



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 30th March, 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting

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Council
Tuesday, 30 March 2021

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.

AGENDA

Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes**
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Of the meeting held on 23rd February 2021 to be approved and signed.
- 4. Mayor's Communications**
To receive any communications the Mayor may wish to make.

5. **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 Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.

6. **Questions**

The Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council or the Chair of any Committee or Sub-Committee to take any questions that may be submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

7. **Notice of Motion**

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

Abolish Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988

This Council believes strongly that a secure home is at the heart of all our lives. It gives security, enables aspiration and gives children a stable home in which to grow-up.

This Council believes that residents living in the private rented sector should have the security to build their lives and futures, and to become an active part of the community, just as residents in other housing tenures. We note that the largest reason for homelessness is eviction from the private rented sector.

We therefore mandate Managing Director to write to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government to call on Government to abolish S21 of the Housing Act 1988, which allows eviction without the landlord having to establish fault on the part of the tenant. Removing this unfair clause would help make renting more secure, improve standards, increase tenant confidence and ultimately contribute to making renting a viable long term alternative to home ownership or social rent for the millions who currently cannot access either.

Proposed by: Councillor Berry

Twinning Between Worcester and Gouzeaucourt

This Council will make the temporary Friendship Pact created in 2014 with Gouzeaucourt a small town in Northern France, into a permanent twinning arrangement between Worcester Council and Gouzeaucourt. The Twinning Association have considered this request and are confident that all the criteria to decide on the suitability of a relationship have been met and that this twinning relationship would benefit the City of Worcester.

Proposed by: Councillor Hodges

8. **Report from the Relevant Committee on Matters which are Referred to Council for Decision**

To receive reports on matters which by law or in accordance with the Constitution are referred to Council for decision.

8.1 Referral Report from Policy and Resources Committee 23rd March 2021 - Capital And Investment Strategies 2021/22 - 2023/24

Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Shane Flynn, Corporate Director, Finance and Resources
Tel: 01905 722536

That Council agrees to:

1. adopt the Capital Strategy and Investment Strategy for 2021/22 – 2023/24 as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 be adopted; and
2. revise the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt be revised in accordance with the proposals set out in the report.

(Report to follow)

8.2 Referral Report from Policy and Resources Committee 23rd March 2021 - Accelerated Towns Fund Projects - Community Centres And 4 Copenhagen Street

Ward(s): Cathedral

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

That the Council agrees to:

1. revise the Capital Programme in the sum of £90,000 to assist in the delivery of the Accelerated Towns Fund project for Community Centres; and
2. revise the Capital Programme in the sum of £50,000 to assist in the delivery of the Accelerated Towns Fund project for 4 Copenhagen Street.

(Report to follow)

9. **Report from the Leader of the Council on any matters which he is of the opinion require urgent consideration by The Council**

To receive a report, if necessary.

10. **Programme of Meetings 2021/22**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Claire Chaplin, Democratic and Civic Services Manager
Tel: 01905 722005

To agree the dates for Council and Committee meetings for 2021/22 (Attached).

11. **Items Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information**

The Council is invited to pass the following resolution:-

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.

PART II
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PRIVATE)

12. **Any Exempt Issues**

To consider any exempt matters which might arise.

13. **Referral Report from Policy and Resources Committee 23rd March 2021 - Proposed Fees and Charges 2021/22 - Trade Waste Collections**

Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance

Tel: 01905 722007

That the Council approves the proposed Fees and Charges for Trade Waste for 2021/22 .

(Report to follow)

David Blake
Managing Director
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Date: 22nd March 2021