



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 18th July, 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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Environment Committee
Tuesday, 18 July 2023

Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Karen Lewing (G)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Zoe Cookson (L)

Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)
Councillor Owen Cleary (C)
Councillor Hannah Cooper (G)
Councillor Andrew Cross (G)
Councillor Jessie Jagger (LD)

Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Atif Sadiq (L)
Councillor Sue Smith (L)
Councillor Richard Udall (L)

C = Conservative G = Green L = Labour LCo = Labour and Co-operative
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 6th June 2023 to be approved and signed.
5. **Carbon Emissions Projections and Progress Update for the Environmental Sustainability Strategy Action Plan**
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Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Ruth Corrall, Sustainability Team leader
Tel: 01905 7223647

That the Committee notes the content of this report and in particular:

1. The significant activity that has been undertaken and is continuing in order to deliver the agreed action plan, focused on carbon emission reduction and other environmental improvements;
2. The reductions in the Council's carbon emissions that has been achieved since 2018;
3. Note the potential route to carbon neutral for the Council, and that the actions that support this are subject to a high level of uncertainty and risk; and
4. The reductions in the City's emissions and the requirement for national policy to deliver the changes required for the city to become carbon neutral by 2030.

6. **Heat Networks Detailed Project Development Study**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Claire Neville, Environmental Sustainability Officer

That the Committee:

1. Accept the award of £230,000 arising from the bid to the Government's Heat Networks Delivery Unit to undertake a detailed project development study for a Worcester City Heat Network;
2. Allocate £5,000 in match funding, from the Environmental Sustainability enabling budget; and
3. Delegate authority to the Deputy Director, Corporate Policy and Strategy in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to undertake the necessary procurement and award of contract.

7. **Bereavement Facilities Review**

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Ward(s): Rainbow Hill

Contact Officer: Lloyd Griffiths, Corporate Director, Operations, Homes and Communities
Tel: 01905 722314

That the Committee:

1. Notes the contents of the report and, in particular, the 'CDS Feasibility Review of Cremator Replacement at Astwood Crematorium' at Appendix 1;
2. Approves preferred Option B as set out within the report and delegates authority to the Corporate Director (Operations, Homes & Communities) in consultation with Chair and Vice Chair to procure and appoint design and development consultants to develop detailed and fully costed designs for approval;
3. Recommends to Council a capital budget allocation of £250,000 to complete the work referred to in recommendation 1.2; and
4. Notes that as a major capital project, further updates and requests for approvals will be presented to Policy and Resources Committee.

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 Environment 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.