



Report to: Policy and Resources Committee, 26th July 2022

Report of: Chair of Environment Committee

Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Committee agree the recommendations from the Environment Committee as set out in this report.

2. Background

2.1 Due to the extreme weather temperature, the Environment Committee held an online briefing on 19th July 2022, rather than meeting face-to-face. This means that the meeting cannot be deemed to be a formal committee meeting under local government legislation. However, the Committee still discussed all the items on its agenda.

2.2 There were a number of items which the Committee voted to support and it was agreed to formally propose these to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval. These are set out below.

3. Proposal to Introduce a Subsidised Domestic Pest Control Service for Worcester City Residents

3.1 The Committee recommend that Policy and Resources Committee agree to:

1. approve 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.
2. approve 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 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2024.
3. note that future costs of delivering the service will be built into future budgets via the review of the medium-term financial plan.

4. Environmental Community Grants and Environment Summit

4.1 The Committee recommend that Policy and Resources Committee agree:

1. an allocation of £20k to extend the Environmental Community Grants programme as proposed in this report.
2. an allocation of £5k to support the Environmental Summit planned for September.

5. Wild about Worcester Wildlife Walking Route

5.1 The Committee recommend that Policy and Resources Committee agree:

1. an allocation of up to £15k to support the Wild about Worcester project, specifically for waymarking of the route and promotion of the initiative.
2. to note 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.

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

- 6.1 The Committee recommend that Policy and Resources Committee agree to:
1. approve the commissioning of an Outline Business Case for the installation of further Solar Panels at St Martins Gate car park.
 2. allocate 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.
 3. note that in due course the Committee will receive the Outline Business Case for consideration.

7. Information

- 7.1 The full Environment Committee agenda is here: [Worcester City Council - Council & Democracy - Agenda for Environment Committee on Tuesday, 19th July, 2022, 7.00 pm](#)

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Background Papers: Environment Committee Agenda 19 July 2022