



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, 2nd November, 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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**Communities Committee
Wednesday, 2 November 2022**

Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Owen Cleary (C)

Councillor Basharat Ali (L)
Councillor Jill Desayrah (L)
Councillor Shafaz Ditta (C)
Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)
Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)

Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)
Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)
Councillor Steve Mackay (C)
Councillor Tom Piotrowski (G)

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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**
To receive details of any Members appointed to attend the meeting instead of a Member of the Committee.
4. **Minutes**
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Of the meeting held on 20th July 2022 to be approved and signed.
5. **Freedom Leisure - Contract Year 6 Annual Report (April 2021 to March 2022)**
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Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Alan New, Contracts and Performance Manager
Tel: 01905 721122

That the Communities Committee notes the content of the Freedom Leisure Annual Report 2021/22, which is due to be presented by members of their senior management team on the evening of the above meeting.

6. **Setting of the Budget for 2023/24 and MTFP to 2027/28**

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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 2022/23; and
2. That the Committee note the progress made in delivering the projects included in the City Plan and City Delivery Fund that are relevant to this Committee and confirms the programme of work resourced.

7. **Draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2023-2025**

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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 the report and in particular that the current Worcestershire Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019 – 2022 comes to an end in December 2022;
2. Approves a 6-week public consultation exercise to be undertaken on the Draft Worcestershire Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2023-2025 (Appendix 1) and the Draft Worcester City Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Action Plan 2023 – 2025 (Appendix 2);
3. Delegates to the Head of Homes and Communities, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Communities Committee to determine the submission of any proposed changes to the final strategy document and any changes to the action plan, deemed necessary following the review of consultation feedback; and
4. Notes that any final amendments to the strategy and action plan determined in accordance with 1.2 and 1.3 above be recommended to Council for adoption.

8. **Protection and Engagement - Private Renters**

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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 the report; and
2. Approves the action plan as set out at Appendix 1.

9. **Procurement of the Single Person and Childless Couples Homeless Prevention Support Service**

Ward(s): All Wards

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

Report to follow.

10. **Procurement of Housing First Service**

Ward(s): All Wards

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

Report to follow.

11. **Asylum Seeker Full Dispersal Scheme**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Lloyd Griffiths, Corporate Director, Operations, Homes and Communities
Tel: 01905 722314

That the Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report and in particular, the Government's commitment to reduce and eliminate the use of hotels for asylum seekers by moving to a full dispersal model for asylum accommodation;
2. Instructs Officers to confirm to the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership, the Councils preference to adopt the alternative regional dispersal model proposed by Serco;
3. Instructs Officers to seek agreement from Serco that, within the proposed dispersal model, they will work with partners to, where possible, achieve an equitable distribution across local districts; and
4. Instructs Officers to continue their engagement with SERCO in order to identify locations for full dispersal properties within the City, based on criteria as set out within this report.

12. **Quarter 2 Performance Report for 2022/23**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Communities Committee notes the Council's quarter 2 performance for 2022/23.

13. **Any Other Business**

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