



**Worcester**  
CITY COUNCIL

# **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

## **AGENDA**

**Date: Wednesday, 19th July, 2023**

**Time: 7.00 pm**

**Venue: The Guildhall**

## COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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**Communities Committee  
Wednesday, 19 July 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)

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

**AGENDA**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to be approved and signed.
5. **Annual Platform Housing Group Update**  
Ward(s): All Wards  
Contact Officer: Tom Mountford, Head of Homes and Communities  
Tel: 01905 722529  
To receive a presentation from representatives of Platform Housing Group.
6. **Gorse Hill and Elbury Mount Nature Reserve - Update Report**  
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Ward(s): Gorse Hill

Contact Officer: Warwick Neale, Community Services Team Manager  
Tel: 01905 752971

That the Committee:

1. Notes the contents of the report, and in particular the work undertaken to date; and
2. Notes that a further report on this project will be presented to this Committee in October 2023, setting out a business case for any funding that is required.

7. **Community Safety Partnership Annual Update**

Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Warwick Neale, Community Services Team Manager  
Tel: 01905 752971

That the Committee:

1. Notes the contents of the report and in particular the requirement for the Council to hold a Committee Meeting at least once every 12 months to review and scrutinise decisions and actions in respect of the discharge of crime and disorder functions by 'responsible' authorities; and
2. Considers the information contained in the report covering the 2022-23 period and make any recommendations to the Corporate Director (Operations, Homes & Communities) for consideration.

(Report to follow)

8. **Quarter 1 Performance Report for 2023/24**

Ward(s): All Wards

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

That the Communities Committee notes the Council's quarter 1 performance for 2023/24.

(Report to follow)

9. **Any Other Business**

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

10. **Item Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information**

The Committee 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.

**PART II**

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

11. **Community Safety Partnership Annual Update**

Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Warwick Neale, Community Services Team Manager

Tel: 01905 752971

To note the strategic assessment which has been set out as an exempt Appendix 4 to item 7 on the agenda.

(Report to follow)