



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 16th November, 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Guildhall

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**Policy and Resources Committee
Tuesday, 16 November 2021**

Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Marc Bayliss (C)

Vice-Chair: Councillor Adrian Gregson (L) and Councillor Louis Stephen (G)

Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)

Councillor Lynn Denham (L)

Councillor Louise Griffiths (C)

Councillor Jo Hodges (L)

Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)

Councillor Steve Mackay (C)

Councillor Chris Mitchell (C)

Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)

Councillor Andy Stafford (C)

Councillor James Stanley (C)

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 Member nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

3. Public Representations

Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, with 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 7th September 2021 to be approved and signed.

5. Minutes of Personnel and General Purposes Sub-Committee

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To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2021.

6. Future High Street Fund - Programme Update

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Ward(s): Cathedral

Contact Officer: David Blake, Managing Director

Tel: 01905 722203

1. To note progress on the Future High Street Fund programme;
2. To approve the preferred design option for the Scala Theatre and Corn Exchange;
3. To support the working title of "Scala, Worcester" for the new facility;
4. To approve a request to government to revise the financial profile to invest in the new Worcester Theatre rather than the former Panama Jacks restaurant; and
5. To agree to consider the investment in alternative vacant/derelict commercial properties to Trinity House and delegate authority to the Managing Director in collaboration with the Chair and Vice Chair of this committee to submit a business case change request to government where alternative sites are identified.

7. **Setting of the Budget for 2022/23 and MTFP to 2026/27**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Tel: 01905 722007

1. That the Committee note the Budgets for the various services identified for 2021/22; and
2. That the Committee note the progress made in delivering the projects included in the City Plan relevant to this Committee and confirms the programme of work resourced.

8. **Referral Report From Place And Economic Development Committee, 1st November 2021 - Skills Officer, Tourism And Events Officer, Commonwealth Games And Queen's Jubilee In 2022**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

1. That the Committee agree to fund the post of Skills Officer from 1 April 2022 from reserves for 2022-23;
2. That the Committee agree to fund the post of Tourism and Events Officer from 1 April 2022 from reserves for 2022-23; and
3. That the Committee agree an allocation of £40,000 from reserves for 2022-23 as an enabling budget to support proposed activities to celebrate the Commonwealth Games and the Queen's Jubilee in 2022.

9. **Referral Report from Environment Committee, 2nd November 2021 - Proposed 2022 Gull Control Work Programme**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Committee agree an additional £40,000 funding from reserves to support the proposed Gull Control Work Programme for 2022 as detailed in Section 3 of the attached report (Appendix 1).

10. **Referral Report from Communities Committee, 3rd November 2021 - Hosting of the Knife Angel - The National Monument Against Violence and Aggression**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Committee agree the allocation of £7,500 from the funding towards Arts & Cultural Events approved in June 2021 towards the costs associated with those activities to support hosting the Knife Angel during Spring 2022.

11. **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Julian Pugh, Democratic Services Administrator
Tel: 01905 722027

That the Committee agree appointments to the outside bodies listed in paragraph 2.1 of this report.

12. **Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2021/22**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Tel: 01905 722007

1. That the Committee reviews the financial monitoring details including budget variances and performance indicators for the 2nd quarter ended 30th September 2021;
2. That the Committee approves the write-offs of Council Tax and Business Rates for the quarter; and
3. That the Committee approves the delegation to the Corporate Director – Finance and Resources, in consultation with chair and vice-chair, of the committee to negotiate with Freedom Leisure on the Management Fee to be received for 2021/22.

13. **Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Tel: 01905 722007

That the Committee notes the contents of the Mid-Year Report in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services, and the Prudential Code for Capital Finance.

14. **Corporate Risk Management Report - Quarter 2 2021/22**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Lucy Capel, Corporate Policy and Strategy Officer
Tel: 01905 722126

That the Committee notes the Corporate Risk Management Report, including associated mitigating actions.

15. **Quarter 2 Performance Report for 2021/22**

Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Policy and Resources Committee note the Council's Quarter 2 performance for 2021/22.

(Report to follow)

16. **Any Other Business**

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

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

The Committee 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)**

18. **Future High Street Fund - Programme Update**

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Ward(s): Cathedral

Contact Officer: David Blake, Managing Director
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To note the Theatreplan Feasibility Study.