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APPENDIX 2

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TOPIC PROPOSAL

This form can be used for either a Task Group or a Short Sharp Review topic proposal.

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Title of Proposed Topic (including specific subject areas to be investigate)	Parking Review – Areas Outside Bromsgrove Town Centre Specific subject areas to investigate, building upon the approach taken for the Alvechurch parking review: • Define the local parking issues and the appropriate study area. • Map the current supply of on-street and off-street parking, including public and private provision, restrictions, conditions of use and responsible organisations. • Assess current demand and use, including short-stay, long-stay, residential, workforce, visitor, shopping and leisure parking. • Identify anticipated changes that could affect parking supply or demand, including future development, changes to third-party parking, highway proposals and local-centre improvements. • Develop and test practical options with Members, residents, businesses and the organisations responsible for delivery, including Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police, parish councils, landowners and parking operators.

	• Produce a local parking action plan for each area involved, setting out the evidence and preferred actions to inform delivery of the Car Parking Strategy action plan.
Background to the Proposal (Including reasons why this topic should be investigated and evidence to support the need for the investigation.)	The Bromsgrove Car Parking Strategy, to be considered by the Cabinet in November, sets the strategic direction for parking in line with the vision "To provide a well-managed, accessible and sustainable parking network that supports Bromsgrove's economy and regeneration ambitions. The strategy will help ensure that residents, businesses and visitors have access to appropriate parking in locations that meet their needs. It will also support future growth, maintain accessibility and encourage more sustainable travel choices where practical." It contains a number of actions, including: "Consider the findings of the Alvechurch Parking Review and consider other areas that may benefit from similar reviews, incorporating agreed actions into future parking service planning and investment programmes as appropriate." The task and finish group will support the delivery of this action and further develop that aspect of the action plan.
Links to national, regional and local priorities (including the Council's strategic purposes)	**Local priorities** • The Bromsgrove Car Parking Strategy sets the direction for parking and includes an action to consider other areas that may benefit from reviews similar to Alvechurch. • The work supports the Council's strategic purposes by helping local businesses, improving access to services and contributing to safe and accessible places. **Regional priorities** • The review will support partnership working with Worcestershire County Council on on-street parking, highways and transport matters. **National priorities** • The work is consistent with national planning and transport objectives for accessible, safe and sustainable places.

Possible Key Objectives (these should be SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely)	**Objective 1 – identify areas outside Bromsgrove Town Centre that would benefit from a local parking action plan** **Objective 2 – develop a common methodology for identifying and assessing local parking needs, enabling ward members to lead and champion the collection of a robust and consistent evidence base upon which local parking action plans can be developed.** **Objective 3 – produce local parking action plans to inform and support the delivery of the Councils Car Parking Strategy Action Plan.**	
Anticipated Timescale for completion of the work.	The work will commence as soon as possible and will be completed by the end of April 2026.	
Would it be appropriate to hold a Short Sharp Inquiry or a Task Group? (please tick relevant box)	Task Group	A Task Group is appropriate to undertake a focused and time-limited exercise that brings together existing evidence, targeted local intelligence and partner input to identify the key parking issues and produce a practical, local parking action plan.

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Evidence	
Key documents, data, reports	
Possible Site Visits	
Is a general press release required asking for general comments/suggestions from the public?	
Is a period of public consultation required?	
Witnesses	
Officers	
Councillors (including Portfolio Holder)	
Any External Witnesses	