



**Worcester**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Date:** Tuesday, 19th July, 2022

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** The Guildhall

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**Environment Committee**  
**Tuesday, 19 July 2022**

**Members of the Committee:-**

Chair: Councillor Andy Stafford (C)  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Karen Lewing (G)

Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)  
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)  
Councillor Owen Cleary (C)  
Councillor Zoe Cookson (L)  
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)

Councillor Nida Hassan (C)  
Councillor Robyn Norfolk (L)  
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)  
Councillor Richard Udall (L)

C = Conservative      G = Green      L = Labour      LCo = Labour and Co-operative  
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**  
Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, each speaker being allocated a maximum of five minutes, for members of the public to present a petition, ask a question or comment on any matter on the Agenda or within the remit of the Committee.
4. **Minutes**  
Of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to be approved and signed (to follow).
5. **Proposal to Introduce a Subsidised Domestic Pest Control Service for Worcester City Residents**  
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Ward(s): All Wards  
Contact Officer: Mark Cox, Technical Services Manager  
Tel: 01562 738023

That the Committee:

- 1.1 Approves the implementation of a subsidised domestic pest control service as set out at Appendix 1, for Worcester City residents at a cost of £20,000 per annum.
- 1.2 Approves funding of £41,000 to be taken from the Worcestershire Regulatory Services 2021/2022 underspend to cover the cost of the service between the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.
- 1.3 Notes that future costs of delivering the service will be built into future budgets via the review of the medium-term financial plan.

6. **Ward Bio-diversity Delivery Update**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Baylis, Environmental Operations Team Manager - Street Scene  
Tel: 01905 752965

That the Committee notes the content of the report and progress made to date.

7. **Environmental Community Grants and Environment Summit**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Claire Neville, Environmental Sustainability Officer  
Tel: 01905 722363

- 1.1 That the Committee agrees an allocation of £20k to extend the Environmental Community Grants programme as proposed in this report.
- 1.2 That the Committee agrees an allocation of £5k to support the Environmental Summit planned for September.

8. **Wild about Worcester Wildlife Walking Route**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Claire Neville, Environmental Sustainability Officer  
Tel: 01905 722363

- 1.1 That the Committee agrees an allocation of up to £15k to support the Wild about Worcester project, specifically for waymarking of the route and promotion of the initiative.
- 1.2 That the Committee notes that the specification for any works to be funded by the City Council will be subject to approval by the Corporate Director, Homes and Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair of this committee.

9. **Potential for Investment in additional Photovoltaic (PV) Panels at St Martin's Gate Multi-Storey Car Park**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Kevin Moore, Head of Property and Asset Management  
Tel: 01905 722251

That the Committee:

- 1.1 Approves the commissioning of an Outline Business Case for the installation of further Solar Panels at St Martins Gate car park.
- 1.2 Allocates up to £20K from the Environmental Sustainability budget to fund the development of the Outline Business Case and delegates the procurement of the business case and associated surveys to the Corporate Director Homes and Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Environment Committee.
- 1.3 In due course receives the Outline Business Case for consideration.

10. **Quarter 1 Performance Report for 2022/23**

Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Environment Committee notes the Council's quarter 1 performance for 2022/23 (report to follow).

11. **Any Other Business**

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