



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 14th March, 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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**Environment Committee
Tuesday, 14 March 2023**

Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Andy Stafford (C)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Karen Lewing (G)

Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)
Councillor Owen Cleary (C)
Councillor Zoe Cookson (L)
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)

Councillor Nida Hassan (C)
Councillor Robyn Norfolk (L)
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Richard Udall (L)

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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**
Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, 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 24th January 2023 to be approved and signed.
5. **Management of Ash Dieback - Update Report**
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Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Mark Baylis, Environmental Operations Team Manager - Street Scene
Tel: 01905 752965

That the Committee note the contents of the report and that a further report will be presented to this Committee in Summer 2023, setting out a formal action plan for managing ash dieback, along with additional investment required.

6. **Meco Memorial Nature Park**

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Ward(s): St. John

Contact Officer: Tim Allen, Environmental Operations Project Manager
Tel: 01905 752981

That the Committee

1. Note the scheme of works to be delivered at Meco Memorial Nature Park in line with funding approved by Policy and Resources Committee in September 2020;
2. Consider a proposal for the delivery of additional works at the site (as outlined within this report), that would require £30,000 capital investment;
3. Subject to approval of the additional work as set out within this report, recommend to Council an amendment to the capital programme of £30,000; and
4. Subject to approval by Council as outlined in recommendation 1.3, delegates authority to the Corporate Director - Operations, Homes and Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committee, to agree any final change in proposals within the existing budget, should the findings of any ecological assessment and habitat survey limit the additional works as outlined within this report.

7. **Business Case for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charge Points**

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Ward(s): Cathedral

Contact Officer: Ruth Corrall, Environmental Sustainability Officer
Tel: 01905 7223647

That the Committee

1. Accepts the offer of grant funding arising from the bid to the ORCS fund as detailed within this report;
2. Approves a spend of up to £55k from the allocated capital programme to install six dual charge points in Tallow Hill car park (to charge 12 vehicles simultaneously) and four dual charge points in King Street car park (to charge eight vehicles simultaneously);
3. Delegates authority to the Deputy Director, Corporate Policy and Strategy to undertake the procurement and award the contract in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee;
4. Approves that a market rate tariff should be applied for use of electric vehicle charge points as outlined within this report and delegates authority to the Corporate Director - Operations, Homes and Communities and the

Corporate Director – Finance and Resources to implement a market rate tariff and to keep it under review annually; and

5. Authorises the Corporate Director - Homes and Communities to make amendments to the relevant Car Parking Order as required to implement the proposals within this report.

8. **Bereavement Services Review**

Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Douglas Henderson, Business Development Manager
(Bereavement Services)
Tel: 01905 722047

That the Committee

1. Note the contents of this report, and in particular the work undertaken to date to review the future operating opportunities at Astwood Cemetery and Crematorium;
2. Approve funding of up to £100,000 to be taken from the Bereavement Reserve, in order to undertake technical feasibility work in respect of the Astwood Cemetery and Crematorium site; and
3. Note that a further report will be presented to this Committee on completion of this work, including a 'future operating model' options appraisal for consideration.

(Report to follow)

9. **Proposed Committee Performance Scorecard 2023-24**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Environment Committee consider the proposed content of the Environment Performance Scorecard for 2023/24.

10. **Any Other Business**

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