

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Cabinet meeting 19th January 2022

Bromsgrove Response to South Staffordshire Preferred Option Local Plan

RECOMMENDED that the Council endorse the officer response to the South Staffordshire Local Plan and that it is confirmed with South Staffordshire Council as such.

Bromsgrove District Council Car Parks – Adoption of Cashless Payments and Operational Procedures for Recreation Road South Car Park and Churchfields Multi-Storey Car Park

RECOMMENDED that A reduced Budget, as shown in 3.1 - Budget Comparisons Table, to be amended as part of the medium-term financial plan review.

Council Tax Empty Homes Discounts and Premiums

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) From 1st April 2022 the level of Council Tax discount to be applied under Section 11A (4) and Section 11A (4A) for each class of dwellings as defined by The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) will be:

Class A [“second homes with a planning restriction”] 0%: no discount

Class B [“second homes without a planning restriction”] 0%: no discount

Class C [“vacant dwellings”]

- a. Where the dwelling has been unoccupied and unfurnished for a continuous period of not more than 14 days - 100% discount
- b. Where the dwelling has been unoccupied and unfurnished for more than 14 days - 0%: no discount.
- c. Where the dwelling is
 - i. unoccupied and substantially unfurnished; and
 - ii. the owner of the dwelling is a local housing authority; and
 - iii. when next in use the dwelling will be occupied under the provisions of the Housing act 1985

100% discount.

Owner will be defined by reference to section 6(5) and 6(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

For the purposes of Class C when considering whether a dwelling falls within the description any period of occupation, not exceeding 6 weeks, during which it was not unoccupied and substantially unfurnished shall be disregarded.

Class D [“dwellings requiring major repair works”] - 100% discount

- 2) From 1st April 2022 the additional council tax premium applied under section 11B of the LGFA '92, for long-term empty dwellings will be
 - i) For a dwelling that has been a long-term empty dwelling for less than 5 years – 100% premium
 - ii) For a dwelling that has been a long-term empty dwelling for 5 years or more, but less than 10 years – 200% premium
 - iii) For a dwelling that has been a long-term empty dwelling for at least 10 years – 300% premium
- 3) The Head of Financial and Customer Services on a case-by-case basis may consider a reduction to the long-term empty premium.

Worcestershire Regulatory Service (WRS) Board – Budget Recommendations

RECOMMENDED that the following be approved for 2022/2023:

- a) the 2022/23 gross expenditure budget of £3,891k.
- b) the 2022/23 income budget of 634k.
- c) the revenue budget and partner percentage allocations for 2022/2023 onwards:

Council	£'000	Revised %
Bromsgrove District Council	475	14.55

- d) the additional partner liabilities for 2022/2023 in relation to unavoidable salary pressure:

Council	£'000
Bromsgrove District Council	12

- e) the additional partner liabilities for 2022/2023 in relation to hosting costs:

Council	Increase in Rent £000	Increase in ICT Hosting £000	Increase in Support Hosting £000
Bromsgrove District Council	1	2	1

- f) the additional partner liabilities for 2022/23 in relation to three Technical Officers.

Council	Tech Officer Income Generation £000	Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Tech Officer Gull Control £000
Bromsgrove District Council	5	7	

Fees and Charges 2022/23

RECOMMENDED that the proposed fees and charges 2022 – 23 be approved.