



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL 2022

AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

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 23rd February 2022 (Pages 1 - 20)**

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** (Pages 21 - 24)

8. **Outside Body Appointment**

To consider the appointment of Councillor H. Jones to replace Councillor A. Kent on the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel.

Members are asked to note that, to ensure that membership of the panel reflects the wider political balance of the West Mercia Police force area, the Councillor appointed to the Panel must be a member of the controlling group.

9. **Constitution Review Working Group Recommendations** (Pages 25 - 38)

10. **To receive and consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Community Safety** (Pages 39 - 48)

Members are asked to note that this report focuses on community safety only. Environmental Services were the subject of a separate report from the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Community Safety considered in January 2022.

11. **Recommendations from the Cabinet** (Pages 49 - 50)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 30th March 2022.

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

(i) Land Drainage Watercourse Maintenance Operation (Pages 51 - 104)

(ii) Equalities Strategy (Pages 105 - 122)

(iii) Equalities Annual Report (Pages 123 - 138)

13. **To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 23rd February and 30th March 2022** (Pages 139 - 150)

14. **Questions on Notice** (Pages 151 - 152)

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

A period of up to 15 minutes is allocated for the asking and answering of questions. This may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman with the agreement of the majority of those present.

15. **Motions on Notice (To Follow)**

The Motions on Notice will be published in a supplementary pack for this meeting.

A period of up to one hour is allocated to consider the motions on notice. This may only be extended with the agreement of the Council.

16. **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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8th April 2022

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Whilst the Council acknowledges that it is no longer a legal requirement to wear face coverings, we would really appreciate if the Members and Officers who attend a meeting in person would consider wearing a face covering throughout the meeting unless they are exempt or speaking.

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