



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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**Policy and Resources Committee
Tuesday, 23 May 2023**

Members of the Committee:-

To be agreed at the Annual Council meeting on 16 May 2023

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**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 21st March 2023 to be approved and signed.
5. **Medium Term Financial Plan - Progress Update**
Page(s): 7 - 18
Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Shane Flynn, Corporate Director, Finance and Resources
Tel: 01905 722536

That the Committee:

1. approves the proposals and timetable for closing the budget gap identified in the MTFP at its meeting of 7 February;
2. approves the introduction of a Voluntary Redundancy Scheme and delegates authority to the Managing Director to implement the proposed Scheme in the terms outlined in this report; and
3. approves the reallocation of up to £500,000 existing earmarked reserves to cover potential costs.

6. **Proposed Changing Places Toilet At The Cornmarket**

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Ward(s): Cathedral

Contact Officer: Rich Morris, Corporate Policy and Strategy Officer
Tel: 01905 722502

That the Committee:

1. recommends to Council the inclusion of the provision of a new Changing Places Toilet at the Cornmarket in the Council's Capital Programme; and
2. recommends to Council that the Capital Programme is adjusted to include £60k of grant funding for the project and £20k supported by borrowing.

7. **Cost of Living Task & Finish Group - Closing Report**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Tom Mountford, Head of Homes and Communities
Tel: 01905 722529

That the Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report and in particular the work undertaken by the Task & Finish Group; and
2. Notes the work of the T&F group has concluded and oversight of the Council's role in responding to the cost of living crisis will be undertaken by Health & Wellbeing Committee.

8. **Corporate Risk Management Report - Quarter 4, 2022/23**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Natalie Kemp, Performance & Development Officer

That the Committee notes the Corporate Risk Management Report.

9. **Quarter 4 and Annual Performance Report for 2022/23**

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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 notes the Council's quarter 4 and annual performance for 2022/23.

10. **Proposed Committee Performance Scorecard for 2023/24**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

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

11. **Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Electoral Review - Warding Arrangements Further Consultation**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Sian Stroud, Corporate Director, Planning and Governance
Tel: 01905 722017

That the Committee:

1. notes the proposed further consultation on a number of specific warding arrangements for Worcester City Council, published by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; and
2. authorises the Corporate Director- Planning and Governance, to submit a consultation response on behalf of the Council which is confined only to points on which all four Political Group Leaders have reached consensus.

12. **Appointments To Outside Bodies 2023-24 And Member Champions**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Sian Stroud, Corporate Director, Planning and Governance
Tel: 01905 722017

1. That the Committee confirms the appointments to outside bodies for 2023-24; and
2. That the Committee considers appointments of Member Champions for Heritage and Health and Safety.

13. **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)**

14. **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.

15. **Minutes (Exempt Items)**

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Of the meeting held on 21st March 2023 to be approved and signed.