

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCRUTINY BOARD

23RD MARCH 2010

SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Mrs. J. Dyer – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Community Services
Responsible Head of Service For Overview & Scrutiny	Mrs Claire Felton – Head of Legal Equalities and Democratic Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the Council meeting on 24th February 2010 a query was raised in respect of Travel Concessions. The query was referred by the Council to the Scrutiny Board for consideration.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Board considers the proposal referred from the Council Meeting held on 24th February 2010 (at Appendix 1), and agrees to one of the following:
- (a) that the topic is included on the work programme and the Board undertakes the investigation;
 - (b) that the topic is included on the work programme and a Task Group is established to undertake a more in-depth investigation (if this option is agreed, membership forms would be sent out to all non-Cabinet Members and completed forms, along with a completed overview and scrutiny exercise scoping checklist would be considered at the next meeting);
 - (c) that further information be requested from a relevant source before deciding whether or not further investigation is required; or
 - (d) decides to take no further action.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A proposal was referred to the Scrutiny Board following the Council meeting held on 24th February 2010 in respect of Travel Concessions (at Appendix 1) for the Board to consider and discuss.
- 3.2 If the Board decides that it does wish to investigate this topic further, it then needs to decide whether it is appropriate for the Board itself to undertake the investigation or whether a more in-depth investigation is required and a task group would established.

- 3.3 Another option is for the Board to request further information on the topic from a relevant source to assist Members to decide whether an investigation is required.
- 3.4 Alternatively, the Board could decide that it is not a topic it wishes to investigate, in which case no further action would be required.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 Council Objective Three Sense of Community and Well being

7. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no risk management issues directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no customer implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no implications directly relating to this report for the Council's Equalities and Diversity Policies, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no value for money implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

11. CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no climate change and carbon implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of any subsequent investigation undertaken.

12. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues - None
Personnel - None
Governance/Performance Management - None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - None
Policy - None
Biodiversity - None

13. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director - Partnerships and Projects	No
Executive Director - Services	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes

Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

14. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards.

15. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Extract from Council Meeting Minutes 24th February 2010.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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