Bromsgrove District Council – 8th October 2025 Member Questions

From Councillor A. Bailes Question for the Leader of the Council

"At the Extraordinary Council meeting on 3rd September 2025, this Council, with the support of the Leader, voted to endorse the North and South Worcestershire Unitary Councils as part of the Local Government Reform process. However, just eight days later, the Leader, in her capacity as a County Councillor, voted against a motion proposing that the County Council support the North and South Worcestershire Unitary Councils.

Could the Leader please clarify this apparent contradiction and categorically confirm her position on supporting the North and South Worcestershire Unitary Councils?"

2. From Councillor S. Colella Question for the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Climate Change

"Can the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet Member for Leisure and Climate Change please confirm whether the Bromsgrove Town Centre Christmas lights turn on is cancelled or not cancelled please.

Residents have the right to know what's really happening because no sooner had the press release gone out from yourself and the Deputy Leader of the Council stating that it was cancelled, there was a further press release from the Leader of the Council that she was looking into the cancellation and was doing everything she could to get it re-instated."

3. From Councillor D. Nicholl Question for the Leader of the Council

'Why does Bromsgrove District Council only retain online recordings of council meetings until the minutes are approved when neighbouring councils like Warwick District Council keep them online for 12 months?'

4. From Councillor C. Hotham Question for the Cabinet Member for Strategic Partnerships, Economic Development and Enabling

"The Market Hall (Nailers Yard) development appears to be turning into Bromsgrove's HS2. A vanity project with a huge overspend. Originally, the cost was expected to be £10,399,000. In March 2025 this had risen to £13,474,000. In August 2025 we are told it will now cost around £15,742,000. This is a £5,343,000 funded by the council tax payers of Bromsgrove. What actions is the Cabinet Member responsible taking to control this 51% cost increase?"