

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE CABINET

4TH APRIL 2007

PARCELS FOR BRITISH FORCES OVERSEAS

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor R. Hollingworth
Responsible Head of Service	Acting Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To note the contents of a Motion agreed by Tewkesbury Borough Council with regard to parcels for British families and their families who are stationed overseas and to ask the Cabinet to consider whether it wishes to support this Motion.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That, if so minded, the Cabinet resolve:
- (a) that the Motion agreed by Tewkesbury Borough Council as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report be supported;
 - (b) that the Acting Chief Executive be requested to write to the appropriate Government Minister to express such support;
 - (c) that the Acting Chief Executive be requested to forward the letter received from Tewkesbury Borough Council to all Parish Councils within Bromsgrove District to seek their support in writing to the Government Minister.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A letter has recently been received from Tewkesbury Borough Council which advises that at a meeting of its Council on 22nd February 2007 the following Motion was agreed:

“This Council is aware of the situation in which British forces and their families who are stationed overseas cannot receive parcels free of charge as they could in 2003.

This Council believes that the situation is both an appalling and disgraceful way to treat our dedicated and hardworking troops and their families given the hardships that they face in the world’s hotspots and war zones and therefore asks that the Government reinstates this service as a matter of urgency.

In addition this Council calls upon:

1. Each of its Town and Parish Councils to offer their support to the Motion
 2. Each Local Authority in the Country to offer their support to this Motion
 3. Each Local Authority across the country to invite the town and Parish Councils in their area to support this Motion”.
- 3.2 Tewkesbury Borough Council was overwhelmingly in support of this Motion which resulted in letters being sent to the various bodies referred to above seeking support and asking that such support be conveyed in writing to the appropriate Government Minister (the Rt Hon Des Browne MP, Secretary of State for Defence).
- 3.3 Members are therefore asked to consider whether they wish to support Tewkesbury Borough Council in this matter.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 There is no direct link to any of the Council’s objectives.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct customer implications.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues – None
Personnel Implications – None
Governance/Performance Management - None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – None
Policy – None
Environmental - None
Equalities and Diversity – None

10. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Acting Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

11. APPENDICES

None

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter received from Tewkesbury Borough Council dated 26th February 2007.

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