

Explanation of items on the Cabinet Forward Plan

1. Bromsgrove Centres Action Plan Review 2024-25

The review of the action plan on managing the eight Bromsgrove District town/village centres. The Bromsgrove Centres Strategy and Action Plan for 2023-2026 was approved in January 2023 and 2024 is the first review year.

2. Bromsgrove Play Audit and Investment Strategy

A review of all play areas in the District, including an accessibility assessment and identification of gaps in provision. The play audit will consider how future play provision could be designed to improve the overall accessibility of play provision and address any gaps.

3. Cost of Living Funding Proposal

To consider a pot of money sat in earmarked reserves to be used towards a Cost-of-Living initiative. This would be to support residents who need extra support to manage with the recent increases in daily costs including food, rents, mortgages and utility costs.

Please note that an initial report for this item will go to Cabinet Working Group as a strategic item in the first instance, and then to the Leaders Group, for a decision on whether this report will be brought forward as a Cabinet report.

4. Council response to Local Plan Consultations; Birmingham Development Plan, South Staffordshire Local Plan and South Worcestershire Development Plan

The Council's response to consultations on the local plans (development plans) of Birmingham, South Staffordshire and South Worcestershire authorities.

5. District Heat Network Revisions

Due to technological changes to how District Heat Networks operate, to consider a revised delivery model to that initially agreed by Council.

6. Finance and Performance Quarter 3 Monitoring Report 2023/24

To provide a current financial position in relation to Revenue and Capital Budgets for the period October to December 2023 (2023-24). The report also provides a position on the organisational performance measures, as of Quarter 3 (up to end of December 2023).

7. Finance and Performance Outturn Report 2023/24

The report to update members on the Council's 2023/24 outturn (achieved) financial and performance position in 2023-24.