



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024

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, S. R. Peters, 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 24th January 2024 (Pages 7 - 30)**

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. **Independent Remuneration Panel Recommendations 2024/25 (Pages 31 - 46)**
9. **Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 14th February 2024 (to follow)**

Members are asked to note that under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council is required to take a named vote when a decision is made on the budget calculation at a budget decision meeting of the Council.

- (i) Alternative Budgets (to follow)

Members are asked to note that under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council is required to take a named vote when a decision is made on the budget calculation at a budget decision meeting of the Council. This includes any votes in respect of any alternative budgets that are proposed.

10. **Recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 21st February 2024**
(to follow)

Members are asked to note that under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council is required to take a named vote when a decision is made on the Council Tax at a budget decision meeting of the Council.

Under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, any Councillor who is 2 or more months in arrears with their Council tax payments cannot participate in any item at the Council meeting concerning the budget.

As this meeting of Cabinet is due to be held on the same day as the Council meeting, any recommendations made by the Cabinet at this meeting will be tabled at the Council meeting.

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

- (i) Governance Systems Task Group Update (Pages 47 - 84)
- (ii) Carbon Reduction Strategy - Annual Review (Pages 85 - 120)
- (iii) Non-Domestic Rates - Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (Pages 121 - 146)
- (iv) Pay Policy 2024/25 (Pages 147 - 156)
- (v) Medium Term Financial Plan (including Treasury Management Strategy, Capital Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Investment Strategy) (Tranche 2) (Pages 157 - 230)
- (vi) Termination of shared service arrangement: North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration (Pages 231 - 236)
- (vii) Parking Enforcement Service Level Agreement (Pages 237 - 244)
- (viii) Council Tax Resolutions 2024/25 (to follow)

Please note that this report will be published in a supplementary papers pack to the main agenda.

12. **To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 14th February 2024** (to follow)

Please note that the minutes from Cabinet meeting held on 14th February 2024 will be published in a supplementary papers pack to this agenda.

13. **Key Decisions - Financial Threshold** (Report to Follow)

14. **Questions on Notice** (Pages 245 - 246)

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** (Pages 247 - 250)

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**

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 & 4
19	3
20	3 & 4

18. **Termination of shared service arrangement: North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration** (Pages 251 - 254)
19. **Parking Enforcement Service Level Agreement** (Pages 255 - 256)
20. **Confidential Minutes**

There is the possibility that the meeting of Cabinet scheduled to take place on 14th February 2024 will need to vote to go into exempt session. Should this be the case, the exempt minute will be published in a supplementary pack for this Council meeting.

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13th February 2024

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Notes:

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