

# **Cabinet Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Bromsgrove Sporting Task Group**

## Introduction

At the virtual Cabinet meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 consideration was given to the report of the Bromsgrove Sporting Task Group. The Leader welcomed Councillor M. Thompson, as Chairman of the Task Group, to the meeting and thanked him for being present to provide clarification on any matters raised by Cabinet Members. Councillor Thompson reminded Cabinet that the Task Group had originated from a topic proposal put forward by former Councillor Chris Bloore. He outlined the work that had been undertaken by the Task Group and thanked Members and officers for their contributions.

The Cabinet then discussed and considered each of the recommendations of the Task Group in detail.

## Response to recommendations

Please find below responses to the recommendations contained within the scrutiny report:

### Recommendation 1

**That officers work with Bromsgrove Sporting to develop a business case to be presented to Council to provide a contribution of up to £10k pa for a period of 5 years to fund capital investment in the ground. This would also be subject to reviewing the lease arrangements in relation to works undertaken.**

### **Cabinet Response**

This recommendation was approved.

Timescale: It was noted that any funding would be subject to a robust business case being submitted by Bromsgrove Sporting and this would be considered in the same way as any other project bid and be submitted to both Cabinet and Council for approval. The onus would initially be with Bromsgrove Sporting to provide that business case and supporting evidence for consideration.

Bromsgrove Sporting have been advised of this and contact has already been made to clarify what information the Council would expect to be included in any such business case.

### **Recommendation 2**

**That the terms and length of the lease to Bromsgrove Sporting be reviewed, with a view to replacing the current lease to enable a 50 year lease to be in place, in order to allow them to access grant funding from other sources.**

### **Cabinet Response**

This recommendation was approved.

It was noted that the Legal Team and relevant Officers, would now contact Bromsgrove Sporting to review the current lease and consider how best to take this recommendation forward.

Timescale for completion: As soon as possible.

The Leader and the Portfolio Holder thanked the Task Group Chairman and Members for their work in producing a very useful report.

**Councillor P. Thomas – Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Cultural Services and Community Safety.**