

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor R. Hunter:

Preamble

Council notes the publication in January 2026 of the Government's proposed new Decent Homes Standard to be implemented in 2035.

Council notes in particular the decision not to mandate a mandatory requirement for floor coverings which was consulted over on in 2025.

Council also notes research by End Furniture Poverty which found that 1.2 million people in the UK are living without adequate flooring including 760,000 in the social sector. This typically means living with unfinished floorboards or concrete floors. This was a key area of concern highlighted by the recent BDC cross party housing task group.

We believe flooring is necessary to provide a safe comfortable and warm home and that nobody should be forced to live without flooring through poverty in the UK in 2026.

We welcome the Government's commitment to set best practice guidance on how social landlords can retain floor coverings in good condition between lettings, instead of throwing them away and to establish a working group and pilot with the social housing sector to explore what more can be done to support tenants most in need of floor coverings.

Motion

"Council calls on Cabinet to ask officers to work with BDHT and central government to explore opportunities to end the practice of letting social housing without adequate flooring in Bromsgrove. This will include exploring whether BDC and its successor authority can be included in the national working group and pilot."

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The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor S. Ammar:

We understand the importance of attracting small and medium businesses and helping them to grow and thrive in our area.

To support this aim, Bromsgrove District Council asks the Cabinet to consider producing a concise Business Prospectus bringing together useful information about available grants, incentives, guidance, and clear signposting of business opportunities in the north of the County. This will be a single market-ready document to be distributed across Bromsgrove and subject to agreement from Redditch Borough Council and Wyre Forest District Council across North Worcestershire. This document would be made available at Council offices and published digitally on the Council's website.

The Business Prospectus will act as a springboard to establish the new local authority as a champion of local small and medium businesses. It will make it easier to do business in our area, showcase credible projects and the support available and demonstrate the Council's commitment to local economic development.