



**Worcester**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Date: Tuesday, 20th July, 2021**

**Time: 7.00 pm**

**Venue: Guildhall**

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**Environment Committee**  
**Tuesday, 20 July 2021**

**Members of the Committee:-**

Chair: Councillor Andy Stafford (C)  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Tom Collins (L)

Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)  
Councillor Bill Amos (C)  
Councillor Owen Cleary (C)  
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)  
Councillor Louise Griffiths (C)

Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)  
Councillor Robyn Norfolk (L)  
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)  
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 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to be approved and signed.
5. **Environmental Community Grants**  
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Ward(s): All Wards  
Contact Officer: Ruth Corrall, Environmental Sustainability Officer  
Tel: 01905 722364

1. That the Committee agrees a budget of £20,000 for the Environmental Community Grants programme as proposed in this report.
2. That the Committee delegates authority to the Corporate Director, Finance and Resources to agree the process for assessment and approval.

6. **Review of the Delivery and Management of Allotments**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Phil Gilmour, Head of Environmental Operations  
Tel: 09105 722534

That the Committee:

1. Note the contents of this report;
2. Approve the recruitment of a dedicated Allotments Officer;
3. Note that further engagement with key stakeholders and interested parties has commenced and is ongoing; and
4. Note that a further report will be presented to this Committee in October 2021 detailing the outcomes of this further work.

7. **Lyme Disease Update**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Nick McGowan, Street Scene Supervisor (Tress and Conservation)  
Tel: 09105 722230

That the Committee note the contents of this report outlining plans of installing educational signage to be displayed at Laugherne Brook Nature Reserve (and any other locations of concern) to raise awareness of potential contraction of Lyme Disease from tick bites.

8. **Quarter 1 Performance Report 2021/22**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Committee notes the Council's Quarter 1 performance for 2021/22.

9. **Any Other Business**

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