



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2026

AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors J. Robinson (Chairman), B. Kumar (Vice-Chairman), S. Ammar, 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, S. A. Robinson, J. D. Stanley, K. Taylor, H. D. N. Warren-Clarke, 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 15th July 2026 (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 (Pages 31 - 32)**

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 Finance (Pages 33 - 38)**

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. **Findings of the Future Local Governance in Bromsgrove Working Group - Recommendation from the Electoral Matters Committee (Pages 39 - 48)**
10. **Introduction of the National Scheme of Delegations of Planning Functions (to follow)**

This report will follow in a supplementary pack for the meeting.

11. **Bromsgrove District Local Plan - Gateway 1 Self-Assessment and Summary of Scoping Consultation (Pages 49 - 108)**
12. **Designation of the Monitoring Officer Function (Pages 109 - 112)**
13. **Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Annual Report 2025/26 (Pages 113 - 132)**
14. **Overview and Scrutiny Board Annual Report 2025/26 (Pages 133 - 164)**

15. Changes to Committee Membership

Council is asked to note the following changes to Committee membership:

Joint Appointments Committee:

- Councillor S. Robinson has replaced Councillor R. Hunter.
- Councillor H. Warren-Clarke has replaced Councillor P. McDonald.

Planning Committee:

- Councillor S. Robinson has been appointed as a new named substitute for members of the Liberal Democrat Group.

16. Recommendations from the Cabinet (Pages 165 - 166)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting(s) of the Cabinet held on 22nd July and 16th September 2026.

17. Background Information on the recommendations from the Cabinet

- (i) Low Cost Housing Capital Receipts (Pages 167 - 172)
- (ii) Treasury Management Outturn Report 2025/26 (Pages 173 - 188)
- (iii) Quarter 4 Financial Monitoring and Outturn Report 2025/26 (Pages 189 - 214)
- (iv) BDC Equality Strategy 2026-2030 (Pages 215 - 242)

At the Cabinet meeting held on 16th September 2026 Members agreed to extend the timeframes for the Equalities Strategy and the Engagement Policy from 2026 – 2028 up to 2026 – 2030.

- (v) Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Policy 2026/27 (Pages 243 - 264)

18. To note the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 22nd July and 16th September 2026 (Pages 265 - 290)

19. **Questions on Notice (To follow)**

To deal with any questions on notice from Members of the Council, in the order in which they have been received.

Each Member who is scheduled to ask a Question on Notice may ask up to one supplementary question which must be based on the original question or the answer provided to that question.

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.

20. **Motions on Notice (To Follow)**

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.

21. **To consider any urgent business, details of which have been notified to the Assistant Director of Legal, Democratic and Procurement 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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6th October 2026

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