



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2023

AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors S. Ammar (Chairman), B. Kumar (Vice-Chairman), A. Bailes, R. Bailes, S. J. Baxter, S. R. Colella, A. M. Dale, J. Elledge, S. M. Evans, D. J. A. Forsythe, E. M. S. Gray, D. Hopkins, C.A. Hotham, R. J. Hunter, H. J. Jones, R. Lambert, M. Marshall, K.J. May, P. M. McDonald, B. McEldowney, D. J. Nicholl, S. T. Nock, S. R. Peters, J. Robinson, S. A. Robinson, H. D. N. Rone-Clarke, J. D. Stanley, D. G. Stewart, C. B. Taylor, 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 24th May 2023 (Pages 7 - 16)**

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. **Changes to Committee Membership**

Members are asked to note the appointments of named substitutes to the following Committees:

Planning Committee - Councillors Jane Elledge and Peter McDonald

Appointments Committee – Councillor Sam Ammar

9. **Audit, Standards and Governance Annual Report 2022/2023** (Pages 17 - 34)
10. **Overview and Scrutiny Board Annual Report 2022/2023** (Pages 35 - 66)
11. **Role of the Independent Person** (Pages 67 - 72)
12. **Outside Bodies** (Pages 73 - 78)
13. **Appointment of Interim Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer** (Pages 79 - 82)
14. **Recommendations from the Cabinet**

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12th July 2023 (to follow).
15. **Background Information on the recommendations from the Cabinet**
 - (i) Worcestershire Housing Strategy 2021-2040 (Pages 83 - 136)

(ii) Approval to Spend (Pages 137 - 150)

(iii) Draft Treasury Management Outturn Report 202/23 (Pages 151 - 166)

16. **To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 21st June 2023 and 12th July 2023** (Pages 167 - 174)

The minutes from the meeting held on 12th July 2023 will be published in a supplementary papers pack.

17. **Questions on Notice** (Pages 175 - 176)

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.

18. **Motions on Notice** (Pages 177 - 182)

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.

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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11th July 2023

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Notes:

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