



**Worcester**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Date: Wednesday, 8th June, 2022**

**Time: 7.00 pm**

**Venue: The Guildhall**

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**Communities Committee  
Wednesday, 8 June 2022**

**Members of the Committee:-**

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Vice-Chair: Councillor Owen Cleary (C)

Councillor Basharat Ali (L)  
Councillor Jill Desayrah (L)  
Councillor Shafaz Ditta (C)  
Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)  
Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)

Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)  
Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)  
Councillor Steve Mackay (C)  
Councillor Tom Piotrowski (G)

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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**  
To receive details of any Members appointed to attend the meeting instead of a Member of the Committee.
4. **Minutes**  
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Of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to be approved and signed.
5. **Purple Flag Status Application for Worcester City Centre**  
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Ward(s): Cathedral  
Contact Officer: Warwick Neale, Community Services Team Manager  
Tel: 01905 752971

That the Committee:

1. Note the intention for a Purple Flag Status Application to be submitted in respect of Worcester City Centre, led by Worcester Business Improvement District (Worcester BID) and supported by Worcester City Council; and

- Note the preference for the inclusion of streets and businesses on The Tything and Lowesmoor in the application area which sits outside of the Worcester Business Improvement District.

6. **Provision of A New Artificial Grass Pitch at Perdiswell**

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Ward(s): Claines; St. Stephen

Contact Officer: Alan New, Contracts and Performance Manager

Tel: 01905 721122

That the Committee:

- Approve the progression of a business case and detailed design for a multi-use Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) at Perdiswell;
- Recommend to Council an 'in principle' capital allocation of £200k that is required to unlock specialist support from the Football Foundation to facilitate the development of a business case and detailed design;
- Note that the Council would be required to pay costs of up to £10k should the Football Foundation or the Council decide the project is no longer viable as part of the application process.

7. **Installation of a Municipal Artificial Cricket Wicket**

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Ward(s): Rainbow Hill

Contact Officer: Alan New, Contracts and Performance Manager

Tel: 01905 721122

That the Committee note the use of the Managing Director's urgency powers for the release of funding for the installation of an artificial cricket wicket at King George V Playing Fields.

8. **Extension of the Single Person and Childless Couples Homeless Prevention Support Service (HoPES)**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Tom Mountford, Head of Homes and Communities

That the Committee:

- Approve a six-month extension of the Worcestershire Single Person and Childless Couples Homeless Prevention Support Service Contract, to cover the period 30th September 2022 to 30th April 2023);
- Note that the Councils financial contribution towards the contract extension period of £51,605 will be funded from the Flexible Housing Grant Reserve; and
- Note that a future report will be presented to this Committee following a review of the existing contract and outlining options for future service provision.

9. **Developing A Worcester City Council Housing Enabling Strategy**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Lloyd Griffiths, Corporate Director, Operations, Homes and Communities  
Tel: 01905 722314

That the Committee:

1. Note the contents of this report and in particular the ARK Consultancy Options Appraisal Report for Council Led Housing Development and for Fully Utilising Housing Enabling at Appendix 1; and
2. Endorse the development of a Worcester City Council Housing Enabling Strategy with a draft strategy to be presented back to this Committee in November 2022 for approval.

10. **The Proposed Closure of Pedestrian Footpaths at Brickfields Railway Crossing and Kays Railway Crossing by Use of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)**

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Ward(s): Claines; Gorse Hill; Rainbow Hill; St. John

Contact Officer: Warwick Neale, Community Services Team Manager  
Tel: 01905 752971

That the Committee:

1. Note the contents of this report, and in particular the outcome of the public consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the Draft Public Space Protection Orders attached at Appendix 5 and Appendix 6;
2. Approve the implementation of the Public Spaces Protection Order at Appendix 5, that will close to pedestrians, Footpath Wr858 (Brickfields Crossing) for a maximum period of three years; and
3. Approve the implementation of a Public Spaces Protection Order at Appendix 6, that will close to pedestrians, Footpath Wr678 (Kays Crossing) for a maximum period of three years.

11. **Annual and Quarter 4 Performance Report for 2021/22**

Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Committee notes the Council's annual and quarter 4 performance for 2021/22.

(Report to follow)

12. **Any Other Business**

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