



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 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, C.A. Hotham, D. Hopkins, R. J. Hunter, H. J. Jones, R. Lambert, M. Marshall, K.J. May, P. M. McDonald, B. McEldowney, S. T. Nock, D. J. Nicholl, J. Robinson, S. A. Robinson, H. D. N. Rone-Clarke, J. D. Stanley, D. G. Stewart, K. 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 20th September 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)**
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** (Pages 7 - 8)

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**

To receive a verbal update on changes to the membership of the Licensing Committee.

9. **Outside Bodies - Appointment**

To consider the appointment of a substitute member to the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (Worcestershire County Council have confirmed that, as part of the political balance arrangements, Bromsgrove District Council's substitute Member on the panel must be a member of the same political party as the main member, which is Councillor H. Jones).

10. **Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Annual Report 2022-2023** (Pages 9 - 26)

11. **Recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Group** (Pages 27 - 44)

Due to the length of the full Constitution Review Working Group report, the covering report only has been included in the main agenda pack. The full length report, including appendices, can be accessed in the Supplementary Papers 1 pack.

12. **To receive and consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Community Safety** (Pages 45 - 54)

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.

13. **Recommendations from the Cabinet** (Pages 55 - 56)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting(s) of the Cabinet held on 13th September 2023 and 18th October 2023.

The outstanding recommendation from 13th September 2023 meeting is due to be considered at this meeting of Council. The other recommendation made at the meeting in respect of the Governance Systems Task Group was considered at the Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 20th September 2023.

Any recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18th October 2023 will follow in a Supplementary Papers pack.

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

(i) Equality Annual Report 2021 (Pages 57 - 74)

(ii) Finance and Performance Quarter 1 Monitoring 2023/24 (Pages 75 - 114)

(iii) Upgrading of Sewage Treatment Plants and introduction of Service Charging to contributing properties - 1) Frankley Green Lane, Frankley Green, 2) Fockbury Road, Dodford 3) Dusthouse Lane, Tutnall (Pages 115 - 126)

15. **To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 13th September and 18th October 2023** (Pages 127 - 142)

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 are attached.

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting due to take place on 18th October 2023 will follow in a Supplementary Papers pack.

16. **Questions on Notice** (Pages 143 - 144)

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.

17. **Motions on Notice** (Pages 145 - 152)

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.

18. **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**

19. **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>
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20. **Finance and Performance Quarter 1 Monitoring 2023/24** (Pages 153 - 158)

21. **Upgrading of Sewage Treatment Plants and introduction of Service Charging to contributing properties - 1) Frankley Green Lane, Frankley Green, 2) Fockbury Road, Dodford 3) Dusthouse Lane, Tutnall**

22. **Exempt Minutes from the Cabinet Meeting due to take place on 18th October 2023**

Any restricted minutes recorded during exempt session at the Cabinet meeting due to take place on 18th October 2023 will follow in a supplementary pack for this meeting.

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17th October 2023

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[Live stream of the Full Council meeting held on 25th October 2023](#)

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Notes:

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