



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 17th May, 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, Worcester WR1 2EY

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Tuesday, 17 May 2022**

Members of the Council:-

Chair: The Mayor

Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)
Councillor Basharat Ali (L)
Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)
Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)
Councillor Alan Amos (C)
Councillor Jenny Barnes (LCo)
Councillor Marc Bayliss (C)
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)
Councillor Owen Cleary (C)
Councillor Steve Cockeram (G)
Councillor Zoe Cookson (L)
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)
Councillor Lynn Denham (L)
Councillor Jill Desayrah (L)
Councillor Allah Ditta (C)
Councillor Shafaz Ditta (C)
Councillor Simon Geraghty (C)
Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)

Councillor Nida Hassan (C)
Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)
Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)
Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)
Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)
Councillor Karen Lawrance (LD)
Councillor Karen Lewing (G)
Councillor Steve Mackay (C)
Councillor Chris Mitchell (C)
Councillor Robyn Norfolk (L)
Councillor Tom Piotrowski (G)
Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Andy Stafford (C)
Councillor James Stanley (C)
Councillor Louis Stephen (G)
Councillor Richard Udall (L)

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 at The Guildhall, Worcester WR1 2EY on Tuesday, 17th May, 2022 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. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**
To appoint the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
2. **MAYOR'S CONSORT/MAYORESS AND PRESENTATION OF BADGE**
The Mayor to announce his/her Consort/Mayoress and present the Consort's/Mayoress's badge.
3. **VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**
To give thanks to the retiring Mayor.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYOR'S BADGE**
The Mayor to present the retiring Mayor with the Past Mayor's Badge.
5. **RESPONSE FROM RETIRING MAYOR**
The retiring Mayor to respond.
6. **PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYORESS'S BADGE**
The Mayor to present the retiring Mayoress with the Past Mayoress's Badge.
7. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**
To appoint the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**
To receive any communications the Mayor may wish to make.

The Mayor to welcome new and re-elected Councillors.

The Mayor to announce the Mayor's Chaplain, the Mayor's Charities, the Mayoral Theme for the year and dates of key Civic Events.
9. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of interest.
10. **MINUTES**
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Of the meeting held on 29th March 2022 to be approved and signed by the Mayor.
11. **APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**
To appoint the Leader of the Council for 2022/23.
12. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER**
To appoint the Deputy Leader of the Council for 2022/23.
13. **POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**
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To note the distribution of seats between the political groups that should be applied for 2022/23.
14. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS**
To consider the recommendations of the Leaders of the Political Groups in respect of:
 - Policy Committees
 - Regulatory Committees
 - Joint Committees

15. **REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER**

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For Council to note the results of the Election held on 5th May 2022 of City Councillors for Wards of Worcester City Council.

16. **REPORT ON COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES**

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To receive a report on the allowances paid to Councillors in the financial year 2021/22 as required under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003.

17. **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

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To note the dates for meetings of the Council until the end of June 2023.

David Blake
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Guildhall
Worcester WR1 2EY
Date: 9th May 2022