



**Worcester**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Date: Wednesday, 3rd November, 2021**

**Time: 7.00 pm**

**Venue: Guildhall**

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**Communities Committee  
Wednesday, 3 November 2021**

**Members of the Committee:-**

Chair: Councillor James Stanley (C)  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)

Councillor Bill Amos (C)  
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)  
Councillor James Carver (C)  
Councillor Tom Collins (L)  
Councillor Lynn Denham (L)

Councillor Nida Hassan (C)  
Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)  
Councillor Mike Johnson (C)  
Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)

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LD = Liberal Democrat

**AGENDA**

**Part 1  
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)**

1. **Appointment of Substitutes**  
To receive details of any Members appointed to attend the meeting instead of a Member of the Committee.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations of interest.
3. **Public Participation**  
To receive details of any Members appointed to attend the meeting instead of a Member of the Committee.
4. **Minutes**  
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Of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to be approved and signed.
5. **Freedom Leisure - Contract Year 5 Annual Report (April 2020 to March 2021)**  
Page(s): 5 - 30  
Ward(s): All Wards  
Contact Officer: Alan New, Business Development Manager  
Tel: 01905 721122

That the Communities Committee notes the content of the Freedom Leisure Annual Report 2020/21, which is due to be presented by members of their senior management team on the evening of the above meeting.

6. **Freedom Leisure - Proposed Fees & Charges for 2022**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Alan New, Business Development Manager  
Tel: 01905 721122

1. That the Committee recommends to the Income Generation Sub Committee and the Council, the approval of the proposed Fees & Charges submitted by Freedom Leisure for 2022, covering the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 inclusive (Appendix 1); and
2. Following review by the Income Generation Sub-Committee on the 10th November, this report will go to the Council meeting on the 30th November for final approval.

7. **Setting of the Budget for 2022/23 and MTFP to 2026/27**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance  
Tel: 01905 722007

1. That the Committee note the Budgets for the various services identified for 2021/22; and
2. That the Committee note the progress made in delivering the projects included in the City Plan and City Delivery Fund that are relevant to this Committee and confirms the programme of work resourced.

8. **Consultation on a Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order to Close Footpath WR858 (Brickfields Crossing) and WR678 (Kays Crossing)**

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Ward(s): Rainbow Hill; St. John

Contact Officer: Warwick Neale, Interim Head of Community Services  
Tel: 01905 752971

That the Committee:

1. Note the contents of this report in particular the consultation responses at Appendix 1;
2. Approve the undertaking of a four-week public consultation on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order to prohibit the use of footpath WR858 (Brickfields Crossing) and WR678 (Kays Crossing) at Appendix 2; and
3. Note that the results of the public consultation will be reported back to this Committee on 16th March 2022 to decide whether to create the orders.

9. **Hosting of the Knife Angel - The National Monument Against Violence and Aggression**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Ann Nicholls, Detached Team Project Leader  
Tel: 01905 722065

That the Committee:

1. Note the contents of this report and in particular the work being undertaken for Worcester City to host the Knife Angel during Spring 2022, supported by a programme of activities and materials to raise awareness of the impacts of violence and aggression; and
2. Recommend to Policy & Resources Committee the allocation of £7,500 from the funding towards Arts & Cultural Events approved in June 2021 towards the costs associated with those activities outlined at recommendation 1.1.

10. **Housing Assistance Policy Update**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Nina Warrington, Head of Strategic Housing  
Tel: 01905 722294

That the Communities Committee:

1. approve the increase in the current level of Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grant top up from £10,000 to £25,000;
2. note the further minor amendments to the Housing Assistance Policy at section 4 and 5; and
3. approve delegated authority to the Head of Homes & Communities in consultation with Communities Committee Chair and Vice Chair to make future small amendments to the policy as required.

11. **Quarter 2 Performance Report for 2021/22**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Joanna Payne, Corporate Policy and Strategy Officer  
Tel: 01905 722407

That the Communities Committee note the Council's Quarter 2 performance for 2021/22.

12. **Any Other Business**

Which in the opinion of the Chair is of sufficient urgency as to warrant consideration.