



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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Date: 19/01/16	

Title of Proposed Topic (including specific subject areas to be investigate)	Homelessness in Bromsgrove - the impact of legislative changes on this and action the Council will take to address any problems which may arise.
Background to the Proposal (Including reasons why this topic should be investigated and evidence to support the need for the investigation.)	Following the submission of a topic proposal from Cllr Sean Shannon in respect of the potential closure of the Burcot Lodge Homeless Hostel the Board received a number of reports/briefing papers in respect of action the Council would take to address the loss of this building, this has led to a number of other questions being raised at the Board's meeting on 18/01/16 including the changing housing policy of Central Government and changes to housing benefits.
Links to national, regional and local priorities (including the Council's strategic purposes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help me to live my life independently • Help me find somewhere to live in my locality • Help me to be financially independent
Possible Key Objectives (these should be SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely)	<p>The data shows the Council has to make more and more interventions to prevent homelessness.</p> <p>In light of the need to replace the Burcot Lodge Homeless Hostel, we need to ensure that as a Council we are best placed to meet the needs of</p>

	<p>residents, particularly due to the significant forthcoming changes to the benefit system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify what the legislative changes will entail; • Clarify the impact of all of these changes on the Council's services and customers; and • ensure that appropriate steps are in place to minimise the impact and support our customers. 				
Anticipated Timescale for completion of the work.	8 to 10 weeks (It is anticipated that the review will hold its first meeting w/c 22/02/16.)				
Would it be appropriate to hold a Short Sharp Inquiry or a Task Group? (please tick relevant box)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Task Group</td> <td>No</td> <td>Short Sharp Inquiry</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table>	Task Group	No	Short Sharp Inquiry	Yes
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Evidence	
Key documents, data, reports	
Possible Site Visits	
Is a general press release required asking for general comments/suggestions from the public?	
Is a period of public consultation required?	
Witnesses	
Officers	
Councillors (including Portfolio Holder)	
Any External Witnesses	