

Task Group Update Report

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor G. Denaro
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Ward(s) Affected	N/A
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 This report sets out the current position in respect of outstanding Task Groups and Short Sharp Reviews set up by the Overview and Scrutiny Board in the municipal year 2018-19 and where the work has not been completed.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to consider whether the work of the following task groups as detailed in the key issues section below, should continue for the 2019-20 municipal year.

- a) Bromsgrove Sporting Football Club Task Group;
- b) Business Rates Relief Short Sharp Review; and
- c) WCC LTP4 Task Group.

3. KEY ISSUES

It should be noted that the Board has previously agreed that due to officer time, a maximum of two task groups and/or short sharp reviews will be undertaken at any one time.

3.1 Bromsgrove Sporting Football Club Task Group

This proposal was put forward by former Councillor C. Bloore and considered at the Board meeting held on 19th November 2018. It was agreed that a task group be set up and that it would be chaired by Councillor M. Thompson. At the following meeting (14th January 2019) membership was confirmed as Councillors Thompson, C. Hotham, R. Jenkins, R Laight and S. Webb.

Due to a variety of reasons no meetings of the task group have taken place to date and as Councillor Laight is now Chairman of the Council and Councillor Webb is a Portfolio Holder, they are no longer eligible to be members of it.

The Board are therefore asked to consider whether it wishes this piece of work to be taken forward. If this is the case then officers will canvass Members to replace Councillors Laight and Webb.

3.2 Business Rates Relief Short Sharp Review

This short sharp review was set up following the presentation of a Notice of Motion at Council on 21st November 2018, when the matter was referred to the Board for its consideration.

At its meeting held on 3rd December the Board agreed to set up a short sharp review, made up of Board members, to consider this matter further. As the proposal had been put forward by Councillor Thompson it was further agreed that Councillor Thompson would Chair the short sharp review. Membership was agreed as being Members of the Board only and Councillors S. Colella, M. Glass, R. Laight, P. McDonald, P. Thomas and S. Webb showed an interest in taking part in the short sharp review.

To date the short sharp review has met on two occasions, on 14th December 2018 and 9th January 2019. However, as Councillor Laight is now Chairman of the Council and Councillors Thomas and Webb are Portfolio Holders, they are no longer eligible to take part in it.

The Board are asked to consider whether it wishes this piece of work to continue and if the Board feels appropriate to appoint further Members to the short sharp review.

3.3 WCC LTP4 Task Group

This proposal was put forward by Councillor S. Colella and considered at the Board meeting held on 8th April 2019. The establishment of a Task Group was agreed in principle with the agreement that no action would be taken until the new municipal year.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether they feel that this is a subject that warrants further investigation and if so, whether a task group would be the appropriate way forward.

Financial Implications

- 3.4 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, although it should be noted there are resource implications in respect of officer time in attending and preparing information for the task groups.

Legal Implications

- 3.5 There are no direct legal implications in respect of this report.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.6 There are no direct service/operational implications arising from this report.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 There are no direct customer/equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 No specific risks have been identified.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Scoping document in respect of the Bromsgrove Sporting Football Club Task Group.

Appendix 2 - Notice of Motion.

Appendix 3 – Scoping document in respect of WCC LTP4 Task Group.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes and agendas in respect of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meetings when these topics have been discussed.

7. KEY

N/A

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