

**SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL –
HOMELESSNESS IN BROMSGROVE**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service for Overview and Scrutiny	Claire Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	No – not at this stage
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Topic Proposal Form has been submitted by Councillor Chris Bloore, with the aid of Officers, relating to homelessness in Bromsgrove and is presented for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Board following agreement at its previous meeting to set up a Short Sharp Review in to this topic.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the Board considers the completed proposal form (at Appendix 1) and agrees the terms of reference, subject to any amendments made in the meeting.**

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Topic Proposal Form relating to homelessness in Bromsgrove has been completed by Councillor Chris Bloore. This is as a result of discussions at the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 18th January when it was agreed that a Short Sharp Review would be set up to investigate the impact of a number of changes in respect of Homelessness in Bromsgrove.

- 3.2 Councillor Bloore was appointed as Chairman of the Short Sharp Review with the following Membership:

Councillors Sue Baxter, Brian Cooper, Sean Shannon and Roger Smith

- 3.3 For background information, the Board had received a topic proposal from Councillor Sean Shannon in respect of the impending closure of the Burcot Lodge Homeless Hostel at its meeting on 24th August 2016. This led Members to receive a number of update reports on this issue at its October, November 2015 and January 2016 meetings.

Financial Implications

- 3.4 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.
- 3.5 There is a cost of setting up a short sharp review in that Members receive a one off allowance for taking part. The Chairman receives £260 with the other Members receiving £130 each.

Legal Implications

- 3.6 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.

Service/Operation Implications

- 3.7 There are currently no service/operation implications directly relating to this report. However, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken by the Short Sharp Review.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 The finds of this investigation could have clear implications for vulnerable customers at risk of homelessness.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 None for the purpose of this report.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Proposal Form

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

7. KEY

None

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