

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Overview and Scrutiny Board
2024**

10th September

Housing Task Group

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Shirley Webb – Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing and Strategic Housing
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	All - Enabling
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:-

- a) Agree the Membership of the Housing Task Group; and**
- b) Appoint a Chairman of the Housing Task Group.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 23rd July 2024, Members agreed that a Task Group should be established looking at Affordable Housing Provision within the District.
- 2.2 The purpose of this report is to formalise the membership of this Task Group, considering requests received to date from Members who have asked to be included in the Task Group following last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

3.1 Membership

It has been the existing practice within the Council that Task Groups are composed of 5 Members with a quorum of 3. Councillors are asked to consider if this is an appropriate number of Members for this Task Group. It is not specified as to whether that membership needs to be politically balanced, although it would be good practice to have each political group represented.

Members who have indicated they would like to join the Housing Task Group are Councillors H. D. N. Rone-Clarke, P. M. McDonald, A. Bailes, B. Kumar, and A. Dale. The Board is asked to consider whether to grant to these membership of the Housing Task Group.

Members are asked to note that the Task Group will meet regularly throughout the review.

3.2 Terms of Reference

The terms of reference was agreed by Members at the last Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 23rd July 2024.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications in respect of this report. Although it should be noted that there will be resource implications in respect of officer time in attending and preparing for the Task Group meetings and there may be resource implications associated with any recommendation(s) made by the Task Group.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications relating to this report, other than those in respect of the Overview and Scrutiny function as a whole. Task Group is currently not constituted, but an arrangement available to the Overview and Scrutiny Board to consider a matter of interest in depth.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 6.1 The work of the Task Groups would contribute towards meeting the strategic purpose of providing residents with the enabling mechanisms to do what they need to do to meet their purpose.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 There are no climate change implications in respect of this report.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.3 There are no direct customer/equalities and diversity implications in respect of this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 No specific risks have been identified at this stage.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

None