

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD 2024

12th February

SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL – IMPACT OF HEATWAVES ON THE DISTRICT

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Steven Colella, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Climate Change
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
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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 if the request for scrutiny investigation as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of this report is agreed:

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Board are requested to investigate the future as a short, sharp review investigation. This follows a Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor M. Marshall and agreed at the Council meeting held on 24th January 2024. The Motion agreed reads as follows:

“That the Overview and Scrutiny be asked to undertake a review of how to take immediate action to educate and equip residents for impending heatwaves made more likely by climate change. This will include awareness campaigns, distributing guidelines and establishing cooling centres to ensure the community’s safety and well-being during future extreme temperature events.”

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 A request from full Council has been made to investigate how to undertake action to assist residents in the face of impending heatwaves made more likely by climate change.
- 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 or review is required, for example in the 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 Communities which are safe, well-maintained and green.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 This request relates directly to climate change implications. 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

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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