



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 2021
AT 6.00 P.M.

THE RYLAND CENTRE, NEW ROAD, BROMSGROVE B60 2JS

MEMBERS: Councillors R. J. Laight (Chairman), A. J. B. Beaumont (Vice-Chairman), S. J. Baxter, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, S. P. Douglas, A. B. L. English, M. Glass, S. G. Hession, C.A. Hotham, R. J. Hunter, R. E. Jenkins, H. J. Jones, A. D. Kent, J. E. King, A. D. Kriss, L. C. R. Mallett, K.J. May, M. Middleton, P. M. McDonald, S. A. Robinson, H. D. N. Rone-Clarke, M. A. Sherrey, C. J. Spencer, P.L. Thomas, M. Thompson, J. Till, K. J. Van Der Plank, S. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker

AGENDA

WELCOME

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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 Council held on 19th May 2021 (Pages 1 - 10)**

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

5. **To receive any announcements from the Leader**

6. **To receive comments, questions or petitions from members of the public**

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for members of the public to make a comment, ask questions or present petitions. Each member of the public has up to 3 minutes to do this. A councillor may also present a petition on behalf of a member of the public.

7. **Urgent Decisions**

8. **Overview and Scrutiny Board's Annual Report 2020/21** (Pages 11 - 36)

9. **Audit, Standards and Governance Committee's Annual Report 2020/21**
(Pages 37 - 58)

10. **Outside Body Appointments 2021/22** (Pages 59 - 64)

11. **Constitution Review Working Group Recommendation - Public speaking at Planning Committee in respect of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)**
(Pages 65 - 74)

12. **Constitution Review Working Group - Membership Arrangements** (Pages 75 - 82)

13. **Burcot Lane Report** (Pages 83 - 86)

14. **Recommendations from the Cabinet** (to follow)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting(s) of the Cabinet held on 7th July 2021.

15. **Background Information on the recommendations from the Cabinet**

- (i) Local Development Scheme - Bromsgrove District Council (Pages 87 - 98)

16. **To note the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7th July 2021**
(to follow)

As the meeting of Cabinet due to be held on 7th July 2021 will be taking place after the agenda for the Council meeting has been published, the minutes of the Cabinet meeting will be published in a supplementary pack for consideration at Council.

17. **Questions on Notice** (Pages 99 - 100)

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

18. **Motions on Notice** (Pages 101 - 108)

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

19. **To consider any urgent business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property 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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6th July 2021

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GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic Bromsgrove District Council will be holding this meeting in accordance with the relevant social distancing arrangements for holding face-to-face meetings at a local authority.

Please note that this is a public meeting.

GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS IN PERSON

In advance of the Council meeting, Members are encouraged to consider taking a lateral flow test, which can be obtained for free from the NHS website. Should the test be positive for Covid-19 then the Member should not attend the Council meeting, should provide their apologies to the Democratic Services team and should self-isolate in accordance with national rules.

Members and officers are encouraged to wear face masks during the Council meeting, unless exempt. Face masks should only be removed temporarily if the Councillor / officer requires a sip of water and should be reapplied as soon as possible. Refreshments will not be provided by the venue, therefore Members and officers are encouraged to bring your own supply of water.

Hand sanitiser will be provided for Members to use throughout the meeting.

The meeting venue will be fully ventilated and Members and officers may need to consider wearing appropriate clothing in order to remain comfortable during proceedings.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Members of the public are able to access meetings of Council in person if they wish to do so. However, due to social distancing requirements to ensure the safety of participants during the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be limited

capacity and members of the public will be allowed access on a first come, first served basis. Members of the public in attendance are encouraged to wear face-masks, to use the hand sanitiser that will be provided and will be required to sit in a socially distance manner at the meetings. It should be noted that members of the public who choose to attend in person do so at their own risk.

In line with Government guidelines, any member of the public who has received a positive result in a Covid-19 test on the day of a meeting should not attend in person and should self-isolate in accordance with the national rules.

Notes:

Although this is a public meeting, there are circumstances when Council might have to move into closed session to consider exempt or confidential information. For agenda items that are exempt, the public are excluded from the meeting.



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- You can inspect agenda and public reports at least five days before the date of the meeting.
- You can inspect minutes of the Council, Cabinet and its Committees/Boards for up to six years following a meeting.
- You can have access, upon request, to the background papers on which reports are based for a period of up to six years from the date of the meeting. These are listed at the end of each report.
- An electronic register stating the names and addresses and electoral areas of all Councillors with details of the membership of all Committees etc. is available on our website.
- A reasonable number of copies of agendas and reports relating to items to be considered in public will be made available to the public attending meetings of the Council, Cabinet and its Committees/Boards.
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- Meeting Agendas
- Meeting Minutes
- The Council's Constitution

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