



**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 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 17th October 2022 (Pages 1 - 24)**

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. **To receive and consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services** (Pages 25 - 36)

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item; no longer than 10 minutes for presentation of the report and then up to 3 minutes for each question to be put and answered.

9. **Recommendations from the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee meeting held on 9th November 2022** (Pages 37 - 38)

10. **Background Information on the recommendations from the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee**

(i) Section 24 Notice (Pages 39 - 48)

(ii) Interim External Auditor's Annual Report 2020-21 (Pages 49 - 94)

11. **Recommendations from the Cabinet** (Pages 95 - 98)

To consider the recommendations from the meetings of the Cabinet held on 26<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

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

(i) Fees and Charges 2023/24 (Pages 99 - 132)

(ii) Sherwood Road Footbridge, Aston Fields - Permanent Closure of the Footbridge, Removal of Bridge Deck and Transfer of Ownership to Severn Trent Water Ltd (Pages 133 - 142)

(iii) Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26 - Update Report (Pages 143 - 180)

(iv) Fees and Charges Update (Pages 181 - 182)

The covering report for the Fees and Charges update is available to view under this item as the content of the covering report is in the public domain. Appendix 1 to the report, detailing a number of proposed fees and charges, contains exempt information and therefore has been attached at Agenda Item No. 18.

13. **To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 26th October and 23rd November 2022** (Pages 183 - 206)

14. **Questions on Notice** (Pages 207 - 208)

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 30 minutes is allocated for the asking and answering of questions at this meeting. This may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman with the agreement of the majority of those present.

15. **Motions on Notice** (Pages 209 - 210)

A period of an hour and a half is allocated to consider the motions on notice at this meeting. 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**

17. **To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of item(s) of business containing exempt information:-**

**"RESOLVED:** that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph of that part, in each case, being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph(s)</u>	
18	3	"

18. **Recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 23rd November 2022 - Fees and Charges Update - Exempt Information** (Pages 211 - 212)

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29th November 2022



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At the current time, seating at the meeting will be placed in such a way as to achieve as much space as possible for social distancing to help protect meeting participants.

Please note that this is a public meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the agenda or attached papers, please do not hesitate to contact the officer named above.

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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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**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.**



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