



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 21st March, 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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**Policy and Resources Committee
Tuesday, 21 March 2023**

Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)

Vice-Chair: Councillor Lynn Denham (L) and Councillor James Stanley (C)

Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)

Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)

Councillor Marc Bayliss (C)

Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)

Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)

Councillor Steve Mackay (C)

Councillor Chris Mitchell (C)

Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)

Councillor Andy Stafford (C)

Councillor Louis Stephen (G)

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

Page(s): 1 - 10

Of the meetings held on 7th February 2023 and 28th February 2023 to be approved and signed.

5. Minutes of Income Management Sub-Committee

Page(s): 11 - 14

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2023.

6. Elections Act 2022 - Progress On Implementation

Page(s): 15 - 24

Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Claire Chaplin, Democratic and Civic Services Manager
Tel: 01905 722005

That the Committee notes the progress made to date on the requirements and measures being taken by the Registration/Returning Officer to implement the Voter ID and accessibility provisions of the Elections Act 2022.

7. **Capital And Investment Strategies 2022/23 - 2024/25**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Committee recommends to Council that the Capital Strategy and Investment Strategy for 2023/24 be adopted.

8. **Council Referral Report - Standing Up For Responsible Tax Conduct**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Committee considers the matter referred by Council and resolves to implement the Motion.

9. **Council Referral Report - Worcester Warriors Rugby Club**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: David Blake, Managing Director
Tel: 01905 722203

That the Committee considers the matter referred by Council and resolves that the Managing Director writes to the Leader of Wychavon Council, sharing the response from James Sandford and Jim O'Toole and requesting a meeting between Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council in order, in the light of the response, to discuss next steps.

10. **Boxing Events On Council Premises**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: David Blake, Managing Director
Tel: 01905 722203

That the Committee approves the continued suspension of boxing events on Council premises, other than those affiliated to England Boxing, until such time that the outcome of the Coroner's Inquest referred to within this report and the Worcestershire Regulatory Services investigation, can be reviewed, enabling a further report to be presented to Committee.

11. **Proposed Committee Performance Scorecard For 2023/24**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Policy and Resources Committee consider the proposed content of the Policy and Resources Performance Scorecard for 2023/24.

12. **Any Other Business**

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

PART II

(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PRIVATE)

13. **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.

14. **Minutes (Exempt Items)**

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Of the meetings held on 7th February 2023 and 28th February 2023 to be approved and signed.

15. **Minutes of Income Management Sub-Committee (Exempt Items)**

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To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2023.