases all relate to the change from current year levels.

The average increase in overall bills represents a range from 1.75% to +2.44% depending on variations in parish council spending and precepts.

The necessary formal resolutions are set out below.

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. that it be noted at its meeting on 8 January 2014 the Cabinet calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/15
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 34,117.95 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates the amounts as shown in Column 4 of the attached **Schedule 1**.

2. Calculate the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£6,831,778**.

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £47,115,007 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act (taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils) (*i.e. Gross expenditure*)

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- (b) £39,557,860 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act. (*i.e. Gross income*)
 - (c) £7,557,147 being the amount by which the aggregate of 3 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3 (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) £221.50 being the amount at 3 (c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £725,369 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act (as per the attached **Schedule 3**).
 - (f) £200.24 being the amount at 3 (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3 (e) above by Item T (1 (a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
 - (g) the amounts shown in Column 3 of **Schedule 1**. These are the basic amounts of the council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the Council's area shown in Column 1 of the schedule respectively to which special items relate, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act. (District and Parish combined at Band D).
 - (h) The amounts shown in Column 5 of **Schedule 1** being the amount given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;
4. It be noted that for the year 2014/15 Worcestershire County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia and Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local

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Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwelling in the Council's area as indicated below:

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Worcestershire County Council	706.15	823.84	941.53	1,059.22	1,294.60	1,529.99	1,765.37	2,118.44
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	121.52	141.77	162.02	182.28	222.78	263.29	303.80	364.55
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority	50.04	58.38	66.72	75.06	91.74	108.42	125.10	150.12

- Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 5 above, that Bromsgrove District Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the amounts shown in **Schedule 2** as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.
- That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments under Section 90(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund by ten equal instalments between April 2014 to March 2015 as detailed below:

	Precept £	Surplus on Collection Fund £	Total to pay £
Worcestershire County Council	36,138,442.00	471,891	36,610,333.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	6,218,919.48	81,166	6,300,085.48
Hereford & Worcester Fire	2,560,898.62	33,443.00	2,594,341.62

- That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make transfers under Section 97 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund to the General

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Fund the sum of £ 7,655,794 being the Council's own demand on the Collection Fund (£6,831,778), Parish Precepts (£725,369) and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£98,647).

8. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments from the General Fund to the Parish Councils the sums listed on **Schedule 3** by two equal instalments on 1 April 2014 and 1 October 2014 in respect of the precept levied on the Council.
9. That the above resolutions 3 to 5 be signed by the Chief Executive for use in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the recovery of unpaid Council Taxes.
10. Notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive are given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL TAX
INCLUDING PARISH PRECEPTS 2014/15**

SCHEDULE 1

Column 1	Column 2 Parish Band D £	Column 3 Basic Amount of Council Tax Band D (District + Parish) £	Column 4 Taxbase	Column 5 – by valuation band														
				Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £							
Part of the Council's Area																		
Alvechurch	47.60	247.84	2,205.07	165.22	192.76	220.30	247.84	302.92	357.99	413.06	495.68							
Barnet Green	62.11	262.35	905.10	174.90	204.05	233.20	262.35	320.65	378.95	437.25	524.70							
Belbroughton	56.86	257.10	1,143.11	171.40	199.97	228.53	257.10	314.24	371.37	428.50	514.20							
Bentley Pauncefoot	29.61	229.85	184.03	153.23	178.77	204.31	229.85	280.94	332.02	383.09	459.70							
Beoley	25.61	225.85	439.29	150.56	175.66	200.75	225.85	276.04	326.23	376.41	451.70							
Bournheath	51.15	251.39	208.97	167.59	195.52	223.46	251.39	307.26	363.12	418.98	502.78							
Catshill & Marlbrook	11.91	212.15	2,181.99	141.43	165.00	188.58	212.15	259.29	306.44	353.58	424.30							
Client	66.47	266.71	1,181.73	177.80	207.44	237.07	266.71	325.98	385.25	444.51	533.42							
Cotton Hackett	31.21	231.45	736.83	154.30	180.02	205.74	231.45	282.89	334.33	385.75	462.90							
Dodford with Grafton	25.04	225.28	393.37	150.18	175.22	200.25	225.28	275.34	325.41	375.46	450.56							
Finstall	27.10	227.34	282.82	151.56	176.82	202.08	227.34	277.87	328.39	378.90	454.68							
Frankley	37.95	238.19	48.74	158.79	185.26	211.73	238.19	291.13	344.06	396.99	476.38							
Hagley	42.23	242.47	2,024.43	161.65	188.59	215.53	242.47	296.36	350.24	404.12	484.94							
Hunnington	42.54	242.78	223.30	161.85	188.83	215.81	242.78	296.74	350.69	404.64	485.56							
Lickey & Blackwell	20.78	221.02	2,077.24	147.34	171.90	196.46	221.02	270.13	319.25	368.36	442.04							
Romsley	42.60	242.84	633.79	161.89	188.87	215.86	242.84	296.81	350.77	404.73	485.68							
Stoke	31.40	231.64	1,641.75	154.42	180.16	205.90	231.64	283.12	334.59	386.06	463.28							
Tutnall & Cobley	20.31	220.55	358.49	147.03	171.53	196.04	220.55	269.56	318.57	367.58	441.10							
Wythall	22.50	222.74	4,485.42	148.49	173.24	197.99	222.74	272.24	321.74	371.23	445.48							
Urban	N/A	N/A	12,762.49	133.49	155.74	177.99	200.24	244.74	289.24	333.73	400.48							
Taxbase Total			34,117.95															

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**COUNCIL TAX SCHEDULE FOR THE BROMSGROVE DISTRICT AREA INCLUDING
BROMSGROVE D C, WORCESTERSHIRE C C, POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST
MERCIA, HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY, PARISH PRECEPTS**

SCHEDULE 2

Parish	Taxbase	Precept £	Council Tax per Valuation Band												
			Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £	Total Bill Band H £				
Worcestershire County Council	34,117.95	36,138,442	706.15	823.84	941.53	1,059.22	1,294.60	1,529.99	1,765.37	2,118.44					
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	34,117.95	6,218,919.48	121.52	141.77	162.02	182.28	222.78	263.29	303.80	364.55					
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority	34,117.95	2,560,898.62	50.04	58.38	66.72	75.06	91.74	108.42	125.10	150.12					
Bromsgrove District Council	34,117.95	6,831,778	133.49	155.74	177.99	200.24	244.74	289.24	333.73	400.48					
Total Unparished			1,011.20	1,179.73	1,348.26	1,516.80	1,853.86	2,190.94	2,528.00	3,033.59					
			Total Bill Band A £	Total Bill Band B £	Total Bill Band C £	Total Bill Band D £	Total Bill Band E £	Total Bill Band F £	Total Bill Band G £	Total Bill Band H £	Total Bill Band G £	Total Bill Band F £	Total Bill Band E £	Total Bill Band D £	Total Bill Band C £
			(6/9)	(7/9)	(8/9)	(9/9)	(11/9)	(13/9)	(15/9)	(18/9)					
Parish		Precept £													
Alvechurch	2,205.07	104,957	1,042.93	1,216.75	1,390.57	1,564.40	1,912.04	2,259.69	2,607.33	3,128.79					
Barn Green	905.10	56,216	1,052.61	1,228.04	1,403.47	1,578.91	1,929.77	2,280.65	2,631.52	3,157.81					
Belbroughton	1,143.11	65,000	1,049.11	1,223.96	1,398.80	1,573.66	1,923.36	2,273.07	2,622.77	3,147.31					
Bentley Pauncefoot	184.03	5,450	1,030.94	1,202.76	1,374.58	1,546.41	1,890.06	2,233.72	2,577.36	3,092.81					
Beoley	439.29	11,250	1,028.27	1,199.65	1,371.02	1,542.41	1,885.16	2,227.93	2,570.68	3,084.81					
Bourneheath	208.97	10,689	1,045.30	1,219.51	1,393.73	1,567.95	1,916.38	2,264.82	2,613.25	3,135.89					
Catshill & Marlbrook	2,181.99	25,984	1,019.14	1,188.99	1,358.85	1,528.71	1,868.41	2,208.14	2,547.85	3,057.41					
Client	1,181.73	78,550	1,055.51	1,231.43	1,407.34	1,583.27	1,935.10	2,286.95	2,638.78	3,166.53					
Coffon Hackett	736.83	23,000	1,032.01	1,204.01	1,376.01	1,548.01	1,892.01	2,236.03	2,580.02	3,096.01					
Dodford with Grafton	393.37	9,850	1,027.89	1,199.21	1,370.52	1,541.84	1,884.46	2,227.11	2,569.73	3,083.67					
Finstall	282.82	7,665	1,029.27	1,200.81	1,372.35	1,543.90	1,886.99	2,230.09	2,573.17	3,087.79					
Frankley	48.74	1,850	1,036.50	1,209.25	1,382.00	1,554.75	1,900.25	2,245.76	2,591.26	3,109.49					
Hagley	2,024.43	85,500	1,039.36	1,212.58	1,385.80	1,559.03	1,905.48	2,251.94	2,598.39	3,118.05					
Hunnington	223.30	9,500	1,039.56	1,212.82	1,386.08	1,559.34	1,905.86	2,252.39	2,598.91	3,118.67					
Lickey & Blackwell	2,077.24	43,156	1,025.05	1,195.89	1,366.73	1,537.58	1,879.25	2,220.95	2,562.63	3,075.15					
Romsley	633.79	27,000	1,039.60	1,212.86	1,386.13	1,559.40	1,905.93	2,252.47	2,599.00	3,118.79					
Stoke	1,641.75	51,550	1,032.13	1,204.15	1,376.17	1,548.20	1,892.24	2,236.29	2,580.33	3,096.39					
Tutnall & Cobley	358.49	7,280	1,024.74	1,195.52	1,366.31	1,537.11	1,878.68	2,220.27	2,561.85	3,074.21					
Wythall	4,485.42	100,922	1,026.20	1,197.23	1,368.26	1,539.30	1,881.36	2,223.44	2,565.50	3,078.59					
Urban	12,762.49		1,011.20	1,179.73	1,348.26	1,516.80	1,853.86	2,190.94	2,528.00	3,033.59					
	34,117.95	725,369													

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	2013/14 Precept £	2013/14 Taxbase	2013/14 Levy per Band D Equivalent	2014/15 Precept £	Percentage Change in Precept Amount %	2014/15 Taxbase	Levy per Band D Equivalent
Alvechurch	104,957	2,166.94	48.44	104,957	0.00	2,205.07	47.60
Barnt Green	56,000	901.60	62.11	56,216	0.39	905.10	62.11
Belbroughton	55,000	1,140.27	48.23	65,000	18.18	1,143.11	56.86
Bentley Pauncefoot	5,750	181.94	31.60	5,450	-5.22	184.03	29.61
Beoley	10,725	445.97	24.05	11,250	4.90	439.29	25.61
Bournheath	10,689	209.65	50.99	10,689	0.00	208.97	51.15
Catshill & Marlbrook	25,351	2,195.35	11.55	25,984	2.50	2,181.99	11.91
Client	75,000	1,175.82	63.79	78,550	4.73	1,181.73	66.47
Cofton Hackett	22,846	718.72	31.79	23,000	0.67	736.83	31.21
Dodford with Grafton	9,850	390.15	25.25	9,850	0.00	393.37	25.04
Finstall	8,025	282.69	28.39	7,665	-4.49	282.82	27.10
Frankley	1,850	48.57	38.09	1,850	0.00	48.74	37.95
Hagley	74,035	2,025.95	36.54	85,500	15.49	2,024.43	42.23
Hunnington	9,250	221.63	41.74	9,500	2.70	223.30	42.54
Lickey & Blackwell	43,156	2,046.28	21.09	43,156	0.00	2,077.24	20.78
Romsley	25,000	629.97	39.68	27,000	8.00	633.79	42.60
Stoke	55,000	1,637.82	33.58	51,550	-6.27	1,641.75	31.40
Tutnall & Cobley	7,280	349.03	20.86	7,280	0.00	358.49	20.31
Wythall	100,447	4,404.63	22.80	100,922	0.47	4,485.42	22.50
Total	700,211	21,172.96		725,369	3.59	21,355.47	

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