



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 27th October, 2020

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting

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Environment Committee
Tuesday, 27 October 2020

Members of the Committee:-

Chairman: Councillor Joy Squires (L)
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Andy Stafford (C)

Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)
Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)
Councillor Bill Amos (C)
Councillor Tracey Biggs (L)
Councillor Tom Collins (L)

Councillor Louise Griffiths (C)
Councillor Neil Laursen (G)
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Ceri Marie Stalker (L)
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**
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Of the meeting held on 21st July 2020 to be approved and signed.
5. **Setting of the Budget for 2021/22 and MTFP to 2025/26**
Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Tel: 01905 722007

Report to follow.

6. **Environmental Sustainability Strategy for the City of Worcester 2020-2030**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Ruth Corrall, Environmental Sustainability Officer
Tel: 01905 722364

1. That the Committee notes the feedback from the consultation on the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy approved in January 2020; and
2. That the Committee endorses the updated strategy and recommends it to Council for adoption.

7. **Annual Gull Control Report and Proposed 2021 Gull Control Work**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Cox, Technical Services Manager
Tel: 01562 738023

That the Committee:

1. notes the work undertaken during 2020; and
2. approves the Proposed Gull Control Work Programme for 2021 as detailed in Section 3 of the Report

8. **Allotments Review**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Sue Horrobin, Head of Environmental Operations
Tel: 01905 722534

1. That an independent organisation is commissioned to help the City Council review the purpose and management of allotments with recommendations brought back to the Committee in March 2021; and
2. That authority is delegated to the Corporate Director - Place in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Environment Committee to agree the scope of the review.

9. **Astwood Cemetery Drainage Options**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Alice Davey, Head of Community Services
Tel: 01905 722311

That the Committee:

1. Notes the professional advice provided to the council in respect of this matter, and the views of family representatives, in relation to options for drainage works within the Muslim Burial Area at Astwood Cemetery;
2. Recommends Full Council to make capital and revenue budget provision for both the drainage improvement works, and the memorial garden works outlined at Section 7.1 of this report, and
3. Authorises the Director of Homes and Communities to procure the works necessary to implement both the drainage improvement works, and the memorial garden works.

10. **Managing Trees Including Ash Dieback**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Sue Horrobin, Head of Environmental Operations

Tel: 01905 722534

Nick McGowan, Team Supervisor, Street Scene – Tree and Conservation Officer

Tel: 01905 722230

That the committee notes the content of the report and the 3 successful bids made to the Urban Trees Challenge Fund which will result in over 6,000 new trees for Worcester.

11. **Quarter 2 Performance Report 2020/21**

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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 2 performance for 2020/21.

12. **Any Other Business**

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