

Appendix – Explanation of Items on the Cabinet Forward Plan

1. Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group - Final Report

Cabinet consideration of the final report of the Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group following approval by Overview and Scrutiny Board.

2. Bromsgrove District Plan Consultation

A report on the consultation with regard to the Local Plan (development) for Bromsgrove District.

3. 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.

4. Draft Council Tax Support 2025/26 (prior to consultation)

The council is required by section 13A(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA '92) to make a council tax reduction (CTR) scheme specifying the reductions in council tax that will be provided to people who are in financial need, or to classes of people who are in general in financial need. This report provides draft proposals.

5. Financial Recovery Programme Report

This report set out the progress on processes the Council has been following to rectify a deterioration in its financial position and processes due to the impact of the implementation of a new financial system in February 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic period.

6. Food Waste Business Case and Associated Waste Related Issues

A report on the business case for the food waste collection service. Also an update on the associated issues regarding waste service.

7. Impact of Heatwaves Task Group – Final Report

Cabinet consideration of the final report of the Impact of Heatwaves Task Group, subject to consideration and approval by Overview and Scrutiny Board (on 23rd July 2024).

8. Initial Budget Setting Report

An initial report regarding the setting of Council Revenue Budget for 2025-26.

9. Levelling Up Report – Approval of Contractor

Update on progress on the Levelling Up Schemes and the approval for a contractor to develop the former Market Hall site.

10. Medium Term Financial Plan – Tranche 1 Budget including Fees and Charges (prior to consultation)

The Council proposes to set its budget in two Tranches for 2025/26 to 2027/28 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) process. This Tranche 1 report is the initial budget proposal to be considered for approval in Autumn 2024, prior to consultation.

11. New National Forest Application

Approval of the application in partnership with the National Trust for a new national forest to be located primarily in Bromsgrove District (Bromsgrove District Council would be the accountable authority from a financial perspective).

12. Q1 Revenue and Performance Monitoring 2024/25

To provide a current financial position in relation to Revenue Budgets for the period April to June 2024 (2024-25). The report also provides a position on the organisational performance measures, as of Quarter 1 (up to end of June 2024).

13. Treasury Management Outturn Report

This report updates on the Council's outturn (achieved) treasury management position.

14. Bromsgrove Draft Air Quality Action Plan

The draft action plan to deliver improvements in air quality in Bromsgrove.

15. 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.

16. Carbon Reduction Strategy and Implementation Plan – Annual Review

Annual review of progress in meeting targets and delivering the Carbon Reduction Strategy and a review of the implementation plan.

17. Half Yearly Treasury Management Report

A half yearly update on the Council's Capital and Treasury Management Strategies, including all prudential indicators.

18. Homelessness Prevention Grant and Domestic Abuse Grant

Consideration of grants provided by central government in relation to Homelessness Prevention and Domestic Abuse.

19. Medium Term Financial Plan - Tranche 1 Budget including Fees and Charges (following consultation)

The Council proposes to set its budget in two Tranches for 2025/26 to 2027/28 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) process. This Tranche 1 report is the initial budget proposal to be considered for approval in Autumn 2024, after consultation.

20. Q2 Revenue and Performance Monitoring 2024/2025

To provide a current financial position in relation to Revenue Budgets for the period July to September 2024 (2024-25). The report also provides a position on the organisational performance measures, as of Quarter 2 (up to end of September 2024).

21. Council Tax Base 2025/2026

To consider a report on the Council Tax Base for 2025-26.

22. Discretionary Reduction - Council Tax Section 13a1(C) Policy

The council has the power under section 13A(1)(C) of The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA '92) to reduce the amount of council tax that a person is liable to pay. The section 13A(1)(C) power may be exercised on a case-by-case basis or by determining a class of case in which the liability will be reduced.

23. Council Tax Empty Homes Discounts and Premiums

Details the Council's policies regarding reduction or removal of the discount for unoccupied dwellings and, in the case of long-term empty homes, regarding policies on imposing a council tax premium.

24. Final Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/2026

The council is required by section 13A(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA '92) to make a council tax reduction (CTR) scheme specifying the reductions in council tax that will be provided to people who are in financial need, or to classes of people who are in general in financial need.

25. Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy

Section 47 of The Local Government Finance Act 1988 [the act] provides Local Authorities with the power to award discretionary rate relief, to charitable and other non-profit making organisations that meet certain criteria. This policy also provided Council's framework for delivering discretionary relief – including retail relief and supporting small business relief.

26. Medium Term Financial Plan - Tranche 2 Budget including Fees and Charges (following consultation)

The Council proposes to set its budget in two Tranches for 2025/26 to 2027/28 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) process. This Tranche 2 report is the final budget proposal to be considered for approval in February 2025.

27. Pay Policy 2025/2026

A statement that sets out Council's policies relating to remuneration of its chief officers, lowest paid employees and the relationship between the remuneration of its chief officers and its employees who are not chief officers.

28. Council Tax Resolutions 2025/2026

To approve the calculated Council Tax base for 2025-26 and approve the Council Tax requirement (Council approval).

29. Finance Recovery Programme Report

This report set out the progress on processes the Council has been following to rectify a deterioration in its financial position and processes due to the impact of the implementation of a new financial system in February 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic period.

30. Q3 Revenue and Performance Monitoring 24/5

To provide a current financial position in relation to Revenue Budget for the period October to December 2024 (2024-25). The report also provides a position on the organisational performance measures, as of Quarter 3 (up to end of December 2024).