

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD
2023**

6th June

SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL

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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	No
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	N/A
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the request as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of this report and agree to one of the following:

- (a) that the request is included on the work programme and the Board considers the matter as an item of business at its next meeting; OR**
- (b) that the request is included on the work programme and a Short Sharp Review is agreed to enable a more in-depth investigation of the matter, and that the broad terms of reference and timescales for the Review are agreed; OR**
- (c) that further information be requested from a relevant source before deciding whether or not further investigation is required; OR**
- (d) that the Board decides to take no further action.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Board are requested to investigate the possibility of transition of Bromsgrove District Council from the current 'leader and cabinet' model of governance to a 'committee system'. This follows a Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor P. McDonald at the Council meeting held on 24th May 2023 as follows:

"We call upon the officers of the Council to prepare a report into the transition of the Council from a Cabinet System to that of a Committee System. The report is to be presented to an Extraordinary Meeting to be held in September."

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 A request from full Council has been made to investigate the possibility of the Council transitioning from a Cabinet System to that of a Committee System.
- 3.2 If the Board decides that it does wish to investigate this topic further, it then needs to decide whether it is appropriate for the Board itself to undertake the investigation at its regular meetings or whether a more in-depth investigation is required in a form of a short-sharp review.
- 3.3 Another option is for the Board to request further information on the topic from a relevant source to assist Members to decide whether an investigation is required.
- 3.4 Alternatively, the Board could decide that it is not a topic it wishes to investigate, in which case no further action would be required.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 6.1 Governance underpins all of Council's strategic purposes.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 There are no climate change implications at this stage. The green thread runs through the Council plan.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.3 There are no equalities implications at this stage.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Not applicable at this stage as this report is asking to consider the various options relating to the investigation of the Notice of Motion.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

None