



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 30th March, 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting

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Members of the Council:-

Chairman: The Mayor

Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)	Councillor Nida Hassan (C)
Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)	Councillor Jo Hodges (L)
Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)	Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)
Councillor Alan Amos (C)	Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)
Councillor Bill Amos (C)	Councillor Mike Johnson (C)
Councillor Jenny Barnes (LCo)	Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)
Councillor Marc Bayliss (C)	Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)
Councillor Roger Berry (LCo)	Councillor Steve Mackay (C)
Councillor Tracey Biggs (L)	Councillor Chris Mitchell (C)
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)	Councillor Jabba Riaz (L)
Councillor Chris Cawthorne (L)	Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Tom Collins (L)	Councillor Joy Squires (L)
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)	Councillor Andy Stafford (C)
Councillor Lynn Denham (L)	Councillor Ceri Marie Stalker (L)
Councillor Allah Ditta (C)	Councillor James Stanley (C)
Councillor Simon Geraghty (C)	Councillor Louis Stephen (G)
Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)	Councillor Richard Udall (L)
Councillor Louise Griffiths (C)	

C= Conservative G = Green L = Labour LCo = Labour and Co-operative
LD = Liberal Democrat

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Worcester City Council to be held as a Remote Meeting on Tuesday, 30th March, 2021 at 7.00 pm at which meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

7.1 Notice of Motion

To consider any Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.

Thanks to West Mercia Police

The violence and mayhem caused by a few thugs and hooligans in nearby Bristol has once again shown how important the police are in defending communities like ours in Worcester. They deserve our admiration and respect for the role they play in preserving a decent and civil society. This Council therefore asks the Managing Director to write to the Chief Constable of West Mercia thanking him and his officers for all their efforts during the pandemic in keeping law and order and protecting us from those who seek to disrupt our work and progress.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell

Proposed Changes to the Legislative Regime Around Drugs

Hard drugs such as heroin, cocaine and GHB are a scourge on our society across the UK, including here in Worcester. They create terrible life consequences for those who use them, those whose neighbourhoods are blighted by them and for society as a whole. We must do all we can to eliminate them from our society and support the criminal justice system in their work in supporting that aim. Moves to loosen the legislative regime around drugs such as GHB (also known as the date rape drug) are completely wrong and must be resisted. To this end, Council calls upon the Managing Director to write to the Home Secretary to ask her to reject any suggestions of decriminalising these substances.

Proposed by: Councillor Mackay

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