



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, 7th June, 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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**Communities Committee
Wednesday, 7 June 2023**

Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)

Councillor Basharat Ali (L)
Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)
Councillor Alan Amos (C)
Councillor Hannah Cooper (G)
Councillor Jill Desayrah (L)

Councillor Shafaz Ditta (C)
Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)
Councillor Karen Lawrance (LD)
Councillor Tom Piotrowski (G)

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LD = Liberal Democrat

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**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 15th March 2023 to be approved and signed.
5. **Presentation from John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**
Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Lloyd Griffiths, Corporate Director, Operations, Homes and Communities
Tel: 01905 722314

To receive a presentation from John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner.
6. **Annual Sanctuary Housing Update**
Ward(s): All Wards

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

To receive a presentation from Sanctuary Housing.

7. Provision of a New Artificial Grass Pitch at Perdiswell

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Ward(s): Claines; St. Stephen

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

That the Committee:

1. Approve the business case for an Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) at Perdiswell Leisure Centre;
2. Approve the release of the 'in principle' capital allocation of £200k previously approved at Council on 5th June 2022, which represents the Council's financial contribution to the AGP project;
3. Note the requirements outlined in section 5.2 of this report relating to the disposal of public open space and approves the undertaking of a statutory public consultation having regard to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended);
4. Note the previously approved Council Motion relating to Perdiswell and that a further report will be presented to Council at its July meeting seeking approval for use of land at Perdiswell as set out within this report;
5. Subject to recommendations 1.3 & 1.4 being approved, delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Operations, Homes & Communities in consultation with the Chair & Vice-Chair of this Committee to submit a planning application for the AGP facility;
6. Subject to the grant of a satisfactory planning permission and confirmation of the successful award from the Football Foundation grants panel, delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Finance & Resources and the Corporate Director of Planning & Governance in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Communities Committee to:
 - (a) finalise the operating arrangements and user pricing structure and enter into the requisite lease and other legal agreements with Freedom Leisure to operate the AGP facility on the Council's behalf;
 - (b) enter into the requisite legal agreements with the Football Foundation to secure their grant funding;
 - (c) award the construction contract under the Football Foundation framework up to the value of £800k.

8. Annual Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Update 2022/23

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

1. That the Committee note the contents of this report;
2. That the Committee note the contents of the Annual Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Report 2022/23; and
3. That the Committee endorse the proposed allocation of resources.

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 Communities Committee note the Council's quarter 4 and annual performance for 2022/23.

10. **Any Other Business**

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