



**Worcester**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA**

**Date: Tuesday, 11th July, 2023**

**Time: 7.00 pm**

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

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**Council**  
**Tuesday, 11 July 2023**

**Members of the Council:-**

Chair: The Mayor

Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)	Councillor Jessie Jagger (LD)
Councillor Basharat Ali (L)	Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)
Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)	Councillor Neil Laurenson (G)
Councillor Mohammad Altaf (C)	Councillor Karen Lawrance (LD)
Councillor Alan Amos (C)	Councillor Karen Lewing (G)
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)	Councillor Sarah Murray (LD)
Councillor Owen Cleary (C)	Councillor Robyn Norfolk (L)
Councillor Steve Cockeram (G)	Councillor Tor Pingree (G)
Councillor Zoe Cookson (L)	Councillor Tom Piotrowski (G)
Councillor Hannah Cooper (G)	Councillor Jabbar Riaz (L)
Councillor Andrew Cross (G)	Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Lynn Denham (L)	Councillor Elena Round (G)
Councillor Jill Desayrah (L)	Councillor Atif Sadiq (L)
Councillor Shafaz Ditta (C)	Councillor Sue Smith (L)
Councillor Simon Geraghty (C)	Councillor James Stanley (C)
Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)	Councillor Richard Udall (L)
Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)	

C = Conservative      G = Green      L = Labour      LCo = Labour and Co-operative  
LD = Liberal Democrat

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Worcester City Council to be held at The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester WR1 2EY on Tuesday, 11th July, 2023 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. Minutes**  
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Of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to be approved and signed.
- 4. Mayor's Communications**  
To receive any communications the Mayor may wish to make.

5. **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.

6. **Questions**

The Joint Leaders of the Council, or the Chair of any Committee or Sub-Committee, to take any questions that may be submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

7. **Notice of Motion**

To consider any Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.

None received.

8. **Appointment of Members to Committees**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

1. That the Council agrees changes to Committee membership for 2023/24; and
2. That the Council authorises the Monitoring Officer to update the terms of reference of Joint Consultative and Safety Committee to reflect that member appointments to this body shall be the four Political Group Leaders, or their Deputy Group Leaders in cases of unavailability.

9. **Warndon Parish Council / St Peter The Great County Parish Council:  
Review of Election Arrangements**

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Ward(s): St. Peter's Parish; Warndon Parish North; Warndon Parish South

Contact Officer: Claire Chaplin, Democratic and Civic Services Manager  
Tel: 01905 722005

1. That Council resolves to undertake a public consultation on the options set out in this report between July and September 2023 on Parish Council election arrangements in relation to their 4-year election cycle;
2. That Council delegates to the Corporate Director – Planning and Governance responsibility for implementing the consultation; and
3. That Council notes, that on the conclusion of the consultation a further report will be made to Council for consideration and approval of the appropriate option.

10. **Amendments To The Constitution: Part 15, Group Leaders Protocol**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Council agrees to the amendments to the Group Leaders Protocol set out in Appendix 1. (Appendix to follow)

11. **Report of Member Champion for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

To receive the report of the Member Champion for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

12. **Report from the Relevant Committee on Matters which are Referred to Council for Decision**

To receive reports on matters which by law or in accordance with the Constitution are referred to Council for decision.

12.1 Referral Report from Environment Committee, 14th March 2023 - 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 Council agrees an amendment to the capital programme of £30,000 for the delivery of additional works at the site, as outlined within the attached report.

12.2 Referral Report from Policy and Resources Committee, 23rd May 2023 - Proposed Changing Places Toilet at The Cornmarket

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Ward(s): Cathedral

Contact Officer: Rich Morris, Corporate Policy and Strategy Officer  
Tel: 01905 722502

1. That the Council agrees the inclusion of the provision of a new Changing Places Toilet at the Cornmarket in the Council's Capital Programme; and

2. That the Council agrees to adjust the Capital Programme to include £60k of grant funding for the project and £20k supported by borrowing.

12.3 Referral Report from Communities Committee 7th June 2023 - 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 Council approves the use of land at Perdiswell for the provision of a new Artificial Grass Pitch, as set out within the attached report.

12.4 Referral Report from Licensing and Environmental Health Committee, 19th June 2023 - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Age Policy Review

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Niall McMenamin, Senior Practitioner - Licensing  
Tel: 01905 822799

That the Council agrees to:

- i. Approve an amendment to the existing hackney carriage and private hire vehicle policy, to include that 'No lower or upper age limit restrictions will apply in respect of 'all fully electric' new and replacement hackney carriage and private hire vehicles presented to the Council for licensing'; and
- ii. Approve an amendment to the existing hackney carriage vehicle age policy, to state 'The current lower vehicle age limit applicable to all new, replacement and temporary hackney carriage vehicles is 5 years from the date of first registration'.

12.5 Referral Report from Planning Committee, 22nd June 2023 - Planning Committee Annual Report 2022/23

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Council receives the Planning Committee Annual Report 2022/23.

12.6 Referral Report from Standards Committee, 27th June 2023 - Standards Committee Annual Report 2022/23

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Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Council receives the Standards Committee Annual Report 2022/23.

13. **Report from the Joint Leaders of the Council on Any Matters Which They Are of the Opinion Require Urgent Consideration by the Council**

To receive a report, if necessary.

14. **Items Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information**

The Council is invited to pass the following resolution:-

**That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.**

**PART II  
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PRIVATE)**

15. **Any Exempt Issues**

To consider any exempt matters which might arise.

David Blake  
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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023