



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TOPIC PROPOSAL

This form can be used for either a Task Group or a Short Sharp Review topic proposal.

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<p>Title of Proposed Topic (including specific subject areas to be investigate)</p>	<p>Examine consequences of disposal of Burcot Lodge emergency homeless unit. Burcot Lane Bromsgrove.</p>
<p>Background to the Proposal (Including reasons why this topic should be investigated and evidence to support the need for the investigation.)</p>	<p>Investigate Cabinet decision (3-7-2013) to include Burcot Lodge emergency homeless unit in the pending sale of Bromsgrove Council House.</p> <p>Although the decision to include the Burcot Lodge building in with the sale of the Council House was made in 2013 and pending sale of the Council House getting closer by the day, alternative provision for emergency homeless persons has not yet been provided by the Council.</p> <p>So far only alternative accommodation in Bromsgrove appears to be B & B. This is in short supply and will be expensive for the Council. B & B is not good for families and a very poor alternative to Burcot Lodge. It can split families into different areas sometimes some distance away.</p> <p>Residents from Burcot Lodge are often resident for months rather than days/weeks. It is illegal to house families in B & B accommodation for longer than 6 weeks.</p>
<p>Links to national, regional</p>	<p>Desperate shortage of emergency accommodation</p>

<p>and local priorities</p> <p>(including the Council's strategic purposes)</p>	<p>for homeless persons not only Bromsgrove but also across U.K.</p>			
<p>Possible Key Objectives</p> <p>(these should be SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely)</p>	<p>Retain Burcot Lodge, it is stand alone and separate from the main Council House site. Alternatively, delay sale of the building until suitable alternative accommodation can be made available.</p>			
<p>Anticipated Timescale for completion of the work.</p>	<p>Should be a “short & sharp” exercise</p>			
<p>Would it be appropriate to hold a Short Sharp Inquiry or a Task Group? (please tick relevant box)</p>	<p>Task Group</p> <p>tick</p>		<p>Short Sharp Inquiry</p>	

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<p>Evidence</p>	
<p>Key documents, data, reports</p>	
<p>Possible Site Visits</p>	
<p>Is a general press release required asking for general comments/suggestions from the public?</p>	
<p>Is a period of public consultation required?</p>	
<p>Witnesses</p>	
<p>Officers</p>	
<p>Councillors (including Portfolio Holder)</p>	
<p>Any External Witnesses</p>	

