

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

October 2015

RECOMMENDATION TRACKER REPORT

1. SUMMARY

This Recommendation Tracker lists all recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Board (including Task Group recommendations which have been agreed by Cabinet) until implementation is complete.

The recommendations are grouped in date order and by topic.

(N. B. Column 4 also shows each month the Tracker comes before the Board. To ensure recommendations are reviewed at the appropriate time, a tick is placed next to the quarter for which the Cabinet response advised the recommendation was estimated to be implemented.)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Board notes the Quarterly Recommendation Tracker and agrees to the removal of any items which have been completed.

Date of O&S Board	Recommendation	Date Considered by Cabinet	Comments on action taken to implement the recommendation(s)							
LEISURE PROVISION TASK GROUP (A full update in respect of the recommendations will be provided in the next quarterly tracker when this task group has its 12 month review.)										
17 th November 2014	<u>Recommendation 1</u> (a) That charges for leisure facilities & services, such as the Dolphin Centre, should be used to promote usage and participation in leisure activities; and (b) That the Council's concession scheme should be publicised where appropriate to ensure price is not a barrier to participation in leisure activities.	3 rd December 2014	July		Oct		Jan (2016)	√	April	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u> The Cabinet felt that the wording of (a) should be amended slightly as set out below to clarify the intention behind it. <i>"that the charging structure for leisure facilities and services be used to encourage usage and participation in leisure activities."</i> Recommendation (b) was approved.							
17 th November 2014	<u>Recommendation 2</u> That Members should familiarise themselves with the leisure activities available within their Wards via the information provided by the Sports Development Team and visit activities as appropriate.	3 rd December 2014	July		Oct		Jan (2016)	√	April	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u> The Cabinet approved this recommendation.							
17 th November 2014	<u>Recommendation 3</u> (a) The noticeboard situated adjacent to Blockbuster be utilised;	3 rd December 2014	July		Oct		Jan (2016)	√	April	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u>							

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	<p>(b) A noticeboard be included in the list of requirements for the Phase 2 Works of the Town Centre; and</p> <p>(c) Whilst it was acknowledged that there were often problems with noticeboards being maintained and information displayed kept up to date, to minimise this it is recommended that these be maintained by the local ward councillor.</p>		<p>The Cabinet approved this recommendation.</p> <p><u>March 2015</u></p> <p><i>Work on the use of noticeboards continues and it is understood that a new noticeboard has been included in Phase 2 and funded by the ward councillor scheme.</i></p>							
17 th November 2014	<p><u>Recommendation 4</u></p> <p>(a) Officers to continue negotiations with BAM and look for alternative funding sources to fund a Sports Hall moving forward; and</p> <p>(b) If the negotiations with BAM are unsuccessful, then Cabinet reconsider and make recommendations to full Council for the facility to include a Sports Hall.</p>	3 rd December 2014	July		Oct		Jan (2016)	√	April	
			<p><u>Cabinet Response</u></p> <p>Recommendation (a) was approved.</p> <p>In respect of Recommendations (b) the wording was agreed as follows: <i>“that if the negotiations with BAM are unsuccessful, then Cabinet reconsider options for the facility to include a Sports Hall”.</i></p>							

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YOUTH PROVISION TASK GROUP										
15 th July 2013	<u>Recommendation 1</u> That Worcestershire County Council ensures that regular meetings between the commissioner and local providers of Positive Activities (within the Bromsgrove District) take place to ensure there is no overlap of services and to enable best practices to be shared.	4 th September 2013	July		Oct	√	Jan (2015)		April	
			<u>Cabinet Response – Agreed</u> <u>October 2015</u> WCC have been approached on a number of occasions for an update – a further email has been sent (2 nd November 2015) with the request for a response in respect of recommendations 1, 2, and 3. At the time of writing							
15 th July 2013	<u>Recommendation 2</u> That Bromsgrove District Council write to Worcestershire County Council highlighting its concerns in respect of the limited life span and uncertainty over the provision of a building for the youth services provided by EPIC in the Rubery Ward.	4 th September 2013	July		Oct	√	Jan (2015)		April	
			<u>Cabinet Response – Agreed</u> Members were concerned that little progress appeared to have been made by the County Council in identifying alternative accommodation. <u>October 2015</u> See recommendations 1.							
15 th July 2013	<u>Recommendation 3</u> That Worcestershire County Council ensure that the activities, which should	4 th September 2013	July		Oct	√	Jan (2015)		April	
			<u>Cabinet Response – Agreed</u>							

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	focus on the Town Centre and provided by the £15k from Sandwell Leisure Trust, are commissioned through the Positive Activities process to ensure that no further delays occur.		<p><u>October 2015</u></p> <p>See recommendations 1.</p>							
15 th July 2013	<u>Recommendation 6</u> That the Chairman of the Task Group (supported by Democratic Services Officers) give a presentation, of the Task Group's findings, to CALC in order to encourage Parish Councils to support local youth groups.	4 th September 2013	July		Oct	√	Jan (2015)		April	
			<p><u>Cabinet Response</u> – Agreed</p> <p><u>Update July 2014</u></p> <p><i>To date this has not taken place.</i></p> <p><u>October 2015</u></p> <p><i>As previously discussed the CALC meetings are held quarterly and there has not, to date been an appropriate opportunity for this recommendation to be considered. In light of discussions at the last O&S meeting Members may wish to discuss whether they think it would be appropriate to action this recommendation due to the time which has elapsed..</i></p>							
15 th July 2013	<u>Recommendation 10</u> That the Overview and Scrutiny Board	4 th September 2013	July		Oct	√	Jan (2015)		April	

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	<p>includes within its Work Programme an investigation into the provision of services available to disaffected young people and those not in education, employment or training within the District.</p>		<p><u>Cabinet Response</u> – it was felt this was a matter for the Overview and Scrutiny Board to determine as part of their future work programme.</p> <p><u>Update July 2014</u> <i>This has been included on the O&S Board's Work Programme, for its consideration if they so wish.</i></p> <p><u>October 2015</u> <i>Youth Provision continues to be an item on the O&S Board's work programme for consideration at a later date if they so wish.</i></p>

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

<p>25th September 2014</p>	<p><u>Finance Monitoring Quarter 1 Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Income and expenditure figures should be provided in future Financial Monitoring Reports to provide greater clarity about the Council's budget position in each quarter. Comparative budget data should be provided in the Financial Monitoring Reports for previous years. 	<p>Cabinet 3rd December 2014</p>	<p>July</p>		<p>Oct</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>Jan ("016)</p>		<p>April</p>	
<p><u>Cabinet Response</u> That the additional financial and budget data be provided in future Monitoring reports from 2015/16 Quarter 1 following the introduction of the new Financial System. In addition it was felt that it would be appropriate to request the Overview and Scrutiny Board to report back in due course on whether this information was useful to the Board.</p> <p><u>April 2015 Update</u> <i>This will remain on the tracker until such time as the Board have received the revised reports and report back to Cabinet the usefulness of the reports.</i></p> <p><u>October 2015</u> <i>The Board have received the updated report and were happy with the format – it is therefore suggested that this recommendation can now be removed from the tracker.</i></p>										

<p>25th September 2014</p>	<p><u>Task Group Procedure Guidelines Review</u> That the Task Group/Short, Sharp Inquiry Procedure Guidelines be incorporated into the Council's constitution.</p>	<p>Constitutional Review Working Party</p>	<p>July</p>		<p>Oct</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>Jan (2016)</p>		<p>April</p>	
			<p><i>This was passed to relevant Officer on 3rd November 2014 for inclusion in at a meeting of the Constitutional Working Group.</i></p> <p><u>October 2015</u> <i>There has not as yet been an appropriate meeting of the Working Group for this matter to be discussed.</i></p>							