



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CABINET

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2022
AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors K.J. May (Leader), G. N. Denaro (Deputy Leader),
M. A. Sherrey, P.L. Thomas, M. Thompson and S. A. Webb

AGENDA

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 Cabinet held on 23rd February 2022 (Pages 1 - 8)

4. Minutes from the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 15th February 2022 (Pages 9 - 18)

(a) To receive and note the minutes.

5. Land Drainage Watercourse Maintenance Operation (Pages 19 - 72)

6. Equality Strategy 2022-2026 (Pages 73 - 90)

7. Equality Annual Report 2021 (Pages 91 - 106)

8. **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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22nd March 2022

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

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.

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Members of the public are strongly encouraged not to attend a Committee meeting if they test positive for Covid on the day of a meeting or up to 5 full days before a meeting. Should the member of the public test positive for Covid-19 on the day of the meeting or up to 5 full days before the meeting then they are expected not to attend the meeting.

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