BDC Overview and Scrutiny Board - Action Sheet (2026/27)

14th April 2026

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2025/26	To explore the possibility of live-streaming at Board meetings.	27/4/26 Meeting set up to discuss. 11/5/26 – Progress update requested. 16/9/26 – Progress update requested. 30/10/236 – Update was requested from S151 Officer	Sarah Woodfield	**In Progress** Update received and emailed to members 22/9/26 - *The procurement exercise has been completed, and tender submissions have been received. The bids are currently being reviewed to assess affordability and value for money. However, the Section 151 Officer has advised that the project should not progress further until the Council has completed its wider review of the capital programme. The outcome of that review will determine whether the scheme can be prioritised for delivery alongside other capital commitments and, if so, the timetable for implementation.*

15th September 2026

Libraries "Unlocked" Update	• To provide comparative pre and post implementation performance data for Bromsgrove and Rubery libraries. • To investigate the differing conversion rates between registered and active Libraries Unlocked users at Bromsgrove and Rubery.	16/9/26 – Email request for action sent to relevant officers.	Carol Browne, WCC	**Completed** *22/9/26 – Email received* - Just getting in touch to confirm Carol has passed the below on to me. I am meeting with the Library Manager this week and gathering the data and information and will get a response to you early next week. Kind regards Kate Holford **Service Delivery Manager** **Worcestershire Libraries**

	• To provide details of the audience development plans and local initiatives for Bromsgrove and Rubery.			19/10/26 – Responses from WCC sent to members of the Board.
LGR Update	Can we access or recover any of the £900k per unitary authority that Government previously announced?		Rob Elmes	**Completed** 15/9/26 – Rob Elmes emailed a response to Councillor May – "*There has been no update from Government on the previously announced funding of c.£900,000 per proposed unitary authority, other than the instruction to cease activity and spending. At the moment, it is unclear whether that previous funding is still available, how it might be used, or whether councils will be able to claim against it.* *Continued lobbying of Government, individually or collectively, for clarity on the funding and to make the case that councils should not be out of pocket for any costs incurred in good faith.* *In the meantime, as I mentioned at O&S, councils are taking a cautious approach, limiting spending to essential readiness work and ensuring any expenditure offers value for money. I don't believe that any assumptions are currently being made that additional funding or reimbursement will be available. I will also flag this with the LGR programme team, for possible consideration at the LGR Implementation board on Thursday, which I imagine will probably be a focus for discussion."*
Local Heritage List	The Board recommended that the service estimate the resources and officer hours needed to complete the Local Heritage List across the District and consider whether additional capacity or a formal resource bid was required.	16/9/26 – Action was emailed to relevant officers. 1/10/26 – Chased action	Mary Worsfold	**Completed** 1/10/26 Email received from Mike Dunphy that a response is being formulated and will be sent in due course. 29/10/26 Email response sent to Members: *"Estimating the resources required to complete the task is problematic due to the fact it is not possible to tell at the outset how many structures need to be surveyed or how many additional ones will be*

		27/10/26 – Chased a response		*nominated by the public. An approach has been made to our recruitment consultants to see what further resource might be available and at what cost, should it be possible to appoint further temporary officers to advance to task then subject to budgets this can be considered."*
Food Waste Collection Service	• Officers to report further on discussions with Worcestershire County Council about haulage costs. • Officers to obtain information on microplastic risks associated with plastic liners.	16/9/26 – Action was emailed to relevant officers. 1/10/26 – Chased action 27/10/26 – Chased for a response		**In Progress**
Draft Bromsgrove Car Parking Strategy	1) Typo on page 56 should read *185* not *195*.	16/9/26 – Action was emailed to relevant officers.	Rachel Egan	**Completed**
	2) The Board's feedback to help shape the final version prior to Cabinet consideration to include: o stronger and clearer evidence (distinguish between individual car park peaks and network wide peak demand). o robust forecasting of future demand;	16/9/26 – Action was emailed to relevant officers.		**Completed** 1/10/26 response received from Rachel Egan that the changes to the strategy will be incorporated for Cabinet's consideration.

	○ improved signage; ○ consideration of accessibility; ○ examination of parking pressures outside the town centre; ○ improved enforcement capacity; ○ caution before making decisions affecting Churchfields car park.			
	3) A scrutiny task group be established to investigate parking across the Bromsgrove District.	17/9/26 – Topic Proposal form emailed to Cllr Kumar	Sarah Woodfield	**Completed**
Work Programme	Fly-tipping and discarded nitrous oxide canisters to be added to the list of potential future items.	17/9/26 – Emailed request to relevant officers.	Sarah Woodfield	**Completed**