

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 4.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors R. Hollingworth (Leader), M. A. Bullivant, C. B. Taylor and M. J. A. Webb

Officers: Mr K. Dicks, Ms J. Pickering, Mrs S. Sellers, Ms S. Morgan and Ms R. Cole

38/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. W. P. Booth and M. A. Sherrey

39/13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

40/13 **AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2012/2013**

The Cabinet considered the Audit Findings Report 2012/2013 together with the draft letter of representation. The Leader welcomed Mr P. Jones and Ms Z. Thomas from Grant Thornton to the meeting.

Mr Jones recognised that the accounts were well prepared and working papers appropriate. The Council's strategic priorities had been developed and were shaping budgetary decisions. The financial challenges faced by all District Councils were recognised. There was one significant change to the accounts relating to the Council's share of receipts from the sale of former council houses.

It was noted that the two recommendations proposed by Grant Thornton had been accepted by officers and the recommendation relating to IT security had already been addressed. Officers would be submitting a report shortly addressing any matters raised by Grant Thornton in the forthcoming financial resilience report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) that the Audit Findings report 2012/2013 be noted; and
- (b) that the draft letter of representation, as included in the Audit Findings report be approved.

41/13 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/2013**

Consideration was given to the report on the statement of Accounts for 2012/2013.

The Leader thanked the officers involved for their work in producing the accounts.

Following discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED** that the Statement of Accounts 2012/2013 be approved.

The meeting closed at 5.05 p.m.

Chairman