



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

**Venue: The Guildhall, High Street,
Worcester WR1 2EY**

COUNCIL

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Council
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Members of the Council:-

Chair: The Mayor

Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)	Councillor Jo Hodges (L)
Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)	Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)
Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)	Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)
Councillor Alan Amos (C)	Councillor Mike Johnson (C)
Councillor Bill Amos (C)	Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)
Councillor Jenny Barnes (LCo)	Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)
Councillor Marc Bayliss (C)	Councillor Karen Lawrance (LD)
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)	Councillor Karen Lewing (G)
Councillor James Carver (C)	Councillor Steve Mackay (C)
Councillor Owen Cleary (C)	Councillor Chris Mitchell (C)
Councillor Tom Collins (L)	Councillor Robyn Norfolk (L)
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)	Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)
Councillor Lynn Denham (L)	Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Allah Ditta (C)	Councillor Andy Stafford (C)
Councillor Simon Geraghty (C)	Councillor James Stanley (C)
Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)	Councillor Louis Stephen (G)
Councillor Louise Griffiths (C)	Councillor Richard Udall (L)
Councillor Nida Hassan (C)	

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LD = Liberal Democrat

You are hereby summoned to attend the extraordinary meeting of the Worcester City Council to be held at The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester WR1 2EY on Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022 at 7.00 pm at which meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted.

AGENDA

Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

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 Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.

4. **Council Electoral Cycle**

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

1. Council notes the outcome of the public consultation detailed in this report and at Appendix 1;
2. Council determines whether:-
 - a) To continue with the current elections regime of elections by thirds; or
 - b) To change to whole council elections every 4 years as from 2024; and
3. If the Council chooses to change the electoral cycle to whole council elections once every four years, the Council authorises the Corporate Director - Planning and Governance to issue the necessary public information as required by legislation and undertake any further actions necessary to give effect to the Council's resolution.

(Appendix 1 to follow)

5. **The Local Government Boundary Commission For England: Electoral Review - Council Size Submission**

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That the Council agrees the Council Size Submission set out in Appendix 1 and authorises the Corporate Director - Planning and Governance to submit this document to the Boundary Commission for England alongside a confirmatory statement that the Council's current number of councillors (35) is its preferred number.

David Blake
Managing Director
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Worcester WR1 2EY

Date: 14th February 2022