

Overview and Scrutiny Board

19th November 2024

Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group – Cabinet Proposed Amendment to Recommendation 4

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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Council Priority	Environment and Sustainability
Non-Key Decision	
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1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to **RESOLVE** that:-

- 1) The suggested amendment to the wording of Task Group's Recommendation 4 be endorsed.
- 2) The amended Recommendation 4 be presented to Cabinet.

2. **BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This report details the background to, as well as the wording of, an amendment suggested by Cabinet to recommendation 4 of the Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group.

3. **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Board had commissioned a Task Group to investigate foodbank and community shop provision in the District. The Task Group's final recommendations were endorsed by Overview and Scrutiny Board on 22nd April 2024.
- 3.2 The Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group's final report and recommendations were presented to Cabinet on 24th July 2024.

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- 3.3 At that meeting, the Cabinet accepted four of the five recommendations in the Task Group's report but suggested an amendment to the wording in respect of recommendation 4 as follows:
- a) Original recommendation: "That the Council endeavour to investigate, under the auspices of existing arrangements available to the Council, such as the Bromsgrove Partnership, whether communities in areas of the district that do not currently have foodbanks require this provision, and that the Council make best effort to create a food bank in Rubery where a need has already been identified.
 - b) Proposed amendment: "That the Council endeavour to investigate, under the auspices of existing arrangements available to the Council, such as the Bromsgrove Partnership, whether communities in areas of the district that do not currently have foodbanks require this provision, and that the Council make best effort *to support the local community and Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS)* to create a food bank in Rubery where a need has already been identified."
- 3.4 Members of the Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group - Councillors E. Gray (Chairman), A. Bailes, B. Kumar, P. McDonald, and D. Nicholl - have been consulted over the proposed amendment to recommendation 4 and have agreed to accept the amended wording.
- 3.5 The Overview and Scrutiny Board is now asked to formally endorse the amended wording of recommendation 4 before presentation to Cabinet.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications at this point. The proposed amendment to recommendation 4 detailed in the report clarifies the Council's position.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Please consult with the Legal team about these.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Council Priority

- 6.1 The Foodbanks and Community Shop Provision Task Group has reviewed a range of matters relating to foodbanks in the District. At the end of the review, Members have brought forward recommendations

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that should help to support the wellbeing of residents and underpin the Council's key priorities, as detailed in the Council Plan 2024 - 2027:

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 There are no specific climate change implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.3 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The proposed update to the recommendation provides a form of wording that ensures the risk to the Council is minimised.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Extract of Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24th July 2024

Background Papers

Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group Final Report, as submitted and considered at the meeting of Cabinet on 24th July 2024:
[Foodbank and Community Shop Provision Task Group Final Report](#)