



## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2017**  
**AT 6.00 P.M.**

**PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE**

**MEMBERS:** Councillors L. C. R. Mallett (Chairman), S. A. Webb (Vice-Chairman), C. Allen-Jones, S. R. Colella, M. Glass, C.A. Hotham, R. J. Laight, C. J. Spencer, P.L. Thomas and M. Thompson and one vacancy.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence and Named Substitutes
2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Arrangements  

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.
3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 13th February 2017 (Pages 1 - 16)
4. Scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Partnership (Pages 17 - 32)
5. Dolphin Centre - Update on work with displaced Groups (Verbal)
6. Finance and Budget Working Group - Update
7. Measures Dashboard Working Group - Update
8. Task Group Updates
  1. Staff Survey Joint Scrutiny Task Group – Cllr Steve Colella, Chairman
  2. Social Media Task Group – Cllr Rod Laight, Chairman

3. CCTV Short Sharp Review – Cllr Steve Colella, Chairman

9. Cabinet Work Programme (Pages 33 - 38)
10. Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme (Pages 39 - 42)
11. 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.

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**13TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors L. C. R. Mallett (Chairman) (from Minute No. 88/16 to 92/16), S. A. Webb (Vice-Chairman), C. Allen-Jones (from Minute No. 91/16), S. R. Colella, B. T. Cooper, M. Glass, C. J. Spencer, P.L. Thomas (from Minute No. 91/16) and M. Thompson

Observers: Councillors G. N. Denaro, K. J. May and P. J. Whittaker

Officers: Ms. J. Pickering, Mr. J. Godwin, Mr D. Piper, Ms. A. Scarce and Ms. J. Bayley

88/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor S. J. Baxter.

The Chairman announced that he would need to leave during the meeting due to another appointment. Following his departure it was noted that the Board's Vice Chairman would chair the meeting.

89/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS**

There were no declarations of interest or of any whipping arrangements.

90/16 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 16th January 2017 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 16th January 2017 be approved as a correct record.

91/16 **DOLPHIN CENTRE - UPDATE IN RESPECT OF DISPLACED GROUPS**

The Head of Leisure and Cultural Services attended the meeting to provide an update on the position in respect of groups that would be displaced following the move to a new leisure centre in Bromsgrove. During the delivery of this update a number of areas were highlighted for Members' consideration:

- The new leisure centre was progressing well; on time and on budget.

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- Construction of the new centre would be completed by October 2017 and the Council was aiming for the facility to be opened in November.
- The contractor was due to take ownership of the current Dolphin Centre site on 14th October 2017. At this stage the sports hall would cease to be available for the use of community groups.
- Officers had already held meetings with a small number of groups; the next stage of the process would involve reviewing the specific needs of particular groups.
- The heads of terms had been agreed with BAM for the majority of areas and it was anticipated that these would be finalised alongside contractual arrangements in due course.

Following the verbal update Members discussed a series of points in detail:

- The time that had been taken for the Council to negotiate an agreement with BAM and the need to follow a proper legal process.
- The potential scope of the agreement with BAM; Members were advised that this would cover 48 weeks in the year.
- The arrangements for transferring community groups to utilise BAM facilities if they met after 6.00pm or at weekends.
- The potential for an agreement with BAM not to be reached. Officers suggested that whilst this remained a possibility it was not anticipated that the Council would be unable to reach an agreement with BAM.
- The list of groups given protective status by the Sports Development team. This comprised a number of groups that had long-standing booking arrangements to utilise the sports hall at the Dolphin Centre and had been built into the service specification.

The reasons why officers had not yet arranged to discuss with representatives of some displaced groups the alternative locations in which they could hold their activities was also discussed. Members were advised that some groups were not necessarily sustainable in the long-term. It had also been considered more appropriate for discussions to take place in the new financial year and was more appropriate to liaise with groups closer to the date of the current Dolphin Centre's closure.

In this context Members noted that there were frustrations amongst local community groups potentially affected by the pending closure of the old Dolphin Centre. To address this a number of actions were considered, including holding a meeting with affected groups to discuss available options as soon as possible and holding a public meeting to enable Officers and the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture Services to brief the public. However, there were some concerns that these actions could be too premature as the negotiations with BAM had not yet concluded. For this reason Members agreed that officers arrange, as a first step, to

meet with groups which held their activities in the sports centre in the day time.

**RESOLVED** that officers should arrange to meet with groups, which currently meet in the sports hall at the Dolphin Centre during the day to discuss future meeting arrangements.

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## **REVIEW OF ECONOMIC PRIORITIES**

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Economic Development and Regeneration and the Head of Economic Development and Regeneration for North Worcestershire delivered a presentation on the subject of the changing economy in Bromsgrove district (attached at Appendix 1). During the delivery of this presentation a range of points were highlighted for Members' consideration:

- The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Economic Development and Regeneration had requested a review of the economic priorities for the district.
- The local economy had implications both for the sustainability of the Council and for the economic health of the community.
- The review had been commissioned from an external consultant and had already informed constructive discussions during a workshop session held for Cabinet Members and members of the Bromsgrove Economic Development Theme Group.
- The Council had 5 economic priorities for Bromsgrove district which had been adopted in June 2015.
- Since the priorities were adopted progress had been made in delivering on these and performance was generally good. However, there remained a number of challenges for the district.
- Whilst there were highly skilled residents living in the district many of them commuted to work in other parts of the country.
- Jobs within the local economy tended to be lower skilled/paid.
- The demographics of the population impacted on the local economy.
- House prices in the district were relatively high creating affordability problems for people working in the local area; there was reduced number of people in their 20s and 30s living in Bromsgrove as they struggled to get on the property ladder.
- Whilst the Council had not joined the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) their ambitious economic plans would impact in the district; including new retail, commercial and residential opportunities in Longbridge.
- There were various options available to the Council to help address some of the challenges impacting on the local economy.
- The report in respect of economic priorities, originally scheduled for the consideration of Cabinet in March, had been postponed until April to provide more time for officers to meet with key partners to discuss how to address these challenges further.

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- A further report would be presented for the consideration of the Board in due course detailing the outcomes of these discussions.

Following the presentation Members discussed matters in detail:

- The need for more houses, including affordable housing, to be built in the district and the impact that this might have on house prices.
- The potential to enhance the local economy and to increase Council revenue generated from any growth in local business rates.
- The benefits of a mixed demographic in the local population and a balanced economy.
- The likelihood that young people in their 20s and 30s would take into account their ability to afford to start a family when selecting a location in which to live.
- The potential impact of local infrastructure on whether people were likely to select Bromsgrove district as a place to live.
- The role of the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in shaping the local economy and the extent to which the Worcestershire LEP took into account the economic needs of the north of the county.
- The value of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), both as local employers and in terms of contributing to business rates.
- The economic benefits of the district's location close to national motorway networks and to the Birmingham conurbation.
- The availability of land that could be prioritised for development for commercial rather than residential use and the size of this land.
- The extent to which commercial developments were taken into account in the Local Plan No. 4 alongside housing developments and the need to continue to review planning policy documents on an ongoing basis.
- The beneficial impact of local transport links on the local economies in Barnt Green and Hagley respectively.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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## **QUARTERLY RECOMMENDATION TRACKER**

The Board was advised that there were a number of items listed on the Quarterly Recommendation Tracker. Many of these had been proposed by the Finance and Budget Working Group and would be implemented over the following months.

The recommendations arising from the Evening and Weekend Car Parking Task Group were being implemented on an ongoing basis and were linked to the earlier report the Board had received from the in respect of the review of the Council's economic priorities..

There remained one item on the tracker arising from the Youth Provision Task Group which concluded its investigation in 2013. This proposed further investigation of services for young people who were not in



education, employment or training (NEETs). The Board could chose to reconsider this subject if it felt that this was appropriate.

Officers advised that a decision remained to be made about the Board's proposal for the Task Group guidelines to be added to the Council's constitution as a meeting of the Constitution Review Working Party had not as yet been arranged.

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## **FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP REPORT**

In the absence of the Chairman of the Finance and Budget Working Group, Councillor L. C. R. Mallett, Officers presented a report outlining the proposals that had been made by the group on the subject of the Council's budget. The Board was advised that the group had held 3 meetings since November 2016, when its recommendations had previously been reported for Members' consideration. The items discussed during these meetings had informed the group's recommendations, as detailed in the report.

The Finance and Budget Working Group would continue to meet after the Council's budget had been set on 28th February 2017. The group would have a crucial role in terms of monitoring financial developments, including in respect of the Council's Efficiency Statement.

### **RECOMMENDED** that

- (1) Unavoidable pressures under £5k be funded from existing budgets;
- (2) Consideration be give as to how Section 106 monies is accounted for within revenue costs;
- (3) Heads of Service be asked to look at all areas where we provide an additional service and produce a cost recovery statement for further consideration;
- (4) Virements over £40k should be agreed by Cabinet and anything under that amount would be with the relevant Portfolio Holder's agreement; and
- (5) Revised Financial Regulations to include all carry forwards of the Capital Programme to be agreed by Council.

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## **MEASURES DASHBOARD WORKING GROUP - UPDATE**

Councillor S. A. Webb, Chairman of the Measures Dashboard Working Group, reported that a meeting of the group was scheduled to take place on 27th February. Member of the group was asked to bring their iPad to the meeting.

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## **CCTV SHORT SHARP REVIEW MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Following the previous meeting of the Board all Members who did not serve on the Cabinet had been informed about the launch of the CCTV Short Sharp Review and had been invited to notify Officers if they were interested in participating in the exercise. By the date of the Board's

meeting 3 Councillors had been suggested to sit on the group; Councillors S. R. Colella (Chairman), B. T. Cooper and M. Thompson.

Members noted that generally a minimum of 5 Councillors were appointed to Task Group reviews. However, as this was a Short Sharp Review, and due to the enthusiasm of the 3 Members, the Board agreed that review should go ahead.

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) Councillors S. R. Colella, B. T. Cooper and M. Thompson serve on the CCTV Short Sharp Review; and
- (2) The Short Sharp Review commence its investigation as soon as possible.

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**TASK GROUP UPDATES**

The following updates were provided in respect of Task Group activities currently taking place:

- a) Staff Survey Joint Scrutiny Task Group – Councillor S. R. Colella, Chairman

The Board was informed that during a meeting of the group in February Members had interviewed representatives of the Staff Survey Programme Board. Members had been interested to learn about the work of the Programme Board, though had been mindful that the actions arising were based on feedback from 28 per cent of staff. The Task Group was still keen to find out why other members of staff had not responded to the survey and would be exploring this further.

- b) Social Media Task Group – Councillor R. J. Laight, Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman of the Task Group Officers advised that during the latest meeting of the group Members had considered and agreed the content of a questionnaire. This would be circulated amongst elected Members and was designed to find out how Councillors used social media and what training, if any, they required. The Task Group was scheduled to interview a representative of the local press at a future meeting and would also be sending a questionnaire to the Communications Teams at neighbouring authorities to find out how they used social media.

Officers confirmed that the group's focus remained on the benefits of using social media, the legal and data protection implications and how Members could use social media in their wards.

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## **WORCESTERSHIRE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

The Council's representative on the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), Councillor B. T. Cooper, explained that he had been unable to attend the latest meeting of the Committee. There had been 3 items on the agenda for this meeting:

- The future of acute hospital services and an update on the Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups' (CCGs) consultation process.
- A review of urgent winter plans.
- An update on sexual health services.

Following publication of the agenda an emergency item had been added in respect of the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) Section 29a Notice for Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust. The notice highlighted the need for significant improvements to be made to hospital services in a relatively short period of time. The new Chair of the Trust's Board had attended the meeting to outline what she intended to do to resolve the problems identified by the CQC.

During consideration of this item the Board was also advised that Councillor K. May had liaised with Members in respect of the Council's response to the Worcestershire CCGs' consultation regarding the future of acute hospital services in the county. A response would be developed based on feedback received from Members.

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## **CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

The Board considered the contents of the Cabinet Leader's Work Programme for the period 1st March to 30th June 2017. During consideration of this document Members were advised that the item in respect of the future development of the Burcot Lane site had been postponed. In this context there was sufficient time for pre-scrutiny of the report and Members agreed that the subject should be considered further at the meeting of the Board scheduled to take place on 27th March 2017.

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## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Officers advised that the Overview and Scrutiny Board's Work Programme would be updated to incorporate the additional items that had been added during the course of the meeting.

Members were advised that following the meeting of the Board in January 2017 Redditch Borough Council and Wyre Forest District Council had been approached about the potential to participate in joint scrutiny of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership. The Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor H. Dyke, had confirmed that she was intending to

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attend the meeting in Bromsgrove on 27th March when Members were due to undertake crime and disorder scrutiny. The Redditch Overview and Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to consider the proposal to participate in joint scrutiny at a meeting on 14th February 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman

# **Bromsgrove: Managing a Changing Economy: Clarifying Issues and Opportunities**

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## **Context to the discussion**

- Review Bromsgrove's current economic plan and aspirations taking account of:
  - Current national economic challenges and uncertainty
  - Managing Brexit
  - Managing a Public Sector Deficit
  - The Direction of travel for public policy is clear- economic growth is the absolute priority, and localities are expected to contribute to this by growing local economies, increasing competitiveness from the bottom up and through increasing their tax base.
  - Proposals for devolution and investment plans for WMCA area

## Structure

- Bromsgrove –A successful Labour Force but Some Signs of Decline
- Local Drivers of Change
- The Re- Positioning of the West Midlands Economy: What Might it mean for Bromsgrove?
- Policy Tools and Levers: How can we respond?

## Bromsgrove: a successful labour force....but some signs of local economic decline

- No sense of crisis in Local Economic data- employment levels are above regional average
- Skills levels also higher than regional average
- Average gross weekly earnings for residents: The highest in the West Midlands in 2015
- Strong Growth in Micro Enterprises- growth of 475 since 2009
- GVA growth 4<sup>th</sup> highest of 66 city region LAs 1997- 2014
- However....Dependent on growing adjacent economies for current prosperity.....and signs that North Worcestershire economy has yet to recover from 2009 recession
- Demographic change is now having an impact on some key indicators of economic well being

## Bromsgrove: Local Economy

- A mixed performance:
- local wages 28.4% below average residents wages in 2015 widening from 21.6% (2013)
- Local Wages 6<sup>th</sup> lowest in the West Midlands (out of 30 Las)- but significant increase in 2016 (see next slide)
- Economic activity declining from 86.8% in 2013 to 75.9% in 2016
- 3,700 workers have left the labour market...not surprisingly therefore...
- The employment rate has fallen from 83.4% to 75.9%- those that have left the labour force were therefore predominantly working rather than discouraged

## Resident/Work Place Income and House Prices- Latest Data

	Earnings by residence 2016 £	Earnings by work place 2016 £	Lower quartile house prices to lower quartile income 2015	Median house prices to median income 2015
<b>Bromsgrove</b>	592.10	494.80	10.78	10.81
Redditch	436.40	468.80	7.62	6.82
Wyre Forest	497.10	434.90	7.18	6.93
Worcester	545.90	505.90	7.44	6.99
Wychavon	529.70	514.80	8.77	9.06
Solihull	616.70	586.80	8.45	8.07
Birmingham	497.40	544.30	5.49	5.16
West Midlands	n/a	510.20	n/a	n/a
Great Britain	541.00	540.20	n/a	n/a

## Recovering from Recession? Jobs Located in North Worcestershire

change 2009/2014:

Total

North Worcestershire 0

Bromsgrove 0

This consistent with a 3.5% shift in employment from Public to Private Sector

## Bromsgrove- the wider employment area: Change 2009- 2014

- Worcestershire 3.4%
- Warwickshire 11%
- Solihull 15%
- Birmingham 2.4% from onset of recession in 2004

The Airport and M40 Corridor is now an established Growth corridor Linking the West Midlands with the South East

Birmingham is showing signs of recovery- strong recent employment growth



## Labour Supply: The Impact of demography

- Bromsgrove has the 10<sup>th</sup> lowest proportion of residents in the 16-64 age group
- Five of the those in the bottom ten are adjacent authorities in Worcestershire and a sixth is in Stratford upon Avon
- The largest changes in Population in Bromsgrove over the period 2001-2011 were in the family formation cohorts- 30-39 age groups
- Projections to 2024 show a fall of 2,000 people aged 20-54 and a growth of 8,000 55-90+

## Local Drivers of Change

- Managing the new system of local authority finance in a “No or low growth” scenario
- Demography
- Household and housing Growth
- Economic Growth

## The Repositioning of the West Midlands Economy – What Might it mean for Bromsgrove?

- In terms of GVA, Employment and wages the Regional Economy is already southward facing with growth nodes at:

- Birmingham City Centre

- Airport

- M40 Corridor

- A38

Changes expected over the next decade are likely to reinforce these areas of growth substantially

## WMCA Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) Targets to 2030

- 500,000 additional jobs
- 1.9 million homes
- Travel to London 38 minutes
- GVA 5% above the national average
- Eliminate the £3.9bn Public Spending Gap

## WMCA Investment Projects which will have direct and indirect impacts on Bromsgrove

- HS2/Curzon Street development- £1.4bn development
- Smithfield development
- Snow Hill- the biggest speculative office development outside London
- The Airport Hub at Solihull- 1300 HA with £900m investment already secured
- Birmingham Life Sciences Park (A38)
- MIRA Technology Park Warwick
- Redditch Eastern Gateway and Bromsgrove Enterprise Park
- Longbridge – just under 500 acres

## What Happens if local Policy doesn't adjust?

- Market forces will dictate change
- The Birmingham City Centre growth will increase demand and boost the value of the Bromsgrove Housing Market
- Likely to be established professionals, and also likely to displace younger Bromsgrove residents
- The Growth of employment in the area from Longbridge to the Solihull Hub is likely to have an impact on the value of land as it becomes established-growth attracts population, services, hotels and logistics.
- If Bromsgrove does not review its land allocations to compliment and integrate with the changing economy displacement may occur as land values rise and existing businesses are forced out

## Policy Options, Levers, Trade-offs

- Land release- integration with the growing sub regional economy
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Prudential Borrowing
- Managing the residential market
- Maximising Public investment
- Business friendly planning
- Review Skills needs for the new economy
- Rethinking the cultural, retail and leisure offer for a new environment

## Next steps

- Fundamental review of economic priorities and aspirations
- Develop 'economic narrative' outlining the scale of the challenge
- Workshop with key officers (including Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership and Worcestershire County Council) to develop a high level action plan to address economic challenges and opportunities including identification of transformational projects and actions that this Council can take to drive sustainable economic growth
- Report to April Cabinet

Elected Member



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## **BRIEFING NOTE**

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Sue Hanley – Deputy Chief Executive  
Judith Willis – Head of Community Services

### **North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership 2016/17**

#### **1. Summary**

1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP) during 2016/17.

#### **2. Background**

2.1 NWCSP has been in existence since May 2013, following the merger of the three district CSPs in Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest. The community safety teams have continued to remain with the respective local authorities.

2.2 Local representation on NWCSP is fulfilled through a number of positions. Bromsgrove District Council's Elected Member representative is the Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing and Community Safety, Councillor Margaret Sherrey. Sue Hanley, the Council's Deputy Chief Executive is Chair of NWCSP and Bromsgrove District Council's Responsible Authority representative on the Partnership is Head of Community Services, Judith Willis. The Council's Community Safety Manager provides support to NWCSP and is also Chair of the Safer Bromsgrove Group.

2.3 Scrutiny arrangements for the CSP currently remain unchanged with local authorities having a statutory duty to scrutinise the work of its local CSP, under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

2.4 Alongside the relationship the Council has with the CSP, there is also a direct role in holding the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to account through the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP). Bromsgrove District Council's representative on the PCP is the Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing and Community Safety, Councillor Margaret Sherrey.

#### **3. Current Position**

##### **3.1 Partnership Structure**

District Operational Groups are identified as Safer District Groups and are known as Safer Bromsgrove Group, Safer Redditch Group and Safer Wyre

Forest Group. There are also a number of other sub-groups as illustrated below.

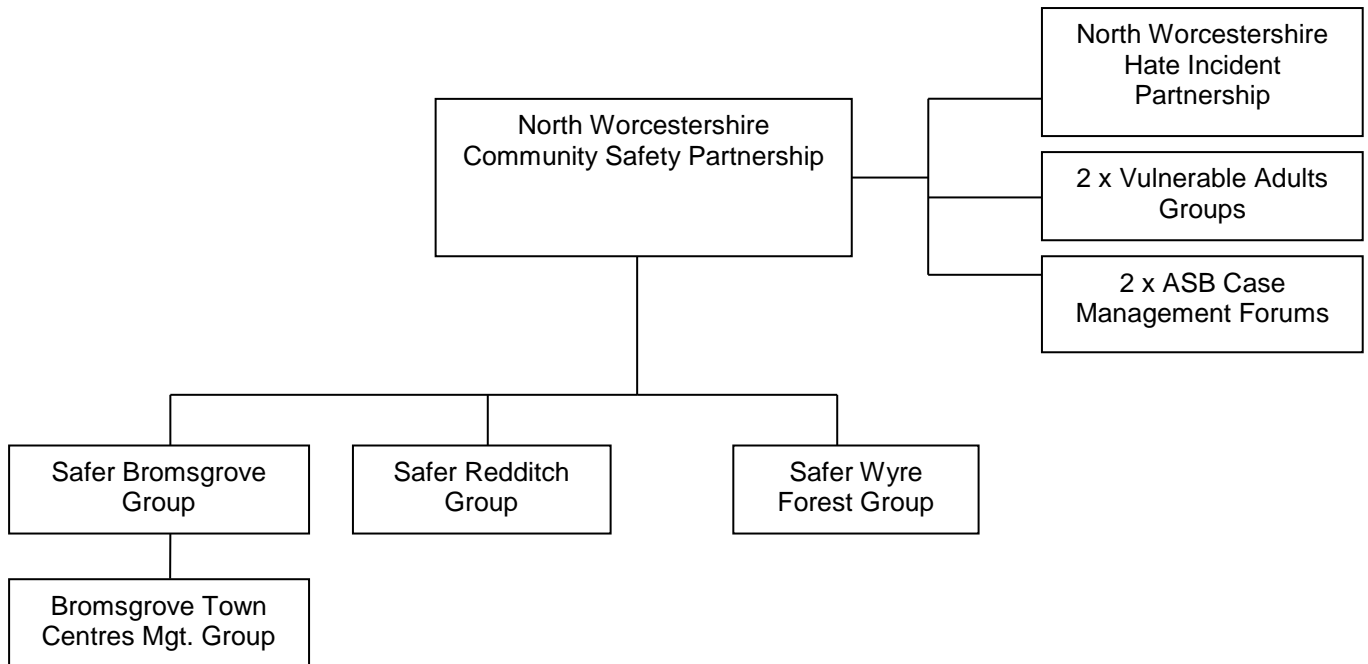


Diagram 1: Structure of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership

### 3.2 Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan

NWCSP has a statutory duty to produce a three year rolling plan outlining how the Partnership intends to address key crime and community safety priorities, as identified through its annual Strategic Assessment. A list of the statutory and invited partners is available at **Appendix One**.

The Strategic Assessment gathers research, evidence and intelligence from national and regional sources, as well as drawing on professional expertise of those working locally. It is designed to be a point of reference and guidance to resource community safety initiatives among partner agencies across the area.

The Strategic Assessment is currently being developed ahead of a refreshed Partnership Plan being produced for 2017-20. The draft Strategic Assessment has already identified priorities for the partnership to focus on and these were agreed in December 2016. They are:

- I. Reducing Violence and abuse: including sexual offending and domestic abuse (to include Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE))
- II. Reducing Theft and Acquisitive crime: including shoplifting, thefts and burglaries
- III. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour, Damage and Nuisance: including criminal damage, environmental issues and deliberate fires/arson

- IV. Protecting vulnerable communities: including harassment and threatening behaviour
- V. Reducing Offending and Drug and Alcohol Misuse are cross cutting themes which impact on all priorities

The Strategic Assessment will provide detailed analysis on each of these priorities, identifying locations, victims and offenders and the Partnership Plan will detail how the Community Safety Partnership will tackle its priorities. The Plan will include details on what outcomes the Partnership wishes to achieve, and the clear actions that will be undertaken in each district and across North Worcestershire, including how performance will be measured.

### **3.3 John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

John Campion was elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia on 5th May 2016. The PCC has a duty to co-operate with CSPs to reduce crime and disorder and there is a reciprocal duty on CSPs to collaborate with the PCC. The PCC and the CSP must have regard to each other's priorities within their respective plans. The PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan was published in October 2016 and his vision will be reflected in the NWCSP Partnership Plan, which the partnership will contribute to delivering at a local level. The PCC's vision is focused on four key areas:

- I. Building a More Secure West Mercia: CSE, domestic abuse, vulnerable people, sexual offences, ASB, drugs and alcohol, reducing reoffending, road safety
- II. Reassuring West Mercia's Communities: feeling safe as well as being safe, engaging with the public, protecting from cyber-crime, making voices heard around rural crime
- III. Putting Victims and Witnesses First
- IV. Reforming West Mercia

Tracey Onslow was appointed as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner in July 2016. Her role is to represent the PCC in communities across West Mercia. Her portfolio includes cyber, rural and business crime, victims' services and commissioning. CSPs will be working closely with the Deputy PCC as the commissioning model is developed and put into operation. To assist with the development, CSPs have been advised that the Deputy PCC is undertaking a review of CSP funding with a focus on outcomes.

### **3.4 Grant Funding from the PCC 2017/18**

CSPs in West Mercia have been advised of their respective funding allocations for 2017/18 but were still asked to apply to the PCC with details of how each CSP would like to use their allocation. On 7th February 2017, an extraordinary meeting of the NWCSP was held to agree which projects and areas of work partners would wish money to be allocated to. The funding available is based on previous year's allocations and the table attached at

**Appendix Two** shows projects that NWCSF has agreed to deliver using its funding allocation. It should be noted that this funding is only for financial year 2017/18 and NWCSF will be advised in March if its applications have been agreed.

On behalf of the three Local Authorities, NWCSF is also making an application to the PCC for funding towards CCTV. This is for a capital contribution to modernise the CCTV infrastructure to Internet Protocol Recording alongside the cameras. This is separate to NWCSF's funding allocation.

### **3.5 Future funding from the PCC**

As stated at 3.3, the Deputy PCC will be conducting a review of CSP funding ahead of a new outcomes-based commissioning framework that will be implemented in April 2018. The CSP is awaiting detailed information regarding the framework but it is understood that it will help CSPs and the PCC to further its understanding of local need, crime patterns and trends. It will enable the PCC to commission projects and services alongside the CSPs delivery; that focuses on need, address gaps in provision and meet outcomes.

### **3.6 Local Delivery, Key Projects and Progress**

Local delivery of community safety projects and initiatives falls under the remit of the Community Safety Operational Groups. The Safer Bromsgrove Group meets on a 6 weekly basis to monitor district performance and review local operational delivery. This group is the first point of contact for any local crime and community safety issues or concerns that may require a multi-agency response.

Progress of grant funded projects is reported to the PCC and at the end of the financial year there is a requirement to provide a comprehensive report to the PCC reviewing all projects funded in 2016/17. This will include a breakdown of expenditure and demonstrate the difference the projects have made. This report can be shared with Members once it has been endorsed by NWCSF. This report will now provide an update on some of the key funded projects.

#### **Dedicated Bromsgrove Community Safety Project Officer**

Safer Bromsgrove has invested some its PCC grant allocation and reserves in retaining a dedicated Officer to deliver community safety projects and initiatives and liaise with local communities and groups on crime prevention and personal safety issues. David Rischmiller took up this post in May 2016 and prior to this he was the NWCSF Business & Rural Crime Coordinator.

Alongside partners, the Bromsgrove Project Officer has worked with a number of local community groups and residents to offer guidance and information on a variety of community safety concerns. For example; a small community of elderly residents in Charford received joint visits from the project officer and local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Police Officers to carry out home security assessments and provided crime prevention tools and information. This was following a spate of burglaries in the area, police patrols were



increased and the Fire Service Community Risk Manager also co-ordinated a number of Home Fire Safety checks for the residents.

Last summer the Project Officer worked closely with Romsley Parish Council following concerns regarding an increase in vehicles visiting the Recreation Ground believed to be from the Birmingham borders and linked to possible drug activity. The Officer liaised with SNT Police colleagues, met with Parish council members and conducted a crime prevention site survey of the area making recommendations for physical alterations to the site to deter further activity. Ongoing monitoring of the situation and liaison with partners continues.

Following concerns raised by the Ward Member regarding crime levels in Rock Hill, the Community Safety Project Officer carried out a consultation with local residents, reviewed Police crime data and assessed the structural and built environment vulnerabilities in the area. A final Community Safety report was produced and endorsed by the Safer Bromsgrove group and the majority of the crime prevention recommendations for the area have been completed in partnership with local residents, BDHT, Place Teams and Highways. The Project Officer continues to liaise with the Ward Member regarding further crime concerns raised with him by local constituents.

### **Town Centres Management Group**

Following a crime and ASB data presentation to the Safer Bromsgrove Group (June 2016) highlighting an increase in alcohol related disorder in the town centre, a group was established to focus attention on partnership activities that could reduce this trend. Led by Cheryl Welsh, the Bromsgrove Centres Manager, the group works closely with the Community Safety project officer and brings together the Police, Licensees and Businesses, Licensing Officers and Place Teams to identify community safety issues in the Town Centres and in particular the Night Time Economy. The group has had success in revitalising the local Pub Watch group and promoting the use of Face Watch, an online information sharing platform that allows the police, licensed premises and businesses to share crime prevention and community safety information and intelligence to other members in a confidential way. The group reports to Safer Bromsgrove as a sub-group but also has a dual function of improving and encouraging footfall in the Town Centres as part of the Council's Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy.

### **Bromsgrove & Redditch Schools Respect Programme**

The Respect programme continues to be successful providing whole day awareness sessions as part of school drop down days, it also provides bespoke classroom sessions on a number of subjects such as recognising and reporting hate crime, understanding healthy relationships and domestic abuse, the dangers of substance misuse and promoting respect and community responsibility. The project also provides one to one mentoring sessions to individual students who are felt to be at risk of becoming involved in crime and ASB or are at risk of becoming victims of crime.

Last school year (Sept 15 to July 16) the project saw 1445 students receive community safety information during PHSE lessons and drop down days across Bromsgrove and Redditch. 104 students were referred for 1 to 1 support through therapeutic mentoring sessions and 78 students received information via targeted small group workshops. 29 students took part in the nationally recognised CRUSH Programme, a young people's Domestic Abuse awareness course created and accredited by Women's Aid.

## **Youth ASB Diversionary Activities**

In May 2016 to support the structural improvements to the Churchfields multi-storey car park, Safer Bromsgrove allocated funding to commission a programme of diversionary youth activities delivered by the YMCA a local Positive Activities provider. This detached youth work project saw youth workers engage with young people in the area using multi-sports diversionary activities particularly targeted at the young people believed to be accessing the multi-storey car park.

The project launched with a multi-sports taster day in the spring half term and in the following weeks, the youth workers were in the area every Friday night engaging with a view to reducing ASB in the area. By Sept the group of young people had significantly reduced and there had been no reports of increased ASB displaced to other areas. The project is currently on hold but is ready to be resumed if required in the lighter months of this current year.

## **Community Safety Intergenerational Project**

Safer Bromsgrove allocated funding to support a project idea put forward by pupils at North Bromsgrove High School. The intergenerational project saw a group of 6<sup>th</sup> Form students working with older local residents in the town on a photography project. The programme began at the end of November, with five year 13 students and five residents from BDHT sheltered housing schemes. The group meet weekly and the final session was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. The group shared their interests, and life journeys along with ideas for the final photography product. The themes all had a community safety focus with the main theme being to challenge stereotypes and perceptions of the young and old. Throughout the project the students worked with the BDHT residents teaching them photography and editing skills. There was a celebration event for family, friends and community safety partners held at the Artrix on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 and the photographic exhibition was on display in the studio gallery area for several weeks for visitors to view.

## **Safe Place Scheme**

The Safe Place Scheme is a CSP funded scheme which was set up by Our Way Self Advocacy in Wyre Forest in 2014 and has now been rolled out across Worcestershire. It offers vulnerable people a safe place to go if they have a problem or concern when out and about in the town centres. All Safe Places are identified by a Safe Place sticker and staff receive training so that they are able to give reassurance and help people contact appropriate support, if needed. A directory of the Safe Places in Bromsgrove and across the county is available at [www.ourway.org.uk/safe-place-scheme/](http://www.ourway.org.uk/safe-place-scheme/) and there is now a free Safe Place Scheme app available for mobile phones. Downloads

of “My Town Worcestershire” from the App Store, will show you your nearest “Safe Place” and can guide you to it through Google Maps.

Community Safety teams in Worcestershire are working in partnership with West Mercia Police and Our Way Self Advocacy to support, develop and maintain the scheme across the county. A Bromsgrove Community Safety Project Officer was instrumental in supporting the roll out of the scheme across the county and led on the development of a Mobile Phone App for the scheme that is also shared and supported by the Bromsgrove Street Pastors.

## **Hate Crime Awareness Week 2016**

As part of national Hate Crime Awareness Week in October and using funding provided by the PCC, North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership organised a number of community engagement events across the districts. Locally, an awareness stand was set up in Bromsgrove High Street and a Street Theatre Company was commissioned to engage with residents through a number of thought provoking performances.

Over 100 information bags were handed out and Residents felt comfortable approaching the stand and engaging with performers and staff to find out more about hate crime. In some instances, people also offered their own personal experiences of how they had been a victimised and how services could be improved. Information was displayed in public areas across the town and press releases were sent to the local papers. The events were also promoted via relevant Twitter and Facebook pages, including support from Sajid Javid MP for Bromsgrove who attended the stand on the day and filmed one of the performances. He then gave an interview, which he later circulated on twitter.

## **Community Engagement**

Over the year, Community Safety Project Officers have attended a number of events in order to speak to local residents, provide crime prevention advice and raise awareness of campaigns. In Bromsgrove between April and Dec 2016, Project Officers estimated that they had spoken to over 316 people at various events; for example, attending Older People’s forums and sheltered housing schemes, Neighbourhood Watch & Parish Council events, White Ribbon campaign stands and Christmas crime prevention events. Purse bells, chains and cables; personal attack alarms and shed alarms remain popular items and are useful as methods of engagement to encourage residents to discuss personal and home security. 121 people had received Home Security information and guidance, 232 people had received personal safety information. 21 people had received targeted intervention of Home Security works at their properties and 165 people reported that they felt safer as a result of Community Safety intervention.

## **ASB Case Management Group**

The Bromsgrove & Redditch ASB Case Management Group was established in July 2016. The Group assesses repeat victims of ASB, considers persistent offenders and locations of concern, putting appropriate actions into place. The Group is chaired by West Mercia Police’s North Worcestershire Harm Hub

Sergeant and has multi-agency membership including 5 local housing associations alongside Drug and Alcohol Service providers and Family Support services. High risk victims of ASB have their risk management plans discussed at the group and partners offer additional support, where appropriate.

### **3.7 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Data**

In the new Partnership Plan, NWCSP will be assessed on its performance by how it achieves its desired outcomes. CSPs are moving away from the traditional method of considering police recorded crime and ASB data as performance indicators and are moving more toward focusing on delivering agreed partnership outcomes and improving mainstream provision. This is partly being driven by the PCC and his outcomes-based commissioning framework that is currently in development. This is a different way of assessing the work of CSPs and the Research and Information Officer will be instrumental in assisting partners to ensure performance measurement and evaluation are carried out in the best way to evidence that partnership activities are making a difference.

Currently levels of crime and disorder across North Worcestershire are presented using a limited range of data sources (police recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, deliberate fire data) and this information is used at a range of groups at varying geographical and decision-making levels.

**Appendix Three** shows year to date figures for total recorded crime, key crime types and anti-social behaviour. Year to date data for all recorded crime in Bromsgrove illustrates an 8% increase or 337 more offences, compared to the same period last year. This percentage increase in total recorded crime is slightly lower than North Worcestershire levels as a whole. Redditch saw a 13% increase and in Wyre Forest there was an 11% increase in total recorded crime. North Worcestershire CSP met on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and these figures were discussed in further detail.

## **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 That progress made by the North Worcestershire CSP be noted.

## **5. Appendices**

Appendix One: NWCSP Membership List

Appendix Two: Table of Funding Requests made by NWCSP to the PCC 2017/18

Appendix Three: North Worcestershire Crime and ASB Data (Apr16 - Jan17)

## **6. Background Papers**

West Mercia PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan 2017/21

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## Appendix One - Membership

Organisations should:

- Be a 'responsible authority' (RA) a 'co-operating body' (CB) or an 'invitee to participate' (IP) as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) or subsequent legislative amendments or have a strategic responsibility for community safety related issues.
  - Bromsgrove District Council (RA)
  - Chairperson of the Community Safety Operational Group for Bromsgrove (IP)
  - Chairperson of the Community Safety Operational Group for Redditch (IP)
  - Chairperson of the Community Safety Operational Group for Wyre Forest (IP)
  - Chairperson of the North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership (IP)
  - Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority (RA)
  - HMP Hewell (IP)
  - Magistrates Bench Chairs (IP)
  - National Probation Service (RA)
  - Portfolio Holder for Community Safety for Bromsgrove District Council (IP)
  - Portfolio Holder for Community Safety for Redditch Borough Council (IP)
  - Portfolio Holder for Community Safety for Worcestershire County Council (IP)
  - Portfolio Holder for Community Safety for Wyre Forest District Council (IP)
  - Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (RA)
  - Redditch Borough Council (RA)
  - Victim Support (IP)
  - Warwickshire and West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company (RA)
  - West Mercia Police (RA)
  - West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (CB)
  - West Mercia Youth Offending Service (IP)
  - Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils (IP)
  - Worcestershire County Council (RA)
  - Worcestershire Regulatory Service (IP)
  - Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group (RA)
  - Wyre Forest District Council (RA)

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**Appendix Two - Table of Funding Requests made by NWCSP to the PCC 2017/18**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Violence and abuse Theft and Acquisitive crime Protecting vulnerable communities Anti Social Behaviour, Damage and Nuisance Reducing Offending and Drug and Alcohol Misuse	Research and Information Officer	<p>Development of data collection strategies and protocols/data sharing agreements with partners and in order to create analytical products to support senior decision makers within the CSP.</p> <p>Development, maintenance and analysis of a robust evidence base of quantitative and qualitative data to inform the production, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the Community Safety Partnership's priorities, plans and activities</p> <p>Assisting with the statutory obligations of the CSP including production of the CSP Strategic Assessment, partnership plan and strategies to reduce reoffending, tackling domestic abuse and reducing anti social behaviour.</p> <p>Continually analysing crime trends across the CSP, highlighting key trends and recommendations through reports, documents and presentations.</p>	£35,000

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Violence and abuse Theft and Acquisitive crime Protecting vulnerable communities Anti Social Behaviour, Damage and Nuisance Reducing Offending and Drug and Alcohol Misuse	Safer Bromsgrove Safer Redditch Safer Wyre Forest	This funding is flexible to allow the Safer Groups to take a proactive and responsive approach to delivering the Partnership Plan throughout the year. Examples of projects the Safer Groups will deliver:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alcohol/substance misuse campaigns</li> <li>- Community Ambassadors</li> <li>- Community safety events and engagement opportunities</li> <li>- Crime prevention/ personal safety information, tools, equipment</li> <li>- Domestic Abuse Projects</li> <li>- Hate Crime Awareness Week</li> <li>- Hate Incident Reporting Scheme</li> <li>- Home Security Schemes</li> <li>- Personal safety campaigns</li> <li>- Safe Place Scheme</li> <li>- School Mentoring Scheme</li> <li>- Town centre based activities - day and night time economy</li> <li>- Website, social media and communications</li> <li>- Youth ASB diversionary projects</li> </ul>	£30,595 £44,406 £45,249
Reducing Offending	Interventions and services to be determined by the Worcestershire Reducing Offending Strategy Group	Activities will be focused on developing services across Worcestershire.	£40,700
Reducing Offending	North Worcestershire One Day One Conversation Activities	Work to address offenders needs within North Worcestershire to support them from reoffending, examples include rent deposits, clothing for job interviews, short term 1-2-1 support.	£4,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£199,250</b>

# Appendix Three – North Worcestershire Crime and ASB Data April 2016 - January 2017

	North Worcestershire				Bromsgrove District				Redditch Borough				Wyre Forest District			
	PREV YTD (Apr-Jan) 2015/16	YTD (Apr-Jan) 2016/17	Change	% Change	PREV YTD (Apr-Jan) 2015/16	YTD (Apr-Jan) 2016/17	Change	% Change	PREV YTD (Apr-Jan) 2015/16	YTD (Apr-Jan) 2016/17	Change	% Change	PREV YTD (Apr-Jan) 2015/16	YTD (Apr-Jan) 2016/17	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	14,640	16,219	1,579	11%	4215	4552	337	8%	4560	5130	570	13%	5865	6537	672	11%
All Other Theft Offences	1,557	1,653	96	6%	473	536	63	13%	493	473	-20	-4%	591	644	53	9%
Bicycle Theft	146	135	-11	-8%	38	31	-7	-18%	46	47	1	2%	62	57	-5	-8%
Burglary Other	929	1,051	122	13%	323	335	12	4%	208	223	15	7%	398	493	95	24%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1,837	1,889	52	3%	475	505	30	6%	618	626	8	1%	744	758	14	2%
Domestic Burglary	609	749	140	23%	243	323	80	33%	171	188	17	10%	195	238	43	22%
Other Crimes Against Society	1,512	1,716	204	13%	513	536	23	4%	460	553	93	20%	539	627	88	16%
Other Sexual Offences	289	379	90	31%	63	88	25	40%	116	145	29	25%	110	146	36	33%
Business Robbery	12	28	16	133%	8	11	3	38%	1	9	8	800%	3	8	5	167%
Personal Robbery	86	137	51	59%	24	36	12	50%	32	55	23	72%	30	46	16	53%
Rape	171	218	47	27%	40	47	7	18%	68	82	14	21%	63	89	26	41%
Shoplifting	1,260	1,371	111	9%	206	295	89	43%	380	482	102	27%	674	594	-80	-12%
Theft from Person	112	143	31	28%	21	31	10	48%	46	58	12	26%	45	54	9	20%
Vehicle Offences	1,822	1,568	-254	-14%	799	563	-236	-30%	405	296	-109	-27%	618	709	91	15%
Violence With Injury	1,779	2,046	267	15%	413	499	86	21%	587	721	134	23%	779	826	47	6%
Violence Without Injury	2,519	3,136	617	24%	576	716	140	24%	929	1172	243	26%	1014	1248	234	23%
VAP With Injury - Alcohol Related	667	774	107	16%	132	160	28	21%	215	283	68	32%	320	331	11	3%
VAP With Injury - Drug Related	84	105	21	25%	16	21	5	31%	18	36	18	100%	50	48	-2	-4%
VAP With Injury- Domestic Abuse Related	637	660	23	4%	130	148	18	14%	220	240	20	9%	287	272	-15	-5%
Rape- Domestic Abuse Related	39	51	12	31%	10	9	-1	-10%	20	20	0	0%	9	22	13	144%
Other Sexual Offences- Domestic Abuse Related	19	12	-7	-37%	7	3	-4	-57%	8	4	-4	-50%	4	5	1	25%
Hate Offences & Crimed Incidents	216	291	75	35%	47	49	2	4%	95	154	59	62%	74	88	14	19%
Business Crime	2,717	2,881	164	6%	N/A	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	872	N/A	N/A	N/A	1176	N/A	N/A
ASB Incidents	8,658	8,935	277	3%	2131	2118	-13	-1%	2983	3029	46	2%	3544	3788	244	7%

RAG Assessment Coding  
 Red= an increase of 10% or more  
 Amber = an increase of between 1% and 9.9%  
 Green = no change or a decrease

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# **CABINET LEADER'S WORK PROGRAMME**

**1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 JULY 2017**

**(published as at 1 March 2017)**

This Work Programme gives details of items on which key decisions are likely to be taken in the coming four months by the Council's Cabinet

(NB: There may be occasions when the Cabinet may make recommendations to Council for a final decision e.g. to approve a new policy or variation to the approved budget.)

Whilst the majority of the Cabinet's business at the meetings listed in the Work Programme will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will inevitably be some business to be considered that contains confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information.. This is called exempt information. Members of the public and media may be asked to leave the meeting when such information is discussed.

If an item is likely to contain exempt information we show this on the Work Programme. You can make representations to us if you consider an item or any of the documents listed should be open to the public.

The Work Programme gives details of items on which key decisions are likely to be taken by the Council's Cabinet, or full Council, in the coming four months.

**Key Decisions** are those executive decisions which are likely to:

- (i) result in the Council incurring expenditure, foregoing income or the making of savings in excess of £50,000 or which are otherwise significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the district;

**Key Decisions** will include:

1. A decision which would result in any expenditure or saving by way of a reduction in expenditure of £50,000 provided the expenditure or saving is specifically approved in the Medium Term Financial Plan.
2. A virement of any amount exceeding £50,000 provided it is within any virement limits approved by the Council;
3. Any proposal to dispose of any Council asset with a value of £50,000 or more or which is otherwise considered significant by the Corporate Property Officer;
4. Any proposal to cease to provide a Council service (other than a temporary cessation of service of not more than 6 months).
5. Any proposal which would discriminate for or against any minority group.

The Work Programme is available for inspection free of charge at Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8DA from 9am to 5pm Mondays to Fridays; or on the Council's web-site [www.bromsgrove.gov.uk](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk)

If you wish to make representations on the proposed decision you are encouraged to get in touch with the relevant report author as soon as possible before the proposed date of the decision. Contact details are provided, alternatively you may write to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, Parkside, Market Street, B61 8DA or e-mail: [democratic@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)

The Cabinet's meetings are normally held every four weeks at 6pm on Wednesday evenings at Parkside. They are open to the public, except when confidential information is being discussed. If you wish to attend for a particular matter, it is advisable to check with the Democratic Services Team on (01527 881409) to make sure it is going ahead as planned. If you have any queries Democratic Services Officers will be happy to advise you.

The full Council meets in accordance with the Councils Calendar of Meetings. Meetings commence at 6pm.

**CABINET MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor G. N. Denaro      Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance, ICT, HR and Enabling Services

Councillor C. B. Taylor      Portfolio Holder for Planning Services and Strategic Housing

Councillor K. J. May      Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Economic Development and Regeneration

Councillor P. J. Whittaker      Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Cultural Services (Temporarily also covering Environmental Services, Regulatory Services and Community Safety)

<b>Decision Including Whether it is a Key Decision</b>	<b>Decision Taker including Details of Exempt Information (if any)</b>	<b>Date of Decision</b>	<b>Documents submitted to Decision Maker / Background Papers List</b>	<b>Contact for Comments</b>
Engagement Strategy	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Business Transformation and Organisational Development	Deb Poole 01527 881256 Councillor G. Denaro
Review of Economic Priorities	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Chief Executive	Kevin Dicks 01527 881484 Councillor K. J. May
Review of Financial Regulations and Contract Procedures	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Executive Director Finance and Resources	Jayne Pickering 01527 881400 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Review of Equalities Strategy	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Business Transformation and Organisational Development	Deb Poole 01527 881256 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Review of Equal Opportunities Policy	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Business Transformation and Organisational Development	Deb Poole 01527 881256 Councillor G. N. Denaro



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Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration	Mike Dunphy/Helen Smith 01527 881325 Councillor C. B. Taylor
Review of Planning Pre-Application Charging Scheme	Cabinet (recommendations to Council)	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration	Ruth Bamford Councillor C. B. Taylor
Review of New Homes Bonus Grant Scheme	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Executive Director Finance and Resources	Jayne Pickering 01527 881400 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Shared Services Business Case for Customer Access and Financial Support Services	Cabinet (recommendations to Council and potentially confidential report)	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Customer Access and Financial Support	Amanda Singleton 01527 881421 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Beoley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration	Mike Dunphy/Mary Worstall 01527 881325 Councillor C. B. Taylor
Worcestershire Strategic Housing Partnership Plan	Cabinet	5 April 2017	Report of the Head of Community Services	Derek Allen 01527 64252 Councillor C. B. Taylor

<b>Decision Including Whether it is a Key Decision</b>	<b>Decision Taker including Details of Exempt Information (if any)</b>	<b>Date of Decision</b>	<b>Documents submitted to Decision Maker / Background Papers List</b>	<b>Contact for Comments</b>
Burcot Lane Site Future Development Key Decision	Cabinet	7 June 2017	Report of the Executive Director Finance and Resources	Jayne Pickering 01527 881400 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Review of Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy	Cabinet	7 June 2017	Report of the Executive Director Finance and Resources	Jayne Pickering 01527 881400 Councillor G.N. Denaro
Partnership with a White Label Energy Company for the Provision of Energy Key Decision	Cabinet	7 June 2017	Report of the Head of Community Services	Judith Willis 01527 883348 Councillor C. B. Taylor

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- To be allocated a date: Bromsgrove Sports and Physical Activity Strategy

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

### WORK PROGRAMME

2016/17

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board considers and agrees the work programme and updates it accordingly.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
<b>27/03/17</b>	Scrutiny of Crime & Disorder Partnership (to include discussions in respect of the formation of North Worcestershire Joint Scrutiny Committee)	
	Dolphin Centre - Update on work with displaced Groups	Follow up from meeting held on 13/02/17
	Pre-Scrutiny Burcot Lane Site Future Development	Cabinet Work Programme considered at meeting held on 13/02/17
	Finance and Budget Working Group – Update	
	Measures Dashboard Working Group – Update	
	Task Group Updates – Social Media Joint Staff Survey Review of CCTV	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Work Programme	
	O&S Work Programme	
<b>24/04/17</b>	Overview & Scrutiny Board Annual Report and Review of the Work of the Board (including the role of the working groups).	
	Sports and Physical Activity Strategy	Picked up from the Cabinet Work Programme 28/11/16 meeting
	Update report in respect of the Council's	Picked up from

Date of Meeting	Subject	Additional Information
	Economic Priorities	Cabinet Work Programme and following presentation at meeting held on 13/02/16
	Planning Backlog Data up to 31/03/17	
	Task Group Updates - Social Media Joint Staff Survey Review of CCTV	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Work Programme	
	Action List (if necessary)	
	O&S Work Programme	

### **Updates Received - Monthly**

The Council’s representative on the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (who must be a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board) provides a verbal update to the Board each month.

The Council’s representative on any Joint Scrutiny Task Group’s will be expected to provide an update (verbal or written) on the work of that Group at each Board meeting.

The Chairman of any Working Group, Task Group or Short Sharp Review set up by the Board will be expected to provide a written or verbal update in respect of the work being carried out and progress of the investigation by the Group Members.

### **Reports to be Received by the Board (at its discretion)**

Write Off of Debts Report	(last report received 27/06/16)
Sickness Absence Performance - biannually	(last report received 31/10/16)
Making Experiences Count	(last report received 27/06/16)
Summary of Environmental Enforcement	(last report received 08/08/16)
Artrix SLA Annual Report – 19/09/16	

### **Planning Backlog Data**

Received 6 monthly as follows:

31 <sup>st</sup> March	- to be received at April/May meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> September	- to be received at October/November meeting

## **Scrutiny of Crime & Disorder Partnership**

The Board must hold at least one meeting at which it considers the scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Partnership.

## **Areas for further discussion and possible inclusion within the Work Programme carried forward from the 2015/16 Training Event**

- Community Transport facilities
- Planning Issues – Particularly enforcement
- Local Plan Development
- Residential developments causing traffic problems
- Social Housing issues
- Lack of affordable social housing for young people
- BDHT addressing issues re sites.
- Youth provision
- Town Centre shops
- Town Centre Regeneration

## **Overview & Scrutiny Board Dates for 2017/18 (all commencing at 6.00 pm)**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

31<sup>st</sup> July 2017

18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

When considering topics for investigations Members may wish to take into account the Council's Strategic Purposes as detailed below:

**Our Strategic Purposes  
for Bromsgrove**

*Help me to live my life independently*

*Help me to be financially independent*

*Keep my place safe & looking good*

*Help me find somewhere to live in my locality*

*Provide good things for me to see, do & visit*

*Help me run a successful business*

**Support services enable us to deliver our purposes**

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