



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

PLACE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Monday, 13th March, 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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**Place and Economic Development Committee
Monday, 13 March 2023**

Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Robyn Norfolk (L)

Councillor Marc Bayliss (C)
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)
Councillor Jill Desayrah (L)
Councillor Allah Ditta (C)
Councillor Simon Geraghty (C)

Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)
Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)
Councillor Karen Lewing (G)
Councillor James Stanley (C)

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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 23rd January 2023 to be approved and signed.
5. **Strategic Play Area Development Plan**
Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Lloyd Griffiths, Corporate Director, Operations, Homes and Communities
Tel: 01905 722314
To note work undertaken to date.

(Report to follow)

6. **Towns Heritage and Riverside Project Update**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Zoey West, Deputy Director - Economic Development
Tel: 01905 722041

That the committee note the contents of the report and the progress currently being made with this project.

7. **Angel Place Market in Worcester City Centre**

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Ward(s): Cathedral

Contact Officer: Zoey West, Deputy Director - Economic Development
Tel: 01905 722041

That the committee agrees to the preferred option to continue with a market operator model and award the contract of the Angel Place market to the current operator of the High Streets market for the remainder of the contract period.

8. **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 Place and Economic Development Committee approve the proposed content of the Committee Performance Scorecard for 2023/24.

9. **Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: Reforms to National Planning Policy - Consultation response by Worcester City Council**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Duncan Rudge, Head of Planning
Tel: 01905 722419

That the Committee note Worcester City Council's response to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy consultation.

10. **Any Other Business**

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