



## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 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, J. Clarke, 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. E. 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, 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 receive any announcements from the Chairman and/or Head of Paid Service**

4. **To receive any announcements from the Leader**

5. **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.

6. **Urgent Decisions**

7. **Constitution Review Working Group - Recommendations** (Pages 7 - 24)

8. **Joint Appointments Committee Update** (Pages 25 - 34)

9. **Section 151 Officer Report** (Pages 35 - 38)

10. **Political Balance** (Pages 39 - 42)

The appendix to this report, detailing the political balance figures, will be published in a supplementary papers pack to this main agenda.

11. **Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Annual Report 2023 - 2024**  
(Pages 43 - 64)

12. **To receive and consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Partnerships** (Pages 65 - 74)

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. **To consider the recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 24th July 2024** (Pages 75 - 76)

To consider the recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

14. **To consider the recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 11th September 2024** (Pages 77 - 78)

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

- (i) Cost of Living Proposal - Update (Pages 79 - 84)
- (ii) Combined Financial Outturn and Quarter 4 Financial Monitoring Report (including Update on the Fleet) (Pages 85 - 104)
- (iii) Treasury Management Outturn Report (Pages 105 - 120)

16. **To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 17th July, 24th July and 11th September 2024** (Pages 121 - 152)

Any recommendations included in the minutes for the Cabinet meeting that took place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 have already been considered at the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

17. **Questions on Notice** (Pages 153 - 154)

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 155 - 158)

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**

20. **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</u>
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21. **Confidential Minutes from the Cabinet meeting held on 11th September 2024** (Pages 159 - 162)

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1st October 2024

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