



COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Monday, 4th February, 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Guildhall

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Members of the Committee:-

Chairman: Councillor James Stanley (C)
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Lynn Denham (L)

Councillor Alan Amos (C)
Councillor Tracey Biggs (L)
Councillor Chris Cawthorne (L)
Councillor Tom Collins (L)
Councillor Stuart Denlegh-Maxwell (C)

Councillor Allah Ditta (C)
Councillor Louise Griffiths (G)
Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)
Councillor Mike Johnson (C)
Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)

C = Conservative G = Green L = Labour LCo = Labour and Co-Operative

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**Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)**

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| <p>1. Appointment of Substitutes</p> | <p>To receive details of any Members appointed to attend the meeting instead of a Member of the Committee.</p> |
| <p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> | <p>To receive any declarations of interest.</p> |
| <p>3. Public Participation</p> | <p>To receive details of any Members appointed to attend the meeting instead of a Member of the Committee.</p> |
| <p>4. Public Space Protection Order Consultation (City Centre)
Page(s): 1 - 8
Ward(s): Arboretum; Cathedral
Contact Officer: Alice Davey, Head of Community Services
Tel: 01905 722311</p> | <p>1. That approval be granted to undertake an eight week public consultation on the implementation of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for the City Centre (to commence on 15th February 2019) in accordance with section 72 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014; and</p> <p>2. That the results of the consultation exercise are reviewed and reported back to Communities Committee with recommendations for consideration.</p> |

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| <p>5. Extension of the Single Person and Childless Couples Homeless Prevention Support Service (HoPES) and Recommissioning of New Service
 Page(s): 9 - 12
 Ward(s): All Wards
 Contact Officer: Nina Warrington,
 Head of Strategic
 Housing
 Tel: 01905
 722294</p> | <p>1. That Committee approve a 6 month extension (until September 30th 2019) to the existing Worcestershire Single Person and Childless Couples Homeless Prevention Support Service Contract at a cost of £85,472 to the Council; and</p> <p>2. That Committee recommends to Policy & Resources Committee for the 6 month extension of the contract outlined at para 1.1, to be funded from the Affordable Housing Bid Fund.</p> |
| <p>6. Universal Credit Hardship Fund
 Page(s): 13 - 22
 Ward(s): All Wards
 Contact Officer: Shane Flynn,
 Corporate
 Director, Finance
 and Resources
 Tel: 01905
 722536</p> | <p>1. That the Committee recommends to the Policy and Resources Committee that the purpose of the Exceptional Hardship Fund reserve be extended to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. include claims from Universal Credit claimants for support other than Council Tax Support</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. provide an annual grant of £15,000 p.a. to Worcester Food Bank for the three years 2019/20 to 2021/22; and</p> <p>2. That the Committee recommends to the Policy and Resources Committee to delegate authority to the Corporate Director Finance and Resources to authorise payments from the Exceptional Hardship Fund in accordance with the proposals in the report.</p> |
| <p>7. Any Other Business</p> | <p>Which in the opinion of the Chairman is of sufficient urgency as to warrant consideration.</p> |