

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

31st October 2016

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)							
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS TASK GROUP										
19 th September 2016	<u>Recommendation 1</u> We recommend that officers should investigate the introduction of a local authority lettings scheme that would help customers to access private rented accommodation. This investigation should take into account working in partnership with Redditch Borough Council. The outcomes of this investigation should be reported for the consideration of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Cabinet.	5 th October 2016	Jan (2017)		April		Aug (2016)		Oct	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u> A formal response will be provided by the Portfolio Holder at the next meeting of the Board.							
19 th September 2016	<u>Recommendation 2</u> The Council should commit to use all of the Homeless Grant for the purposes of priority homelessness support.	5 th October 2016	Jan (2017)		April		Aug (2016)		Oct	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u>							
19 th September 2016	<u>Recommendation 3</u> Subject to the Council continuing to receive the Homeless Grant, it should continue to prioritise funding in respect of offender rehabilitation and emergency accommodation for young people, in order for services to remain	5 th October 2016	Jan (2017)		April		Aug (2016)		Oct	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u>							

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	sustainable within the district.									
19 th September 2016	<u>Recommendation 4</u> The £15,000 of funding allocated by the Portfolio Holder be allocated to the Essential Living Fund (ELF) and any surplus be ring fenced for use in the next financial year.	5 th October 2016	Jan (2017)		April		Aug (2016)		Oct	
<u>Cabinet Response</u>										
EVENING & WEEKEND CAR PARKING TASK GROUP										
21 st March 2016	<u>Recommendation 1</u> The Council needs to formulate a clear Economic Development strategy that includes car parking as soon as possible, whilst considering the following key features of any such strategy: a) Ensuring that car parking arrangements are managed in accordance with the interests of the local economy. b) Working with partners in business and retail to develop the Economic Development Strategy that includes car parking options and tariffs that encourage customers to visit Bromsgrove.	6 th April 2016	Jan (2017)		April	√	Aug (2016)		Oct	
<u>Cabinet Response</u> In relation to recommendation 1 the Cabinet agreed that car parking was vital to the economic development of the Town and accepted the principles behind the recommendation. It was felt however that the existing Economic Development Priorities should be reviewed in order to assess the impact of car parking charges, rather than produce a new Economic Development Strategy which may need to alter in 6 months' time. It was fully accepted that the needs and views of businesses in the Town needed to be taken into account and the new Centre Manager would be fully involved in this review process and in working with local businesses. The process should be undertaken										

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	c) Ensure car parking arrangements support the Council's Economic Development Strategy.		<p>prior to the consideration of the next round of changes to fees and charges. The existing Economic Priorities needed to focus more strongly on car parking. Officers and Members from Economic Development, Car Parking and Planning would need to work very closely together on the further regeneration of the Town Centre.</p> <p>The recommendation was therefore accepted in the amended form below:</p> <p><i>that the Council reviews its Economic Development Priorities to assess the impact of car parking charges as soon as possible, whilst considering the following key features:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>ensuring that car parking arrangements are managed in accordance with the interests of the local economy;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>working with partners in business and retail to review the Economic Priorities that includes parking options and tariffs that encourage customers to visit Bromsgrove; and</i></p> <p>(c) <i>ensuring that car parking arrangements support the Council's Economic Priorities.</i></p> <p><u>Update 5th October 2016</u> The Portfolio Holder has advised that she has</p>

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			made some progress with the recommendations and will attend the January 2017 meeting when the Tracker is reviewed again to provide a more detailed update.							
21 st March 2016	<u>Recommendation 2</u> Having formulated the Economic Development Strategy it is recommended that an external expert be engaged by the Council, with a clear remit of what the Council wishes to achieve, it is suggested that such a consultant would need to consult with the following Council officers/Members: a) Economic Development Team b) Environmental Services Team c) Relevant Portfolio Holders d) Members of the Evening and Weekend Car Parking Task Group e) Local businesses and retailers.	6 th April 2016	Jan (2017)		April	√	Aug (2016)		Oct	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u> This recommendation was largely accepted, with a minor change to the wording to reflect the changes made to recommendation 1 above. In addition the new Centres Manager has been added to the list of officers/Members to be involved in the consultation on car parking. <i>that whilst reviewing the Economic Priorities it is recommended that an external expert be engaged by the Council, with a clear remit of what the Council wishes to achieve. It is suggested that they would need to consult with the following Council officers/Members:</i> (a) Economic Development Team (b) Environmental Services Team (c) Relevant Portfolio Holders (d) Members of the Evening and							

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			<p style="text-align: right;"><i>weekend car Parking Task Group</i></p> <p>(e) <i>Local businesses and retailers</i> (f) <i>Town Centres Manager</i></p> <p><u>Update 5th October 2016</u> See recommendation 1 above.</p>							
21 st March 2016	<u>Recommendation 3</u> Prior to any further trials (of any nature) being agreed and carried out any necessary data should be collected in order to have appropriate comparative data and information available to ensure that any such trial can be measured successfully.	6 th April 2016	Jan (2017)		April	√	Aug (2016)		Oct	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u> Recommendation 3 was agreed. <u>Update 5th October 2016</u> See Recommendation 1 above.							
21 st March 2016	<u>Recommendation 4</u> Until the introduction of a strategy the current parking charges and concessions should be maintained (including the continuation of free evening car parking).	6 th April 2016	Jan (2017)		April	√	Aug (2016)		Oct	
			<u>Cabinet Response</u> This recommendation was agreed subject to a minor change in wording to reflect the changes within recommendation 1. <i>that until the review of the Economic Priorities, the current parking charges and concessions should be maintained (including the continuation of free</i>							

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			<p><i>evening car parking).</i></p> <p><u>Update 5th October 2016</u> See recommendation 1 above.</p>							
LEISURE PROVISION TASK GROUP										
<p>17th November 2014</p>	<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>	<p>3rd December 2014</p>	<p>Jan (2017)</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>April</p>		<p>Aug (2016)</p>		<p>Oct</p>	
			<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> <p><u>Cabinet further Response 6th January 2016</u></p> <p>Following a further recommendation from the Board requesting the Cabinet remain observant of its decision made on 3rd December 2014, the Cabinet, after discussion, rescinded the recommendation (b).</p> <p><u>July 2016</u></p>							

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			When the Board considered this item at its April 2016 meeting it agreed for it to remain on the tracker until the negotiations with BAM had been completed.							
YOUTH PROVISION TASK GROUP										
15 th July 2013	<u>Recommendation 10</u> That the Overview and Scrutiny Board 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.	4 th September 2013	Jan (2017)		April		Aug (2016)		Oct	
			<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> <p><u>April 2016</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> <p><u>July 2016</u></p>							

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			<p><i>The situation remains as per the last update.</i></p> <p><u><i>October 2016</i></u></p> <p><i>The situation remains as per the update in April 2016.</i></p>

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

<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>Jan (2017)</p>		<p>April</p>		<p>Aug (2016)</p>		<p>Oct</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> <p><u>January 2016</u> <i>A meeting of the Working Group has yet to be organised where this item will be considered.</i></p> <p><u>April 2016</u> <i>The situation remains as previously reported.</i></p> <p><u>July 2016</u> <i>The situation remains as previously reported.</i></p> <p><u>October 2016</u> <i>The situation remains as previously reported.</i></p>										