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Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

6pm
Thursday, 5th December 2019
Kidderminster/Rock Room
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way
Kidderminster



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Members of Committee:

Chairman: Councillor M J Hart
Vice-Chairman: Councillor S J Chambers

Councillor N J Desmond
Councillor S Griffiths
Councillor T L Onslow
Councillor S E N Rook

Councillor C Edginton-White
Councillor S Miah
Councillor M Rayner
Councillor D R Sheppard

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Wyre Forest District Council

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 5th December 2019

Kidderminster/Rock Room, Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster

Part 1

Open to the press and public

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1.	Apologies for Absence	
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3.	Declarations of Interests by Members In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and / or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI's) in the following agenda items and indicate the action that they will be taking when the item is considered. Please see the Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Section 14 of the Council's Constitution for full details.	
4.	Minutes To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November 2019.	7
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7.	Effectiveness of PACT Action Plan To consider a briefing paper from the Community Safety and Partnerships Officer which provides an update on the Action Plan, which was implemented jointly with Wyre Forest District Council and West Mercia Police, to help improve the effectiveness of PACT (Partners and Communities Together).	30
8.	Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan Update To consider a report from the Principal Health and Sustainability Officer which provides an update on work to improve health and wellbeing in Wyre Forest, and to seek endorsement of the new Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2019-20.	33
9.	Climate Change Update To consider a report from the Principal Health and Sustainability Officer which provides an update on implementation of the Wyre Forest Climate Change Action Plan 2018/19 and seeks endorsement of the updated action plan for 2019/20.	56
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13.	To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Solicitor of the Council before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.	
14.	Exclusion of the Press and Public To consider passing the following resolution: “That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”.	

Part 2

Not open to the Press and Public

15.	To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Solicitor of the Council before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.	
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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2019 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: M J Hart (Chairman), S J Chambers (Vice-Chairman), N J Desmond, C Edginton-White, S Griffiths, S Miah, T L Onslow, M Rayner, S E N Rook and D R Sheppard.

Observers

Councillor: H E Dyke.

OS.35 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

OS.36 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

OS.37 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

OS.38 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

OS.39 How Are We Doing? Performance Update

The Committee considered a report from the Business Improvement Officer which updated Members on the performance of the Council for quarter 2 from 1st July 2019 to 30th September 2019.

The Business Improvement Officer presented the report and appendices which included an exception report detailing those actions that were overdue or cancelled, a detailed report of performance against the Council's purpose of 'Businesses', a business tracker report and an update on the progress of the 'People' purpose.

The Committee considered each page of the report and appendices in turn. In response to a Member question relating to WFF 19/20 59 – Apprenticeships Programme (Year 8), the Chairman said that following a request at full Council, he had received some additional information relating to the number of Apprentices working across the authority. He said that he would arrange for it to be circulated to Members of the Committee for their information.

Councillor M Rayner entered the meeting at this point, (6.05pm).

Agreed: The progress in performance for quarter 2 be noted.

OS.40

To consider whether to progress with establishing a local lottery for Wyre Forest

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director: Community Well Being and Environment to consider whether to progress with establishing a local lottery for Wyre Forest.

The Commercial Business Manager presented the report and advised that the external lottery management company, Gatherwell, were the leading operators in this field and had experience in running over 60 other local authority lotteries.

The Committee received a power point presentation from a representative from Gatherwell which outlined who the company were, what they do and explained how the lottery works. Members welcomed the presentation and were assured by the safeguards in place to mitigate the risk to problem gamblers.

A lengthy discussion ensued and in response to a Member question, the Commercial Business Manager confirmed that he had spoken to other nearby local authorities and they were pleased with the results of their lotteries so far. Members acknowledged the benefits of establishing a lottery to support local charities and organisations across the District. Several Members expressed their support for retaining the Community Leadership Fund (CLF) in addition to the proposed lottery as each individual Councillor had the discretion on what organisations or one-off community projects to support.

Agreed: Recommend to Cabinet:

To progress a WFDC lottery subject to:-

- 1. The lottery should not be a precursor to the CLF being removed and recommend to Cabinet that support for the lottery does not mean the removal of the CLF.**
- 2. The formal details and parameters of the scheme should come back to scrutiny for further consideration before then going back to Cabinet for a decision and, therefore, there should be no delegation in respect of these matters agreed in the report going to Cabinet at its next meeting.**
- 3. There should be a cross party, politically balanced panel established to oversee the smooth running of the lottery and to decide which charities could be supported.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.05pm and resumed at 7.10pm.

OS.41

Capital Portfolio Fund – Quarterly Fund Report

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director: Economic

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Prosperity and Place which provided Members with an update on the performance of the Council's Capital Portfolio Fund for the June 2019 Quarter period.

The Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place presented the report and reminded Members that at its meeting in July 2019, Council adopted the Asset Management Strategy (AMS) 2019-22. He explained that the document sits alongside the Capital Portfolio Fund Strategy as a means by which the Council can monitor the performance of the properties acquired using the Capital Portfolio Fund.

The Committee received a high level overall summary from the representatives of Jones Valerio. Members were advised that the authority had recently requested Bruton Knowles to provide portfolio valuation advice and appointed BNP Paribas as their Property Managers. Jones Valerio explained that the next report would include additional detail from the Property Manager and the valuer.

Decision: Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 2, 6 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Committee discussed the confidential information provided in the Jones Valerio June Quarterly Performance Report set out in appendix 2 of the exempt report.

Agreed: The performance of the Capital Portfolio Fund be noted.

The Committee agreed to rescind the decision to exclude the press and public. The remainder of the meeting was held in the open session.

OS.42

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2019-20

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director: Resources which provided Members with a mid-year review of the Council's treasury management policies, practices and activities in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice.

The Corporate Director: Resources led Members through the report and outlined the key issues. She advised that this was the second of the 3 statutory reports which would be presented to the Committee in the current municipal year. She said that the report had been fully scrutinised by Members of the Treasury Management Review Panel at their meeting on 4th November 2019.

The Corporate Director: Resources reminded Members that the next Treasury Management training session for Members was scheduled to take place on 3rd February 2020.

In conclusion, the Corporate Director: Resources was pleased to advise that there were no breaches to report and all the treasury management activities were in full compliance with the Council's approved strategy.

Agreed: Recommend to Council to:

Approve the Treasury Management Mid-year Review and updated Prudential Indicators & Ratios.

OS.43 Conversion of a property in Stourport on Severn

The Committee received a report from the Head of Strategic Growth which presented the business case for converting a property in Stourport on Severn into temporary accommodation, to be run by the Council as an alternative to using private sector Bed and Breakfast (B&B) facilities particularly for families.

The Head of Strategic Growth presented the report and advised that at present the property is poorly maintained. She explained that it would require refurbishment to bring it up to current required standard including fire separation between the flat and the shop beneath. She added that the work will be put out to tender if approval is given and it is proposed that the works are funded through a reallocation of the Evergreen Fund previously committed to a new build project at Comberton Place which is no longer deliverable.

The Committee welcomed the financial aspect of the proposal which represents an opportunity for the Council to reduce its B&B costs going forward and generate additional revenue. In addition, Members acknowledged the importance of the authority being able to control the standard of the temporary accommodation and supporting people whilst they are going through difficult times by accommodating them within their local area, enabling them to remain close to friends and family.

Agreed: Recommend to Cabinet that:

The proposal to refurbish 11b Raven Street, Stourport on Severn into temporary accommodation be agreed.

OS.44 Social Housing Update

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place which provided an update on the delivery of social housing as requested by Council in May 2019.

The Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place presented the report. He said there was no simple solution open to the Council to meet the objective in the motion to enable the Council to build social housing on land already in public ownership. He added that the District Council's Local Plan was the primary document the Council relies on to deliver all forms of housing across the district for a minimum of fifteen years into the future.

He added that, whilst the Council can hold up to 199 units of housing without the need for an active Housing Revenue Account (HRA), it does not have the necessary capital receipts to be able to support the financial viability of a housing delivery model.

In conclusion he said that the Council will continue to identify funding sources and initiatives to enable it to enter the housing market and will report on these separately

when a suitable initiative is identified.

Councillor N Desmond left the meeting at this point, (8.48pm).

The Committee welcomed the update, and notwithstanding their disappointment; acknowledged the Council's situation regarding options for delivery of social housing within the District and the importance of having an adopted Local Plan.

Agreed: Recommend to Cabinet that:

- 1. The Council's situation regarding options for delivery of social housing be noted.**
- 2. The Cabinet have due regard for the recommendations from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place and keep the Social Housing delivery under regular review.**

OS.45 Feedback from Cabinet

Agreed: The content of the Cabinet action list, following consideration of the recommendations from its meeting on 18th September 2019 be noted.

OS.46 Work Programme

The Committee reviewed the work programme for the current municipal year. The Chairman advised Members that he had been notified of an additional item for the December 2019 meeting; Construction of Temporary Car Park at Crown House – Allocation of Evergreen Investment Fund.

Agreed: The work programme, as amended, be noted.

OS.47 Press Involvement

There were no future items for scrutiny that might require publicity.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.55pm.



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

Report of: Mike Parker – Corporate Director Economic Prosperity
& Place
Date: 5th December 2019
Open

Car Parking Charges

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the Administration's proposed changes to car parking charges across the District, which are intended to form part of the fees and charges that will be considered and decided by Cabinet at the meeting on 17th December 2019.

2. Background

- 2.1 The setting of car parking charges for 2020 will form part of the executive decisions on fees and charges to be agreed at Cabinet on 17th December 2019. It is the Administration's intention to afford early sight of their proposed changes and to enable Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider their proposals and to make any recommendations for Cabinet to consider at the December meeting. Early engagement of Members began with the paper to the Strategic Review Panel on 28th October where proposals under consideration were presented.
- 2.2 It should be noted that any significant changes to the way in which the car parks operate will require advertising of the changes to the Car Park Places Order and any responses will require full and thorough consideration before implementation of any changes.

Current position: charges, usage and income

- 2.3 The Council owns 19 car parks – three being time limited to 'short stay' 2 hours only, the remainder are available for use up to 48 hours. In total there are 1596 parking bays plus approximately 600 overflow spaces at Stourport Riverside (see below). Parking is charged by both pay and display, and season ticket options, with full, restricted, Bromsgrove Street 'value' (12 month trial) and senior citizen passes available.

Long Stay	Short Stay
Gardner's Meadow Bewdley (144)	Load Street Upper Bewdley (22)
Load Street Lower Bewdley (51)	Market Street Kidderminster (82)
Dog Lane Bewdley (163)	Bridge Street Stourport (30)
Aldi / Pike Mills Kidderminster (202)	
Batemans Yard Kidderminster (57)	

Long Stay	Short Stay
Bromsgrove Street Kidderminster (301)	
Castle Road Kidderminster (38)	
Comberton Place Kidderminster (44)	
St. Marys Church Kidderminster (33)	
Raven Street Stourport (29)	
Riverside Meadows (overflow only) Stourport (600)	
Severn Meadows (1, 2 and 3) Stourport (359)	
Vale Road Stourport (19)	
The Avenue Blakedown (22)	

Town	Total	% of Total
Bewdley	380	24%
Kidderminster	757	47%
Stourport	437	27%
Blakedown	22	<1%
Grand Total	1,596	100%

**Excludes Stourport Riverside overflow estimated at 600 spaces.*

2.4 In summary the current charges are:

Pay and Display

Current car parking charges are in six bands and apply between 08:00 and 18:30;

Tariff	Price (ex. VAT)	Price (incl. VAT)
Up to 1hr	£1.17	£1.40
Up to 2hrs	£1.67	£2.00
Up to 3hrs	£2.33	£2.80
3-6hrs	£3.83	£4.60
6-24hrs	£5.75	£6.90
24-48hrs	£7.67	£9.20

Free Parking

One hour free parking is available in 5 car parks;

- St. Mary's Church
(Kidderminster)
- Comberton Place
(Kidderminster)
- Gardner's Meadow (Bewdley)
- Bromsgrove Street
(Kidderminster)
- Vale Road (Stourport)

Season Tickets

There are 4 different types of season ticket available and up to three time periods, totalling 11 season ticket options

Full Season Ticket

- £706 (£588.33 ex. VAT) for 12-months
- £389 (£324.17 ex. VAT) for 6-months
- £82 (£68.33 ex. VAT) for 1-month
- Allows parking in any of the WFDC car parks but restricted to 2 hours in a short stay car park

Restricted Season Ticket

- £353 (£294.17 ex. VAT) for 12 months
- £194 (£161.67 ex. VAT) for 6 months
- £41 (£34.17 ex. VAT) for 1 month

Limited to the following car parks:

- The Avenue
- Dog Lane
- Gardner's Meadow
- Comberton Place
- Castle Road
- St. Mary's Church
- Severn Meadows 1
- Vale Road

Senior Citizen Season Ticket

- £176 (£146.67 ex. VAT) for 12 months
- £98 (£81.67 ex. VAT) for 6 months
- Available for residents of Wyre Forest who are of state pensionable age
- Same terms as Full season ticket but with maximum stay of 4 hours per day

Bromsgrove Street Value Season Ticket

- £300 (£250.00 ex. VAT) for 12 months
- £170 (£141.67 ex. VAT) for 6 months
- £36 (£30.00 ex. VAT) for 1month

- 2.5 Monitoring software does not capture all ticket data due to periods where the ticket machines are off-line and other periods of down time. The figures below have been uplifted to better reflect actual ticket volumes across all car parks in 2018/19:

Car Park	Total	% of Total
Aldi	119,358	15%
Batemans Yard	16,449	2%
Bridge St	27,366	4%
Bromsgrove St	164,087	21%
Castle Rd	12,649	2%
Comberton Plc	26,231	3%
Dog Lane	98,128	13%
Gardner's Meadow	78,836	10%
Load St Lower	44,560	6%
Load St Upper	29,675	4%
Market St	76,329	10%
Raven St	18,190	2%
Riverside Meadows	3,670	<1%
Severn Meadows	31,644	4%
St Marys	12,649	2%
The Avenue	1,362	<1%
Vale Rd	17,701	2%
Grand Total	778,884	100%

Town	Total	% of Total
Bewdley	251,200	32%
Kidderminster	429,114	55%
Stourport	98,570	13%
Grand Total	778,884	100%

Length of Stay	2018/19	%
1hr	209,953	27%
2hrs	232,721	30%
3hrs	81,217	10%
6hrs	30,622	4%
24hrs	9,229	1%
48hrs	1,022	<1%
1hr Free	214,120	27%
Grand Total	778,884	100%

Town	Percentage Volume by Month – 2018/19											
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Bewdley	8%	9%	10%	10%	11%	9%	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%
Kidderminster	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	9%	9%	8%	8%	9%
Stourport	10%	12%	11%	12%	14%	7%	6%	4%	4%	5%	7%	8%

2.6 In terms of income per car park in 2018/19

Car Park	No. of Spaces	Income (ex. VAT) 2018/19	Income per space (before VAT)
Aldi / Pike Mills	202	£198,769	£984
Batemans Yard	57	£34,686	£609
Bridge Street	30	£35,689	£1,190
Bromsgrove Street	301	£82,771	£275
Castle Road	38	£4,655	£123
Comberton Place	44	£29,731	£676
Dog Lane	163	£162,402	£996
Gardners Meadow	144	£84,682	£558
Load Street Lower	51	£64,383	£1,262
Load Street Upper	22	£42,654	£1,939
Market Street	82	£93,393	£1,139
Raven Street	29	£28,785	£993
Riverside Meadows (Overflow)	600	£8,404	£14
Severn Meadows 1, 2 & 3	359	£119,208	£332
St Marys	33	£5,315	£161
The Avenue	22	£879	£40
Vale Road	19	£5,307	£279
Total	2,196	£1,001,713	£456
Weavers Wharf	417	£754,552	£1,809

Town	Income 2018/19	%
Kidderminster	£449,320	49%
Bewdley	£354,121	35%
Stourport	£197,393	20%
Blakedown	£879	<1%
Grand Total	£1,001,713	100%

Length of Stay	Income 2018/19	%
1hr	£245,475	25%
2hr	£388,434	39%
3hr	£189,346	19%
6hr	£117,532	11%
24hr	£53,084	5%
48hr	£7,842	1%
Free	£0	0.0%
Grand Total	£1,001,713	100%

Legal and policy context

- 2.7 In 2018 the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place commissioned a strategic parking study for the Kidderminster town centre area and this was undertaken by WYG Environment Planning Transport Ltd (Appendix 1). This provides a helpful background, particularly in respect of likely occupancy when known future town centre growth has been accounted for.
- 2.8 In respect of off street parking charges, the powers for local authorities to provide and charge for car parking are set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA). Different provisions are set out in relation to on-street and off-street parking. Section 32 of the RTRA provides the authority for councils to provide off-street parking:

"32. Power of local authorities to provide parking places.

(1) Where for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic it appears to a local authority to be necessary to provide within their area suitable parking places for vehicles, the local authority,
(a) may provide off-street parking places"

14. Section 35 provides the authority for councils to charge for use of off- street car parking:

"35 Provisions as to use of parking places provided under s 32 or 33.
(1) As respects any parking place—

(a) provided by a local authority under section 32 of this Act, or
(b) provided under any letting or arrangements made by a local authority under section 33(4) of this Act,
the local authority, subject to Parts I to III of Schedule 9 to this Act, may by order make provision as to—

- i) the use of the parking place, and in particular the vehicles or class of vehicles which may be entitled to use it, ii) the conditions on which it may be used, iii) the charges to be paid in connection with its use (where it is an off-street one)..."*

In respect of on street parking charges and all enforcement charges (on and off street), the powers are set out in section 55 of the RTRA which stipulates

that a local authority shall keep an account of its income and expenditure in respect of parking places.

At the end of the financial year if there is a deficit in the account for parking places the general fund will make good the same. However, if there is a surplus of funds the same should be applied in accordance with what is stipulated in subsection (4) which does give some flexibility in the use of surplus.

However, what is clear and has been established through case law is that Councils cannot budget to make a surplus. That is different to budgeting to meet the costs of the service, taking a surplus into account in future budget setting and still making a surplus which there is more freedom to use monies elsewhere. The intention in setting the charges should not be to raise revenue for the sake of it. The charge setting should be informed, with details of expenditure and any surplus currently held, to avoid risk of challenge.

Section 55 provides for revenue from car parking to be used for meeting the provision or operation of the service [the provision of car parking] but also includes *“the environmental improvement in the local authority’s area”* (4)(d)(iv) which includes *“the reduction of environmental pollution....improving or maintaining the appearance or amenity of a road or land within the vicinity of a road, open land or water to which the general public has access and the provision of outdoor recreational facilities available to the general public without charge”*

The Council’s net position on car parking can be seen on the Council’s Transparency pages on the website and currently shows a deficit of £647,103 for 2018/19. Further capital expenditure is expected over the next financial year at the former Lloyds Garage site and Crown House site that will increase car parking costs.

<https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/media/4813338/Parking-account-2008-09-to-2018-19.pdf>

3. Proposed Changes

- 3.1 Since the last major review of parking charges district wide, the Council has operated a scheme of charges that has been promoted as “fair, equitable and consistent”. In simple terms, that meant the same approach in each town, with the same prices and banding structure for different categories of car park. This was further reviewed more recently such that there are now only two ‘types’ of car park across the district – “short stay” (up to two hours) and “long stay” (up to 48 hours) car parks. The similarity of approach extends to the offer of one hour’s free parking that applies in some car parks.
- 3.2 In considering the car parking charges to come into effect from 2020 the first matter for consideration is whether the “fair, equitable and consistent” approach should be retained. The circumstances of each town are different

and the response to car park charges may also need to be different. It is possible to retain the principles of 'fairness, equity and consistency' yet still have a more bespoke charging structure that better responds to the circumstances of each town. A good example is the high seasonal demand in Stourport and Bewdley, which is not a feature of car park usage in Kidderminster. Charging the same price in each of the three towns throughout the year does not reflect the local pressures felt in Stourport and Bewdley from the volume of visitors and the costs that they impose.

- 3.3 The assumptions in the Medium Term Financial Strategy are that parking charges will be increased in October 2020 and that the annual increase of the lessor of CPI+2% or 5% will continue. These current assumptions updated for latest volume projections is shown in the table below:

Model A	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	OE Budget	P1 Budget	P2 Budget	P3 Budget	P4 Budget
Ticket Volumes					
+10%	1,125,530	1,182,080	1,238,630	1,295,180	1,351,730
+5%	1,074,369	1,128,349	1,182,329	1,236,308	1,290,288
No change	1,023,209	1,074,618	1,126,027	1,177,437	1,228,846
-5%	972,049	1,020,887	1,069,726	1,118,565	1,167,404
-10%	920,888	967,156	1,013,425	1,059,693	1,105,961

The assumptions in the MTFS will be superseded by the proposed changes below. A comparison of the overall effect of the proposed changes to the assumptions in the MTFS is set out in the table in paragraph 4.1 below.

Proposal 1: bring forward the date of implementation to April

- 3.4 October has historically been the date when parking charges were increased, but for 2020 it is the Administration's proposal that new charges come into effect from the beginning of the new financial year in April. It is therefore intended that new parking charges come into effect on Monday 6th April 2020. The impact of this is shown in Model B in the table below, the proposal generates c.£29k p.a:

Model B	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	OE Budget	P1 Budget	P2 Budget	P3 Budget	P4 Budget
Ticket Volumes					
+10%	1,157,218	1,213,768	1,270,318	1,326,868	1,383,418
+5%	1,104,617	1,158,596	1,212,576	1,266,556	1,320,535
No change	1,052,016	1,103,425	1,154,834	1,206,244	1,257,653
-5%	999,415	1,048,254	1,097,093	1,145,931	1,194,770
-10%	946,814	993,083	1,039,351	1,085,619	1,131,887

Proposal 2: introduce a simpler charging structure

- 3.5 Despite the last changes to the car park banding which offered a series of charge bands which applied across all car parks and then introduced the two hour maximum stay on Market Street, Bridge Street and Load Street, there are still suggestions that the number of bands is too complicated. The Administration intends to further simplify the charging structure by adopting a five band structure of £1 for 1 hour, £2 for two hours, £3 for three hours, £5 for up to 24 hours and £10 for up to 48 hours. The effect of this is shown in Model E below. The effect of this is to reduce the price for an hour's stay whilst maintaining the current costs for a two hour stay, which will support the viability of town centres and will benefit local residents as they are more likely to pay for shorter periods than visitors who might stay for several hours. Whilst the cost of a 3 hour stay increases by 20p, the cost of a 24 hour stay reduces; this is important as the Council wishes to promote longer dwell time in town centres to continue to support the visitor economy. Implementation of this policy taken on its own will cost c. £110k for 2020-21. It is then proposed to freeze car parking charges for 2021-22 to retain the simpler charging structure for 2 years.

Model E	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	OE Budget	P1 Budget	P2 Budget	P3 Budget	P4 Budget
Ticket Volumes					
+10%	1,034,479	1,034,479	1,137,927	1,137,927	1,137,927
+5%	987,457	987,457	1,086,203	1,086,203	1,086,203
No change	940,435	940,435	1,034,479	1,034,479	1,034,479
-5%	893,413	893,413	982,755	982,755	982,755
-10%	846,392	846,392	931,031	931,031	931,031

Proposal 3: end one hour's free car parking

- 3.6 For a number of years the Council has offered free parking across some of its car parks. Initially a whole day's free parking (between 10am & 4pm) was offered in Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster (Wednesdays); Riverside Meadows No1, Stourport (Thursdays); and Dog Lane, Bewdley – latterly changed to Gardners' Meadow (Wednesdays). It was difficult to determine whether this was having a positive impact on town centre retailing by attracting new visitors or whether it was simply driving different behaviours of those already parking in the town by attracting them to the free car parks on the days offered. The scheme was withdrawn from October 2017 in favour of the hour's free parking in those car parks listed in paragraph 2.4 above.
- 3.7 Data available on free parking shows that free car parking usage increased from 128,081 to 214,120 in 2018/19, an increase of 86,039 (67%). It remains very difficult to determine whether there is any positive impact on town centre retailing of having free parking and it is the Administration's intention to remove the free parking offer from April 2020. The Council declared a climate emergency in May 2019 and it is felt that removing the free parking will encourage people to think twice about making unnecessary car journeys. Using

the basic assumption that there would be no change in ticket volumes and that all those who used free tickets purchased one for an hour, in 2020/21 there would be an increase of £178,433 compared to the existing MTFS assumptions (Model C). The net impact of proposals 2 and 3 combined is approximately £67k additional revenue in 2020-21.

Model C	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	OE Budget	P1 Budget	P2 Budget	P3 Budget	P4 Budget
Ticket Volumes					
+10%	196,276	196,276	215,904	215,904	215,904
+5%	187,355	187,355	206,090	206,090	206,090
No change	178,433	178,433	196,276	196,276	196,276
-5%	169,511	169,511	186,463	186,463	186,463
-10%	160,590	160,590	176,649	176,649	176,649

Proposal 4: extend the charging period to 9.00pm

- 3.8 Currently the charging hours in all car parks cease between 6.30pm and 8.00am. The Administration intends to extend the charging period from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Parking would remain free between 9.00pm and 8.00am. This reflects that at present users of the night time economy across all three towns are able to park for free and this is inequitable compared to daytime users. This would not present difficulties in enforcing as the current hours the civil enforcement team can work does include some later stays (especially during the visitor season). The impact of extending the charging period is shown in Model D below. Based on officer experience it is anticipated that this policy change could generate 10,400 ticket sales (200 tickets on average per week) c£18,000 additional revenue per annum. The Administration is mindful that such proposals may be perceived to be detrimental to the town centre evening economy and may also be unpopular with local residents who use the car parks free of charge overnight. However, residents would have the option of purchasing a season ticket which would represent better value for money (see below).

Model D	Ticket Volumes	Impact on MTS - increase /in revenue
	10,400	£18,000

Proposal 5: introduce seasonal charges in Bewdley and Stourport

- 3.9 Current car park revenue data above shows that in Bewdley and Stourport there is a more distinct peak than in Kidderminster during the March to September visitor season and then a falling away (especially Stourport) in the off season. The Administration proposes to increase the charges for all car parks in Bewdley and Stourport between April and October (and leaving Kidderminster as existing). The outcome is shown in Model F. This

increases the proposed new 3hr band from £3.00 to £4.00 and the up to 24 hour band from £5.00 to £6.00, but the seasonal supplement would not be applied to the 1 and 2 hour charges which are more likely to be paid by local residents. Again comparing to Model A current MTFS and assuming no change in ticket volumes increases revenue in 2020-21 by £41,818.

Model F	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	OE Budget	P1 Budget	P2 Budget	P3 Budget	P4 Budget
Ticket Volumes					
+10%	46,000	46,000	50,600	50,600	50,600
+5%	43,909	43,909	48,300	48,300	48,300
No change	41,818	41,818	46,000	46,000	46,000
-5%	39,727	39,727	43,700	43,700	43,700
-10%	37,636	37,636	41,400	41,400	41,400

A comparison of the proposed bands and charges compared to the existing:

	Current	Proposed
(0800-1830)	(incl. VAT)	(incl VAT)
Up to 1hr (specified car parks)	Free	£1.00
Up to 1hr (other car parks)	£1.40	£1.00
Up to 2hrs	£2.00	£2.00
Up to 3hrs (Kidderminster; November to March in Bewdley and Stourport)	£2.80	£3.00
Up to 3 hrs (April to October in Bewdley and Stourport)	£2.80	£4.00
3-6hrs	£4.60	£5.00
6-24hrs	£6.90	
Up to 24 hrs (April to October in Bewdley and Stourport)	£6.90	£6.00
24-48hrs	£9.20	£10

3.10 Taking into account the combined effect of all of the Administration's changes to car parking (simplified banding, seasonal charging, removal of free parking and extending charging period into the evening) the total effect is shown in Model G below.

Model G	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	OE Budget	P1 Budget	P2 Budget	P3 Budget	P4 Budget
Ticket Volumes					
+10%	1,296,555	1,296,555	1,426,210	1,426,210	1,426,210
+5%	1,237,620	1,237,620	1,361,383	1,361,383	1,361,383
No change	1,178,686	1,178,686	1,296,555	1,296,555	1,296,555
-5%	1,119,752	1,119,752	1,231,727	1,231,727	1,231,727
-10%	1,060,818	1,060,818	1,166,899	1,166,899	1,166,899

Proposal 6: reducing the types of season ticket

3.11 At present there are 11 different season ticket options (paragraph 2.4 above) but no records regarding which car parks they are used on. The existing income from the sale of season tickets is:

Season Ticket Type	No. of Tickets 18/19	Price (ex. VAT)	Income
Full 12m	30	£585.83	£17,575
Full 6m	17	£324.17	£5,511
Full 1m	9	£68.33	£615
Restricted 12m	198	£294.17	£58,245
Restricted 6m	56	£161.67	£9,053
Restricted 1m	125	£34.17	£4,271
Senior Citizen 12m	132	£146.67	£19,360
Senior Citizen 6m	10	£81.67	£817
Bromsgrove St. 12m	45	£250.00	£11,250
Bromsgrove St. 6m	10	£141.67	£1,417
Bromsgrove St. 1m	25	£30.00	£750
Total	657		£128,864

3.12 The use of the Bromsgrove Street Season Ticket is still under review and will run to October 2020 under current plans, at which time its future will be considered. Notwithstanding that, the Administration propose a simpler system with effect from April 2020 as set out below. The senior citizen 6 month ticket will cease to be available because of the low take up. The table sets out the proposed charges and estimated income, assuming that all existing season ticket holders will continue to purchase a ticket for the same period as now

Proposed structure of season tickets and prices, April 2020

Season Ticket Type	No. of Tickets	Price (ex. VAT)	Income
Wyre Forest 12m	228	£333.33	£76,000
Wyre Forest 6m	73	£208.33	£15,208
Wyre Forest 1m	134	£37.50	£5,025
Senior Citizen 12m	137	£145.83	£19,979
Bromsgrove St (no change assumed pending the review)	80	1m £30.00 6m £141.67 12m £250	£13,417
Total	652		£129,629

This significantly reduces the cost of a 12 month season ticket which could be used anywhere in the district (subject to the two hour limit on the short stay car parks) and it offers the opportunity to slightly reduce the senior citizen season ticket cost whilst removing the much less popular 6 month option.

- 3.13 It is estimated that there would be no change in income from season tickets, but the structure would be simplified. It might result in different behaviours in terms of some of the current restricted car parks such as Castle Road & St Mary's: drivers would perhaps be more likely to move into the more central car parks as the concept of restricted season tickets would be removed. This would then reduce spaces for paying daily users as well as rendering Castle Road and St Mary's liable to sub optimal occupancy levels.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the potential changes in car park charging outlined in this paper and to make recommendations to Cabinet on the proposed changes. A summary of the financial impact of all of the changes described above is shown in the tables below:

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From ticket machines (assuming no change to user habits):

			2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
			OE Budget	Budget	Budget
Variance due to:			£	£	£
	Changing to April price increase		28,807	28,807	28,807
	Simplified pricing structure		(111,581)	(162,990)	(120,356)
	Ending free parking		178,433	178,433	196,276
	Extending charging period to 9pm		18,000	18,000	19,800
	Introduction of seasonally adjusted pricing		41,818	41,818	46,000
Total impact of policy changes			155,477	104,068	170,527
Impact of updated volumes/profiles etc. (base data refresh)			8,459	10,368	12,277
Total Impact on MTFS			163,936	114,436	182,805

From season tickets:

Impact on MTFS - increase /(decrease) in revenue	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	OE Budget	Budget	Budget
Current MTFS	96,863	101,706	106,791
Ticket Volumes			
+10%	107,181	112,540	118,167
+5%	102,309	107,425	112,796
no change to volumes assumed at budget setting	97,438	102,309	107,425
-5%	92,566	97,194	102,054
-10%	87,694	92,078	96,682
Impact on MTFS	575	604	634

The table in paragraph 3.10 for Model G shows the total income projections for car parking based on these projections that can be compared to the Table in paragraph 3.3 showing current assumptions.

5. Options

5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested make recommendations to Cabinet in respect of the proposals outlined in this paper, which could be:

5.1.1 That all the changes described in the report should be implemented; or

5.1.2 That an alternative suite of changes be implemented and the reasons why Overview and Scrutiny recommend the alternatives.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – WYG Strategic Parking Review

7. Background Papers

None

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Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

Report of: Mike Parker – Corporate Director Economic Prosperity
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Date: 5th December 2019
Open

Crown House Capital Works

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for the capital works at Crown House to create the temporary car park once demolition has been completed, to be funded through the Council's Evergreen Investment Fund.

2. Background

- 2.1 The demolition of Crown House is currently progressing well with a proposed completion early in the new year.
- 2.2 The legal agreement with the current tenant requires them to leave the site capable of being used for car parking purposes when demolition has been completed and to construct hoardings around the site.
- 2.3 A planning application has been submitted to obtain temporary planning permission for up to five years for the use of the demolished site as a public car park, to be operated by the Council until firm redevelopment proposals have been agreed. The site is part of the Council's Future High Streets Fund bid with a proposal to see the Crown house site and wider Bullring area redeveloped as a gateway into the town. The outcome of the bid will not be known until summer/autumn 2020 after the Council has submitted its full business case which is required by the end of April 2020.
- 2.4 To create the temporary car park will require some capital works to be undertaken to make it fit for purpose and safe for use.

3. Proposed Works

- 3.1 Once the contractor has completed demolition and assuming there are no unforeseen matters arising which prevent the site being used as a temporary car park, the site will be handed back to the Council, once the lease has been surrendered, for the Council to make use of.
- 3.2 In order to make the site available for use as a car park it is anticipated that the council will need to commission Western Power to provide an electrical connection to support lighting and a ticket machine (unless a solar powered alternative is feasible), fence the site with Armco to ensure it is safe to use for

cars without driving off the slab, to provide a small ramp between the two slab levels and that a drop kerb will need to be provided on Crown Lane to enable ingress and egress for vehicles and that a ticket machine will need to be installed.

- 3.3 It is proposed that these works, which it is estimated will cost £25k will be funded from the Council's Evergreen Investment Fund which currently has £119,740 unallocated (see table below). As the Evergreen Investment Fund is already provided for in the Council's Capital Programme it only requires the monies to be allocated by Cabinet and it is proposed that such provision will be made in the report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy which is due to be considered by Cabinet on 17th December 2019.

Evergreen Fund Capital Receipts	£
Current Balance on Evergreen Fund	939,740
Committments:	
Industrial Units Development	(500,000)
Silverwoods Way (former Frenco site)	(200,000)
Silverwoods Way (former Frenco site) Council May 19	(60,000)
Raven Street Conversion	(60,000)
UNALLOCATED BALANCE	119,740

- 3.4 It is considered that having a positive use for the site will be beneficial for the town as the site is a key gateway into Kidderminster and simply leaving the site hoarded up will be aesthetically unpleasing, create the wrong perception of the vitality of the town and would be an attraction for antisocial behaviour and graffiti.

4. Options

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the following options:

- 4.1.1 To recommend to Cabinet that the allocation of the capital funding necessary to enable the use of the site as temporary car parking be made from the Evergreen Investment Fund; or
- 4.1.2 That Cabinet should consider an alternative funding source than the Evergreen Investment Fund; or
- 4.1.3 That the Council should not proceed with the temporary car park plans for the site, but leave it hoarded following demolition until a development use can be implemented.

5. Appendices

None

6. Background Papers

None

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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 5th December 2019

Effectiveness of PACT Action Plan

- In November 2018, an action plan to help improve the effectiveness of PACT (Partners and Communities Together) was agreed and the plan was to be implemented jointly with Wyre Forest District Council and West Mercia Police.
- The Action Plan has been reviewed and an update has been provided for each action. This is provided at Table 1.
- During the last 12 months, there have been changes in policing personnel, with the Wyre Forest Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) Inspector moving in June 2019 to a new position at Headquarters. The current Inspector commenced in July.
- The Wyre Forest SNT Inspector has provided feedback and advised that the Safer Neighbourhood Teams are attending community groups and holding pop up surgeries for engagement purposes. He advised that they find these to be more effective than the formal PACT specific meetings.
- It appears that there will be changes to the policing boundaries, which will be aligned to reflect the actual ward boundaries. The main difference will be 'Greenhill' coming under 'Kidderminster Central'. However, the changes have not yet taken place and we have not been advised of the date.
- There is an outstanding action concerning a bi-annual public meeting. This has not taken place but if there is still interest this can be discussed with the Chief Inspector.
- In the last 12 months, the Community Safety and Partnerships Officer and the, then, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, have not received any queries or comments regarding PACT.
- The Community Safety and Partnerships Officer is happy to receive any further ideas Members would like to share regarding PACT and approaches to effective community engagement for community safety purposes.

Table 1: Action Plan with Updates

Issue	Action	Who	Update
Publicity and organisation	Set dates for 12 months in advance	SNT Inspector	Pop up surgery dates are advertised on social media and in local venues
Publicity and organisation	Meeting dates to be publicised effectively through all partners' communication methods	SNT Inspector	
Format of meetings	Develop and implement a new structure to the meetings	SNT Inspector	<p>In March 2019, SNT Inspector and the then Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair wrote to PACT Chairs, District and Town Councillors and partners advising that the formal scheduled meetings were ending in April. However, in areas where people wanted the formal meetings to continue they could do so.</p> <p>SNTs are attending community groups and holding pop up surgeries in local areas. An informal approach is more effective.</p> <p>The only formal PACT meeting that has continued to take place is Greenhill.</p> <p>The absence of formal PACT meeting hasn't stopped one-off focused meetings being called for specific issues.</p> <p>Queries and comments welcomed but none received.</p>
	Part One: Partners sharing information – include town centre issues at all PACT meetings		
	Part Two: Issues being raised by the public		
	PACT Chairs to consider other methods of engagement, such as surgeries, drop ins etc, if these are felt to be more effective in comparison to a formal meeting	PACT Chairs supported by SNT Inspector	
	Police to facilitate live streaming of all meetings. To be trialled for at least 3 months	SNT Inspector	
	All issues to be listened to (not the top 3) and action taken, if necessary.	SNT Inspector	
	Contact cards for issues to be provided		

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Issue	Action	Who	Update
Kidderminster Town Centre	Explore where Kidderminster Town Centre sits within the PACT process and how it can be ensured that any issues are picked up and dealt with	SNT Inspector and Community Safety & Partnerships Officer	Once a month the Safer Neighbourhood Team has a pop up surgery in the Swan Centre.
Supporting PACT Chairs and PACT Panels	Practitioners guide to be produced	Community Safety & Partnerships Officer	This has been completed and is available where needed.
Further public engagement opportunities	Consideration to be given to a bi annual public meeting	Wyre Forest Chief Inspector	This has not taken place but if there is still interest this can be discussed with the Chief Inspector.



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

Report of: Jenny Moreton
Principal Health and Sustainability Officer
Date: Thursday 5th December 2019

Open

Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is to update Members on work to improve health and wellbeing in Wyre Forest and to seek endorsement of the new Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2019-20

2. Background

- 2.1 The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Board oversees local health commissioning and leads on the strategic planning and co-ordination of local health services. The Board developed the Worcestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016 - 2020, which established priorities for this period, based on the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Public Health is a County Council function and WFDC works closely with the Public Health team ensuring the District Council makes a contribution to improving the health of its residents.
- 2.2 The Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Forum (HWSF), includes representatives from a range of organisations and develops and delivers the Health and Wellbeing Plan. Progress on delivery is also reported to the Worcestershire Health Improvement Group, a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.3 Within the District Council, delivery of this work is primarily carried out by the Public Health Practitioner for Wyre Forest and the Health and Sustainability team in Strategic Housing Services.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 Improving the health and wellbeing of residents in Wyre Forest remains a key area of work. The latest Public Health England profile (2019) for Wyre Forest shows that there are some indicators that are significantly worse than the national or regional average including smoking in pregnancy, breastfeeding rate and dementia diagnosis. Whilst indicators for Obese Children and Excess Weight in Adults are

currently not significantly different to England average, local values are still concerning. In Wyre Forest 21% of Year 6 children (10-11 year olds) are obese and 62.7% of adults are carrying excess weight.

- 3.2 The Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan aims to tackle these issues as well as the Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Board's current priorities to keep everyone physically active, prevent alcohol harm and maintain good mental health and wellbeing.
- 3.3 Below is an update on some examples of work being undertaken in delivering the Health Action Plan.

3.3.1 Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

Social isolation and loneliness can lead to poorer physical and mental health outcomes. In Worcestershire, the Reconnections service currently works with people age 50+ on a one to one to improve their confidence and connect them with local services and activities. In Wyre Forest Reconnections is delivered by Simply Limitless and c.90 people are supported per year with a Reconnections plan. Recognising that loneliness and social isolation can affect people of all ages, the service is due to be re-commissioned in 2020 to be made available to people aged 18+.

Other activities which help tackle social isolation include the regular Repair Cafe events taking place each month in Bewdley and Kidderminster. Volunteer repair household items for attendees, as well as helping to reduce waste and save money the events are beneficial socially for the volunteers and attendees alike. In August 2019, Age UK launched new Men in Sheds initiative at Berrington Court., with twice weekly sessions held to bring people together whilst carrying out activities such as woodworking.

The annual Showcase of Services for Older People in Kidderminster continues to be popular with the 2019 event being the busiest yet. 2019 also saw the first Showcase event for Stourport, which took place as part of Dementia Action Week in May. The Older People's Activities booklet has also proved very popular at these events and when distributed through partner organisations.

3.3.2 Volunteer Fairs

The first Wyre Forest Volunteer fair was held in Kidderminster in September 2018 as part of the Five Ways to Wellbeing Campaign. One of the themes of the Five Ways is 'Give', for example by giving your time through volunteering, which can help people connect, provide a sense of purpose and improve wellbeing. The 2019 events took place in both Kidderminster and Stourport

and involved Job Centre Plus and Kidderminster College in promoting volunteering as a way to develop skills and gain work experience for students and the unemployed. As well as allowing people to find out about volunteering opportunities, the events benefit the many local voluntary and community sector organisations who rely upon volunteers to deliver their services.

3.3.3 Healthy Start

The NHS Healthy Start scheme focuses on low income families, supporting good nutrition throughout pregnancy and early childhood. The scheme provides weekly free vouchers to people who are pregnant or have children under the age of four and are in receipt of certain benefits. The vouchers can be spent on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk. People who are eligible can also get free vitamins. In Wyre Forest around 62% of those who are eligible take up the scheme and work is underway to try and increase the uptake. Public Health are working with other partners to ensure that Healthy Start is promoted through the maternity/ early years settings and appointments and new promotional materials have been produced. .

3.3.4 Whole Systems Approach to Obesity

In July 2019, Public Health England published a guide and set of resources to support local authorities with implementing a whole systems approach to address obesity and promote a healthy weight.

At a basic level obesity is caused by a mismatch between the energy we consume and the energy we expend but the true picture is a lot more complicated. Obesity is not just a product of genes, lifestyle choices or physical activity but is impacted by a range of factors such as access to green space, socioeconomic status, the national and international food markets and exposure to advertising. As a result of its complex and broad reaching causes, preventing and reducing obesity will require sustained action and buy-in from leaders and actions at all levels of obesity-related systems. A whole systems approach aims to embed measures which prevent and reduce obesity throughout an entire local system, rather than focusing on one-off and piecemeal interventions. This is a new way of working that requires commitment, energy, drive and importantly local political and senior level buy-in to support implementation and enable local authorities to work take a different approach. The approach aligns with the aspirations laid out in the NHS Long Term Plan. Guidance on local implementation is being developed by Worcestershire Public Health and the approach has informed the 2019/20 Health Action Plan.

Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2019-20

- 3.4** The updated Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2019-20 (Appendix 2) reflects the priorities of the Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

- improving mental health and well-being
- increasing physical activity
- reducing the harm caused by alcohol.

It also reflects additional local priorities and the key principles of partnership, empowerment, local action, rigour, involvement, transparency and accountability.

4. Options

- 4.1** The committee may wish to:

4.1.1 Recommend to Cabinet that the Wyre Health Action Plan 2019-20 as attached at Appendix 2, is approved: or

4.1.2 Put forward alternative or additional proposals to recommend to Cabinet.

5. Consultation

- 5.1** Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Forum

6. Related Decisions

- 6.1** Not applicable

7. Relevant Council Policies/Strategies

- 7.1** Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Strategy

8. Implications

- 8.1 Resources: Projects are funded from within existing resources.
- 8.2 Equalities: Not applicable
- 8.3 The action plan requires cross-directorate and partnership working.
- 8.4 Human Rights: Not applicable
- 8.5 E-Government: Not applicable
- 8.6 Transformation: Not applicable

9. Equality Impact Needs Assessment

- 9.1** An Equalities Impact Screening Assessment has been undertaken. The policy gives consideration to and has a positive impact for those with a disability. There are no other implications identified for other groups with a protected characteristic.

10. Wards affected

10.1 All

11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1: Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan 2018/19 update

11.2 Appendix 2: Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2019/20

12. Background Papers

12.1 Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21

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Health Action Plan 2018 – 2019 Progress Update

Countywide priorities from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

1. Good mental health and wellbeing throughout life

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2018-19	Updates
Five Ways to Wellbeing Campaign	Continue to promote the 5 ways to wellbeing and related activities. Promote the use and uptake of volunteering as a means to live well and improve Health and Wellbeing.	5 ways to Wellbeing to be promoted at five events. 1 Volunteer fair to be held annually.	Information and a calendar of activities promoted can be found at http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/5ways Volunteer Fairs were held in Kidderminster and Stourport in 2018/19. The health and wellbeing benefits of volunteering were promoted and many voluntary groups aiming to benefit people's health had stalls and gained new volunteers.
Dementia Friendly Communities	Continue to support the local Dementia Action Alliance. Encourage other local areas (i.e. Bewdley) to work towards being dementia friendly and support with establishing a local DAA where possible. Increase the number of dementia friends in WF and encourage further dementia friends sessions to be offered	10 new businesses/ organisations signed up to the local DAAs 1 new DAA to be established. 6 dementia friends awareness sessions to be held. Each local DAA to have at least 1 person	The DAA format is changing so that organisations/ businesses now pledge their support for dementia friendly communities, rather than signing up to a DAA. Dementia friendly community activities continue and regular dementia café sessions take place in Wyre Forest. 6 sessions held in Stourport, Bewdley and Kidderminster in 2018/19. Local DAAs have volunteers who have trained as Dementia Champions and deliver Dementia Friends training.

	<p>Promote and support dementia events and activities</p> <p>Continue to promote the Dementia Dwelling Grant</p>	<p>trained as a Dementia Champion.</p> <p>2 events held for Dementia Action Week</p> <p>50 Dementia Dwelling Grants awarded.</p>	<p>Events held for Dementia Action Week in May in Kidderminster and Stourport, including the first ever older person's showcase of services event at Stourport Civic.</p> <p>No's tbc</p>
<p>Social Isolation and Loneliness</p> <p>To reduce social isolation and loneliness for the most vulnerable residents.</p>	<p>Update and maintain older person's activities booklet. Reproduce and distribute as necessary.</p> <p>Support the development of a Wyre Forest Men in Sheds initiative, to tackle social isolation in older men.</p> <p>Continue to support promotion of the Wyre Forest Repair Café</p> <p>Reconnections: Provide personalised support to people over 50 to reduce their feelings of loneliness and enhance their wellbeing</p> <p>Explore ideas and issues raised through the listening events held in conjunction with Age UK. Support the</p>	<p>500 booklets distributed</p> <p>1 Men in Sheds initiative in place.</p> <p>Repair Café sessions held monthly.</p> <p>Number of people supported Reduction in feelings of loneliness at 6 and 18 months-</p> <p>3 listening events held by Age UK</p>	<p>Booklet updated and distributed at events and through partner organisations. Info is also available on the WFDC Services for Older People website page.</p> <p>Age UK launched the Men in Sheds initiative at Berrington Court in August. Sessions (open to all) take place twice a week.</p> <p>Monthly Repair Café sessions take place in Bewdley and Kidderminster.</p> <p>Info awaited</p> <p>Age UK held listening events in Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley. Issues and ideas raised were primarily around transport and access to information about services available.</p>

	development of initiatives that may meet needs identified.		
Increasing mental health and wellbeing literacy.	<p>Promote (and host) evidence based mental health and wellbeing training for frontline staff e.g. Mental Health First Aid</p> <p>Host and promote Make Every Action Count (MECC) training for frontline staff and volunteers.</p> <p>Support the Time to Change initiative and the ongoing work (raising awareness) of champions.</p> <p>Promote the 'Selfie Where's the Harm?' film/ teaching resource to help raise awareness of the signs of early mental health issues amongst young people.</p>	<p>2 MHFA courses held with 20 participants trained as mental health first aiders.</p> <p>1 MECC training session held with 10 participants trained.</p> <p>1 event held for Time to Talk Day 2019</p> <p>Resource distributed to 5 Wyre Forest high schools/ settings.</p>	<p>25 people attended MHFA and Young Persons MHFA courses in Wyre Forest in Oct and Nov 2018.</p> <p>MECC session held in WF in July 2019 14 people attended.</p> <p>Time to Talk Day was on 7th Feb 2019 – Events took place in Bewdley at Piccolos coffee shop and at Wyre Forest House</p> <p>Community ambassadors (via Safer WF team) produced short videos to promote amongst young people re MH, sexting, hate crime. Available via You Tube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSBNDJjgn8VSCJHe62C5DKw</p>

Suicide prevention	Promote the online Zero Suicide Alliance training	Web page to be set up to include a link to the online Zero Suicide Alliance training.	Suicide Alliance Training and learning tool for professionals promoted in Nov 2018 newsletter.
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2. Being active at every age

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2018-19	Updates
Sports Development / Activities	<p>To promote health and wellbeing of residents in WF through physical activity.</p> <p>Encourage the Sports Partnership's activity finder to be populated by local groups.</p> <p>Junior Parkrun to be established</p>	<p>3000 participants in a variety of activities throughout the year</p> <p>Activity finder promoted and groups encouraged to add information.</p> <p>Junior Parkrun event established.</p>	<p>Examples of activities include Man v Fat football, Parkrun, Shape up Programme, inclusive sports and school holiday activities.</p> <p>Activity finder promoted via the Health & Wellbeing newsletter and social media.</p> <p>Wyre Forest Junior Parkrun launched summer 2019- 2km run for 4-14 year olds takes place every Sunday.</p>
Promoting Cycling	<p>Deliver free cycle training for Wyre Forest residents aged 16+.</p> <p>Develop local, family friendly cycle route information.</p>	<p>10 participants.</p> <p>Information produced/ promoted.</p>	<p>Adult Cycle training is ongoing; >35 people have now been trained through the scheme.</p> <p>The Wyre Forest Cycle Forum is actively seeking funding for developing family friendly cycle routes.</p>
Leisure Centre	To promote health and wellbeing of residents in WF through physical activity	Number of visits	Ave. 46,000 visits per month.

Health Walks	<p>Increase the number of health walks on offer in Wyre Forest.</p> <p>Establishing a health walk from each GP practice and other community facilities</p>	<p>Average of 16 health walks per week held.</p> <p>Health walks to take place from/ in close proximity to each GP practice.</p>	<p>Regular health walks take place each week throughout the area: details are available through Best Foot Forward. A new Stourport Strollers group started up in July 2019.</p>
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3. Reducing harm from alcohol at all ages

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2018-19	Updates
Support the multi-disciplinary neighbourhood teams in the WF locality	Attend NT meetings, as appropriate. Provide information and updates on local health and wellbeing services & initiatives that the NT colleagues may be able to signpost individuals to.	Information provided to each Neighbourhood Team.	Information re HWB initiatives uploaded to clinical system for health professionals to access/ be aware of. Information also provided at NT meetings as appropriate.
Raising Alcohol Awareness	<p>Supporting national campaigns (Alcohol Awareness Week/ Dry January) to raise awareness around alcohol (and in relevant geographical areas, as appropriate).</p> <p>Undertake behavioural insights work relating to alcohol and develop messages/ communication accordingly for target population.</p>	<p>Alcohol awareness raising activity at 4 events.</p> <p>Insights information gained and materials developed.</p>	<p>Alcohol awareness information-Kidderminster library during alcohol awareness week, and included in WFDC Wyred Weekly/ Health and Wellbeing newsletter.</p> <p>Insights work re alcohol consumption and behaviours was undertaken by WCC PH colleagues in Wychavon with Eastern European communities. Findings could be shared with colleagues in WF.</p>

	Explore the feasibility of raising awareness of alcohol consumption via a social media campaign.	Social media campaign carried out and impact (likes, shares, views) measured.	Information was circulated as part of Alcohol Awareness week. You Tube video and facebook page promoted. Facebook post or Youtube video .
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4. Local Priorities

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2018-19	Updates
Raising rates of breastfeeding	<p>Work with WCC to promote and support the uptake of Healthy Start vouchers and breastfeeding related support. (Focus on low income families, support good nutrition throughout pregnancy and early childhood).</p> <p>Promote current breastfeeding support groups and breastfeeding support networks</p> <p>Increase number of premises signed up to the Worcestershire Welcomes Breastfeeding scheme</p> <p>Increase the number of breastfeeding peer supporters</p>	<p>Numbers of vouchers used/ vitamins bought.</p> <p>Number of premises recruited to the scheme</p>	<p>WCC PH have established a task and finish group to work alongside other partners to ensure that HS is promoted at opportunities through the maternity/ early years set tings and appts. Promotional materials have been produced for Worcestershire (scheme poster and vitamin poster). Currently trying to increase the number of venues distributing vitamins. Uptake in Wyre Forest for those eligible is currently 62% this has remained static from the same time last year.</p> <p>Info awaited</p> <p>Info awaited</p>

	recruited and trained	Number of peer supporters recruited and undertaken the training	
Reducing Statutory Homelessness	Working with partners to prevent and relieve homelessness	1000 homelessness preventions	Kate?
Tackling fuel poverty	<p>Winter warmth campaign to include training for frontline workers- signs of fuel poverty, health implications, support available and advice at events.</p> <p>Deliver energy efficiency measures for households on a low income/ with long term health conditions.</p> <p>Wyre Forest collective energy switching scheme.</p>	<p>10 people trained.</p> <p>500 households advised/ assisted.</p> <p>No. households switching energy tariffs through the scheme.</p>	<p>2 training sessions held in January 2019 and attended by 25 front line workers.</p> <p>WFDC closely with independent energy charity Act on Energy on the promotion and delivery of energy efficiency schemes. This includes Act on Energy's free helpline for residents, advice at various events and signposting to available funding. 500+ Wyre Forest residents were advised by phone and in person at events in 2018/19.</p> <p>54 Wyre Forest households switched suppliers through the Wyre Forest Big Energy Switch in Feb 2019. These households are estimated to have saved a combined total of £7k per year on their energy bills by switching through the scheme. Energy efficiency is promoted alongside switching.</p>
Reducing respiratory illness through raising thermal comfort	To undertake works to properties in areas of poor thermal comfort including Park Street/ Wood Street (Kidderminster) and Rock	20 properties receiving the measures through this scheme	62 Wyre Forest properties had energy efficiency measures through WFDC schemes.

Reducing Smoking in pregnancy	Working with partners to reduce smoking in pregnancy	Number of pregnant smokers referred to stop smoking services	Info awaited
Reducing overweight & obese adults and children	<p>Continue to support local groups promoting healthy eating and reducing food miles.</p> <p>Campaign to be carried out throughout 2019 to promote healthy eating/ physical activity/ healthy weight management.</p> <p>Carry out a pilot project with a local primary school aiming to promote healthy eating/ physical activity.</p> <p>Review and explore recommendations cited in the whole systems approach to obesity guidance (due to be published Spring 2019). Consider those that could be piloted locally.</p>	<p>4 groups supported/ provided with promotional material</p> <p>Campaign carried out.</p> <p>Promotion at 6 events.</p> <p>1 pilot project carried out.</p>	<p>Promotion of Change 4 Life, Healthy Start etc promoted at events.</p> <p>Worcs. funding bid for a pilot project was unsuccessful but information collated useful for the Whole Systems Approach to Obesity going forward.</p>
Campaigns/ Provision of information	<p>Local promotion of national/ county public health campaigns, including: National Blood/Organ Donation Mental Health Awareness Week White Ribbon Campaign, Oral Health.</p> <p>Ageing Well: Showcase of Services event</p>	<p>12 campaigns promoted</p> <p>4 events held</p> <p>2 events held</p>	<p>Current campaigns promoted as part of the monthly WFDC Health & Wellbeing newsletter and at events (Showcase, Greener Living, Volunteer events, staff health fairs).</p> <p>Showcase of Services events held in Kidderminster and Stourport in 2019.</p>

Worcestershire Works Well	Ensure as many businesses as possible are signed up to Worcestershire Works Well	Number of new sign ups/ businesses accredited to level 1.	12 active businesses and 8 accredited (Nov 2018)
New Street Stourport- Support and information	Encourage residents in New Street TA to access health related services and activities to improve their health and wellbeing	Health and wellbeing information provided.	Health and wellbeing information provided.

Health Action Plan 2019 – 2020

Countywide priorities from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

1. Good mental health and wellbeing throughout life

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2019-20	Lead organisation	Updates/ Information
Volunteering	Promote the use and uptake of volunteering as a means to live well and improve Health and Wellbeing Promoting as part of the 5 ways to wellbeing.	2 Volunteer and Skills Fairs held.	Wyre Forest District Council Job Centre Plus Kidderminster College	
Dementia Friendly Communities	Continue to support the local Dementia Action Alliances. Encourage businesses to become supporters of DFCs work. Increase the number of dementia friends in WF and encourage further dementia friends sessions to be offered Raising Awareness and promote and support dementia events and	Provide information and signposting to organisations and support the concept of organisations working towards DFCs Link with WWW businesses, economic regeneration team including Kidderminster BID 6 dementia friends awareness sessions to be held. 2 events held for Dementia Action Week	Alzheimer's UK DFC leads (Kidd Town Council, Stourport Community reps)	

	activities Continue to promote the Dementia Dwelling Grant	50 Dementia Dwelling Grants awarded.	TBC	
Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2019-20	Lead organisation	Updates/ Information
Social Isolation and Loneliness To reduce social isolation and loneliness for the most vulnerable residents.	Update and maintain older person's activities booklet. Reproduce and distribute as necessary. Reconnections Provide personalised support to people over 18 to reduce their feelings of loneliness and enhance their wellbeing Explore ideas and issues raised through the listening events held in conjunction with Age UK. Support the development of initiatives that may meet needs identified.	500 booklets distributed Number of people supported reduction in feelings of loneliness at interim points 1 Listening event held Explore foot care pilot project scheme, funding dependent.	Wyre Forest District Council Provider TBC Age UK Age UK	A 'new' service will operate from April 2020. This will be re social isolation & loneliness service for 18+ (not 50+ as it stands). Unknown commissioned provider at present.

Increasing mental health and wellbeing literacy.	<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Promote (and host) evidence based mental health and wellbeing training for frontline staff e.g. Mental Health First Aid -Promotion of the Zero Suicide Alliance Online Training -Papyrus Suicide Prevention training to be run for relevant WFDC staff -Host and promote Make Every Action Count (MECC) training for frontline staff and volunteers 	<p>2 MHFA courses held with 20 participants trained as mental health first aiders.</p> <p>Course held</p> <p>1 MECC training session held with 10 participants trained.</p>	<p>WCC WFDC</p> <p>WFDC</p> <p>Worcestershire County Council</p>	
Mental Health Advice and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support the Time to Change initiative and the ongoing work (raising awareness) of champions. Promotion of activities and groups available to support mental health self-care. Better information and support for those bereaved or affected by suicide 	<p>1 event held for Time to Talk Day 2019</p> <p>Promotional materials produced and distributed.</p> <p>'Help is at Hand' information to be distributed.</p>	<p>Wyre Forest District Council</p> <p>Wyre Forest District Council</p> <p>Wyre Forest District Council</p>	

2. Obesity and Being active at every age

A whole systems approach aims to embed measures which prevent and reduce obesity throughout an entire local system, rather than focusing on one-off and piecemeal interventions. This is a new way of working that requires commitment, energy, drive and importantly local political and senior level buy-in to support implementation and enable local authorities to work take a different approach. The approach aligns with the aspirations laid out in the NHS Long Term Plan (1)

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2019-20	Lead organisation	Updates/ Information
Whole systems approach to obesity	Review, understand opportunities and explore actions in line with the whole systems approach to tackling obesity	Briefing event held for Members/ officers/ partner organisations.	WFDC WCC	Aim to raise awareness of the whole systems approach to obesity by engaging with leaders, elected members, partners and influencers and the community. Health should be considered as part of any policy reviews and when contracts are re-commissioned.
	Investigate whether WFDC should sign up to the Healthy Weight Declaration (HWD) developed by Food Active.	Decision made on WFDC signing up to the HWD and the implications of doing so.	WFDC	The Healthy Weight Declaration aims to support local government to exercise their responsibility in developing and implementing policies which promote healthy weight
	Development of healthy food environments	Investigation of opportunities for healthier food choice provision in workplaces by working with caterers and vending machine providers.	WCC WFDC	Activities in Schools and Early Years settings will also be required e.g. school catering provision, oral health education, physical activity such as school Bikeability training.
	Include health considerations in sustainability projects to reduce single use plastics and reduce	Health benefits of drinking water included as part of Refill scheme promotions.	WFDC	The Refill scheme aims to reduce single use plastics by encouraging / enabling use of refillable water bottles.

	food waste.			
	Inclusion of health considerations in planning policies and processes.	<p>New Local Plan to include policies on health.</p> <p>Wyre Forest Supplementary Planning Document on Health adopted.</p> <p>Health and wellbeing routinely considered as part of planning application process.</p>		
	<p>Healthy Start:</p> <p>-Promote and support the uptake of Healthy Start vouchers to ensure eligible families are aware of and apply to the scheme to utilize the food and vitamin vouchers.</p>	<p>% of eligible people signing up to the HS scheme.</p> <p>Number of venues distributing HS and vouchers used/ vitamins bought.</p>	WCC/ WFDC	
	<p>Cycling and active transport</p> <p>-Deliver free cycle training for Wyre Forest residents aged 16+.</p> <p>-Develop local, family friendly cycle route information.</p> <p>Active transport included in development projects</p>	<p>10 participants.</p> <p>Information produced/ promoted.</p> <p>Standing item on the quarterly Cycle Forum meeting agenda</p>	<p>WFDC</p> <p>Wyre Forest Cycle Forum</p> <p>Wyre Forest Cycle Forum</p>	

	<p>Adult/ Family Learning: -Link with WCC learning teams/ Parenting support/ other partners to offer/promote HWB (healthy eating) sessions and courses and ensure these are joined up with other initiatives.</p>	<p>Training promoted through the Health and Wellbeing newsletter</p>	<p>WFDC</p>	
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3. Reducing harm from alcohol at all ages

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2019-20	Lead organisation	Updates/ Information
Raising Alcohol Awareness	<p>Supporting national campaigns (Alcohol Awareness Week/ Dry January) to raise awareness around alcohol (in relevant geographical/ communities as appropriate).</p> <p>Explore possibility of piloting Blue Light project in Wyre Forest (link with Housing and Community Safety)</p>	<p>Alcohol awareness raising activity at 4 events.</p> <p>Social media Tea Party campaign (likes, shares, views).</p>	<p>Wyre Forest District Council / Worcestershire County Council</p> <p>WFDC</p>	

4. Local Priorities

Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2019-20	Lead organisation	Updates/ Information
Support the multi-disciplinary neighbourhood teams in the WF locality	<p>Attend Neighbourhood team/ Primary Care Network meetings, as appropriate.</p> <p>Provide information and updates on local health and wellbeing services & initiatives that NT/PCN colleagues may be able to signpost individuals to.</p>	<p>Information provided to each Neighbourhood Team/PCN</p>	<p>Various</p>	

Reducing Statutory Homelessness	Working with partners to prevent and relieve homelessness	1000 homelessness preventions	Wyre Forest District Council	
Rough Sleeper Health	Rough sleeper's charter to be developed to include access to health information.	Charter in place.	WFDC	
Project Title	Actions	Annual Performance Measure/ Target 2019-20	Lead organisation	Updates/ Information
Reducing respiratory illness through raising thermal comfort	To undertake works to properties in areas of poor thermal comfort.	20 properties receiving the measures through this scheme	Wyre Forest District Council	
Campaigns/ Provision of information	Local promotion of national/ county public health campaigns, including: National Blood/Organ Donation Mental Health Awareness Week White Ribbon Campaign, Oral Health. Monthly Health & Wellbeing Newsletter produced Ageing Well: Showcase of Services event	12 campaigns promoted 12 newsletters 1 events held	WFDC/ WCC WFDC WFDC/ WCC	
Worcestershire Works Well	Promote WWW and include in newsletters	Link with NW Econ Regen Number of new sign	WFDC Worcestershire County Council	

	Ensure as many businesses as possible are signed up to Worcestershire Works Well	up's Number of businesses accredited to level 1		
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Reference:

1. NHS (2019) *NHS Long Term Plan Chapter 2: More NHS action on prevention and health inequalities*. Available at: <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk /online-version/chapter-2-more-nhs-action-on-prevention-and-health-inequalities/>



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

Report of: Jenny Moreton, Principal Health and Sustainability Officer

Date: Thursday 5th December 2019

Open Report

Climate Change Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on implementation of the Wyre Forest Climate Change Action Plan 2018/19 and seeks endorsement of the updated action plan for 2019/20.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Health and Sustainability Team in Housing Services lead the co-ordination and delivery of work to tackle climate change issues in Wyre Forest.
- 2.2 The updated Wyre Forest Climate Change Strategy and 2018/19 action plan were approved by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet in October 2018. The strategy was written in alignment with the Worcestershire Climate Change Strategy and aims to deliver the Worcestershire strategy within Wyre Forest.
- 2.3 The strategy and action plan focus on key areas where Wyre Forest District Council and partners can have the most impact in the district, within current resources. There are four key themes:
1. Warmer, healthier homes.
 2. Building a low carbon economy.
 3. Transport and infrastructure.
 4. Healthy and resilient communities.
- 2.4 The action plan also incorporates delivery of several 'climate emergency' related Motions which we approved at Council in 2019.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) releases an assessment report on the latest climate change science every five years. The latest report considered evidence from many independent

scientific analyses and has been endorsed by all UN member States. Scientists are now all but certain that climate change is mostly caused by human action, and that it is already leading to changes in regional weather patterns, with extreme events such as flooding and heat waves on the increase. The Industrial Revolution led to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions caused by human activity. The Earth's surface has consequently warmed by about 0.8°C since around 1900, with much of this warming occurring in the past 50 years. If the global average temperature rises more than 2°C above pre-industrial levels, significant negative impacts of climate change will be more likely and the cost of managing them will rise sharply. The Paris Agreement, which came into force in 2016 and has so far been signed by 197 countries, aims to limit the rise in global temperatures to well below 2°C, to pursue efforts to hold it to 1.5°C and to reach net zero emissions in the second half of the century.

- 3.2 In May 2019, UK Parliament declared a motion to declare an environment and climate emergency. The UK Climate Change Act (2008) was subsequently amended to set a target of achieving net zero emissions by 2050. The previous target was to reduce carbon emissions by 80% (compared to 1990 levels) by 2050. Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) is one of the 244 Local Authorities which have also declared a Climate Emergency to date. Whilst WFDC has not currently set a target date for achieving zero carbon, many local authorities have set a more ambitious date of 2030 for achieving carbon neutrality. This follows on from the latest United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report which concluded that we have until 2030 to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The IPCC report warns that this is necessary for global warming to be kept to a maximum of 1.5°C, beyond which even half a degree will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people.
- 3.3 Councils have a pivotal role in tackling climate change and, through local governance, can ensure climate change policies and programmes protect and help the most vulnerable, particularly the fuel poor. Local authorities are uniquely placed to assess the needs of their areas and local residents and to act as catalysts for change. The Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) recognises local authorities' ability to use their position to improve the energy efficiency of all residential accommodation in their areas. HECA requires local authorities to produce a series of reports, setting out the energy conservation measures that considered practicable, cost-effective and likely to result in significant improvement in the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in its area. Fuel poverty is an issue for the district; latest statistics show that 11.2% of Wyre Forest households are classed as being fuel poor. Living in cold, damp homes can exacerbate health conditions, particularly cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses. Worcestershire has slightly higher than average excess winter deaths, the majority of which tend to be caused by diseases of the cardiovascular system (such as stroke and heart attack) and respiratory illness (e.g. influenza).
- 3.4 In 2019, several Motions relating to climate change have been approved by the Council. As well as declaring a Climate Emergency, the Motions have set out resolutions on tree planting, electric vehicle charging, reduction of single

use plastics and low carbon energy production and storage. Delivery against these have been incorporated in the 2019/20 action plan.

- 3.5 Each year, central government releases per capita CO2 emissions figures for all local authorities. Between 2005 and 2017 (the latest data available) total emissions from housing, industry and transport fell by 34.8% in Wyre Forest and 32.1% across Worcestershire as a whole.
- 3.6 Appendix 1 sets out progress on delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2018/19. The case studies below set out examples of some of the work undertaken.

Case study 1: Heating and insulation.

We continue to work with other local authorities and agencies such as Act on Energy through the Warmer Worcestershire Network to bring in external funding and deliver energy efficiency schemes. 112 private properties in the district had heating and insulation improvements made through the funded schemes available in 2018/19. This includes schemes funded through Disabled Facilities Grants (for any disabled/vulnerable person diagnosed with a respiratory illness or on Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Allowance) and Home Repairs Assistance loans (as a local land charge on the property) as well as through the Energy Company Obligation (ECO). Following a successful bid to the Warm Homes Fund, the Warmer Worcestershire Network is also running a project to deliver first time gas central heating in urban areas, with 14 Wyre Forest properties benefitting from the scheme so far.

Case study 2: Greener Living events

Over the last year, the team ran two Greener Living Fairs, organised in partnership with local voluntary community groups.. A wide variety of organisations were on hand to offer advice to help people live a healthier and more environmentally friendly lifestyle, with topics ranging from energy saving and electric vehicles to veganism, reducing food waste and single use plastics. These events continue to be popular with more than 1000 people attended the 2019 Greener Living Fairs in Bewdley and Kidderminster.

Case study 3: Tree planting

In May 2019, Council approved a Motion recognising that trees are a vital part of our ecosystem and play a major part in the reduction of our carbon footprint, through absorption of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Council resolved to work in partnership with local schools to ensure that all Wyre Forest school children have the opportunity to plant a tree. This work is being co-ordinated by the Countryside and Parks team and got underway in November 2019 when 1650 trees were planted as part of the Stour Gateway project by children from St Mary's school. The trees and the project have been funded by the Environment Agency and the Natural Networks Project. All the trees are native and have been chosen for their relevance to the local environment in which they are being planted. Further sites identified for tree planting include Kidderminster Cemetery and Stourport Riverside.

- 3.7 An updated Climate Change Action Plan for 2019/20 is provided at Appendix 2.

4. Options

- 4.1 The committee may wish to:

- 4.1.1 Note the progress on implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan 2018/19 (Appendix 1) AND
- 4.1.2 Recommend to Cabinet that the Climate Change Action Plan 2019/20 (Appendix 2) is approved OR
- 4.1.3 Put forward alternative or additional proposals to recommend to Cabinet.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 CLT

6. Related Decisions

- 6.1 None

7. Relevant Council Policies/Strategies

- 7.1 [Wyre Forest Climate Change Strategy](#)

8. Implications

- 8.1 Resources: Projects undertaken by the council are funded from within existing resources or through bids to external funding sources.
- 8.2 Equalities: Not applicable
- 8.3 Partnership Working: The action plan requires partnership working, particularly the Warmer Worcestershire group.
- 8.4 Human Rights: Not applicable
- 8.5 E-Government: Not applicable
- 8.6 Transformation: Not applicable

9. Equality Impact Needs Assessment

- 9.1 An Equalities Impact Screening Assessment has been undertaken. The policy gives consideration to and has a positive impact for some younger/older people and those with a disability. There are no other implications identified for other groups with a protected characteristic.

10. Wards affected

- 10.1 All

11. Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix 1 Climate Change Action Plan 2018/19 Progress Update

11.2 Appendix 2 Climate Change Action Plan 2019/20

12. Background Papers

12.1 [Worcestershire Climate Change Strategy](#)

12.2 [Worcestershire Energy Strategy](#)

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Appendix One - A Climate for Change- 2018/19 Action Plan Progress

Warmer, Healthier Homes	2018/19 Progress Update
Ongoing promotion and delivery of schemes to install energy efficiency measures.	<p>We work closely with independent energy charity Act on Energy on the promotion and delivery of energy efficiency scheme. This includes Act on Energy's free helpline for residents, advice at various events and signposting to available funding. 500+ Wyre Forest residents were advised by phone and in person at events in 2018/19.</p> <p>62 private sector households in Wyre Forest received assistance for energy efficiency measures in 2018/19 through WFDC's Disabled Facilities Grants, Landlord Assistance Grants and Home Repair Assistance loans. A total of £192k was awarded for a combination of boiler replacements, insulation and kitchen/ bathroom extraction measures through these schemes.</p>
Develop and co-ordinate new energy efficiency schemes utilising external funding (e.g. Energy Company Obligation)	<p>WFDC worked with other Worcestershire partners through the Warmer Worcestershire Network to bring in Energy Company Obligation funding for locally delivered heating and insulation schemes. 50 measures were delivered utilising this funding in 2018/19 and the group continues working to bring in further funding.</p> <p>As part of the Warmer Worcestershire Network we successfully bid to the Warm Homes Fund to install 150 first time central heating systems across the county.</p>
Run the Wyre Forest Big Energy Switch collective switching scheme.	54 Wyre Forest households switched suppliers through the Wyre Forest Big Energy Switch in Feb 2019. These households are estimated to have saved a combined total of £7k per year on their energy bills by switching through the scheme. Energy efficiency is promoted alongside switching.
Deliver a Winter Warmth campaign in Wyre Forest	Winter Warmth promoted through various channels.
Run a series of energy advice surgeries at various events and locations	Energy advice provided at 20 events in 2018/19.
Fuel poverty/ affordable warmth training for frontline workers / community groups	2 training sessions held in January 2019 and attended by 25 front line workers.
Hold a Winter Warmth networking event for stakeholders	Promoted as part of a Multi Agency Group networking event attended by c. 30 people.
Finalise and publish the mandatory Home Energy Conservation Act report for WFDC	Available online at www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/sustainability

Building a low carbon economy	
Publicise available resource efficiency / low carbon support to local businesses and encourage uptake.	WFDC/ NWEDR help promote the Worcestershire Business Energy Efficiency Programme (BEEP), run by Worcestershire County Council. Through the first round of BEEP, 30 Wyre Forest Businesses received free energy reviews and 13 businesses were funded with grants totalling £107,120. Measures funded included LED lighting with sensors, heating, compressors, fast shutting warehouse doors and insulation.
Subject to business case, implement projects to reduce WFDC's CO2 emissions	Investigation of potential use of EV in the vehicle fleet. Participation in county wide bid for funding for a public sector energy efficiency scheme.
Transport and Infrastructure	
Ongoing support to the Wyre Forest Cycle Forum to strive for cycling infrastructure improvements and promote cycling opportunities.	Facilitation of quarterly cycle forum meetings. Activities include: liaison with developers/ county council to encourage the inclusion of appropriate cycling infrastructure in new developments. Forum responses to appropriate consultations, including on the Local Transport Plan 4. Cycle forum also actively promoted cycling at the 2 x Greener Living Shows.
Deliver the Wyre Forest Adult Cycle Training scheme	Ongoing- 35 adults have completed the training since the scheme began.
Work with Cycle Forum to develop local, easy family friendly cycle routes	Cycle Forum members worked with University of Worcester Design students to develop design concepts and are now working with the Forestry Commission and others to develop these. Funding being sought to develop resources to promote the routes.
Planning policy development- e.g. supplementary planning guidance on low carbon and renewable energy	Guidance on low carbon and renewable energy included in the draft Local Plan Review documents.
Further explore opportunities for development of local heat networks	Local heat networks to be considered as part of appropriate development as per guidance in the draft Local Plan Review documents.
Organise/ participate in awareness events for Bewdley Bike Week/ national Bike Week.	Supported/ promoted Bewdley Bike Week in May/June 2019, which included bike rides and cycle training.
Investigate opportunities for electric vehicle infrastructure/ promotion	Ongoing. Electric vehicles were promoted at the Greener Living events.
Healthy and resilient communities	
Provide appropriate support to local	Greener Living Shows organised in partnership with Transition Bewdley and Transition Kidderminster.

transition groups (e.g. assistance with events and promotions)	Support in promoting Repair Cafe Wyre Forest, taking place at Kidderminster Youth House and St George's Hall Bewdley each month.
Identify/ promote opportunities to reduce food waste and encourage local food growing.	Supported/ promoted Love Food, Hate Waste and Fareshare locally. The number of community groups receiving surplus food through Fareshare has increased as a result.
Promote environmental volunteering opportunities at the Wyre Forest Volunteer Fair	Volunteer Fair included promotion of voluntary opportunities with WFDC Rangers, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, Repair Cafe, Pick up Artists, Canal & Rivers Trust and more.
Run 'greener living' events in partnership with local transition groups.	Greener Living events were held at Kidderminster Town Hall and St George's Hall in Bewdley in 2019. 1000+ people attended these events.
Cross-cutting actions	
Ongoing communications/ awareness on energy/ fuel efficiency etc (websites, newsletters, events, press releases, social media etc).	Ongoing throughout the year.

Appendix Two - A Climate for Change- 2019-20 Action Plan

Warmer, Healthier Homes	Who?	Expected Outcomes/ Timescale	Resources	Notes/ Further Info
Ongoing promotion and delivery of schemes to install domestic energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.	Health & Sustainability Private Sector Housing Act on Energy	Ongoing promotion and delivery throughout the year. 150 measures to be installed through the various schemes.	Act on Energy SLA in place. Internal funding used for fuel poverty assistance where external funding not available.	WFDC Energy Efficiency page
Develop and co-ordinate energy efficiency schemes, utilising external funding e.g. Energy Company Obligation (ECO).	Health & Sustainability	Ongoing throughout the year.	County wide activity through the Warmer Worcestershire Network to bid for external funding and channel in ECO funding.	Current schemes include the Warm Homes Fund for central heating. The Worcs. Statement of Intent enables us to channel in ECO funds according to locally set criteria.
Run the Wyre Forest Big Energy Switch collective switching scheme.	Health & Sustainability iChoosr	100 + residents to switch through the Feb 2010 Auction (promotion begins Dec 2019)	Promoted using existing resources.	92 residents switched through the Feb 2019 auction, collectively saving £12k on their bills. WFDC received £500 in referral fees. Energy efficiency is promoted alongside switching tariffs.
Deliver a Winter Warmth awareness campaign in Wyre Forest	Health & Sustainability	Autumn/ Winter 2019/20	Promoted using existing resources.	Promotion of the various energy schemes through newsletters, social media, partnership work, events etc.
Run a series of energy advice surgeries at various locations and events.	Act on Energy Health & Sustainability	20 advice sessions to be held throughout Autumn/ Winter 2019/20	Act on Energy SLA in place	Advice surgeries held at local libraries and community venues and at events e.g. Greener Living, Showcase. Details at https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/warmandwell
Fuel poverty/ affordable warmth training for frontline workers / volunteers	Act on Energy Health & Sustainability	10 frontline workers to be trained in December / January (date TBC).	Act on Energy SLA in place	Training on energy issues and current schemes available.

Building a low carbon economy	Who?	Timescale	Resources	Notes/ Further Info
Publicise available resource efficiency / low carbon support to local businesses and encourage uptake.	Lead by Worcestershire County Council	Ongoing promotion throughout the year. 20 + Wyre Forest businesses to receive advice and/or grants.	Externally funded (EU)	Worcestershire Business Energy Efficiency Programme and the Low Carbon Opportunities Programme promoted locally by North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration (NWEDR), Health & Sustainability (H&S).
Investigate opportunities for zero emission energy production and/or storage.	Health & Sustainability Transition Bewdley	To be reported to Cabinet by 31.3.20.	To be identified as part of the investigations.	
Transport and Infrastructure	Who?	Timescale	Resources	Notes/ Further Info
Ongoing support to the Wyre Forest Cycle Forum to strive for cycling infrastructure improvements and promote cycling opportunities.	Health & Sustainability Wyre Forest Cycle Forum	Ongoing throughout the year	Staff time	
Deliver the Wyre Forest Adult Cycle Training scheme	Health & Sustainability Worcestershire County Council	Ongoing throughout the year. 10 adults to be trained in 19/20.	Health funding in place	Adult Cycle Training scheme
Work with Cycle Forum to develop local, easy family friendly cycle routes	Health & Sustainability Wyre Forest Cycle Forum	Routes to be in place by Summer 2020	Cycle Forum is seeking external funding to develop routes	
Develop and implement planning policy as part of the Local Plan Review- low carbon and renewable energy; sustainable transport , electric vehicle infrastructure.	Health & Sustainability Planning Policy	As per local plan review timetable	Staff time	
Further explore opportunities for development of local heat networks	Health & Sustainability Planning Policy	As per local plan review timetable	Staff time External funding is available through Heat Networks Delivery Unit (HNDU)	Inclusion in draft LPR policy.

Transport and Infrastructure	Who?	Timescale	Resources	Notes/ Further Info
Organise/ participate in walking and cycling promotional events	Health & Sustainability Wyre Forest Cycle Forum	Spring 2020 (Walking Month May/Bewdley Bike Week in June).	Staff time Existing resources	
Increase provision of electric vehicle charge- points in WFDC car parks and encourage the owners of privately owned car parks to do likewise.	Health and Sustainability Planning	Feasibility work to be completed by 31.12.19.	Funding identified for feasibility work. Costs and income generation opportunities to be explored as part of feasibility work.	County wide bid for funding for residents without private car parks to include 2 x WFDC car parks.
Electric vehicle (EV) promotional activity.	Health and Sustainability Transition Kidderminster / Transition Bewdley	Promotion at the Greener Living events in October 2019 / Spring 2020	Promoted using existing resources.	EV promotion is carried out at the Greener Living events- local EV owners bring their vehicles and talk to potential owners.
Investigate opportunities for EV Taxi charging	Health and Sustainability. WRS. Worcs LEP.	Autumn 2019	External funding would be sought.	
Fleet review to look at carbon and fuel savings and opportunities for Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles.	Health and Sustainability. Fleet Management. Energy Savings Trust.	Fleet Review to be carried out in November/ December 2019	Review can be carried out for free by the Energy Savings Trust.	
Healthy and resilient communities	Who?	Timescale	Resources	Notes/ Further Info
Assist voluntary groups in promoting environmental initiatives e.g. Wyre Forest Repair Cafe, Plastic Free Communities.	Health & Sustainability Transition groups	Ongoing	Existing resources.	
Promote environmental and other volunteering opportunities at the Wyre Forest Volunteer Fair	Health & Sustainability VCS organisations	October 2019 (Stourport) Spring 2020 (Kidderminster)	Existing resources Sponsorship to be sought.	

Healthy and resilient communities	Who?	Timescale	Resources	Notes/ Further Info
Run 'greener living' events in partnership with local voluntary groups.	Health & Sustainability VCS organisations	October 2019 (Kidderminster) Spring 2020 (Bewdley)	Existing resources. Sponsorship to be sought.	October 2019 event sponsored by a private company (ALS UK).
Tree planting project	Parks & Countryside Service Schools	Ongoing	Woodland Trust	
Reduce single use plastics at council sites and events.	Health & Sustainability. Facilities. Community Wellbeing & Environment.	Ongoing. Actions as per the Council Motion to be completed by 31.3.20	Existing resources.	Disposable cups removed at WFDC sites. Events Checklist produced and implemented. WFDC sites added to the Refill app.
Raise awareness about reducing single use plastics and encourage communities to go plastic free.	Health & Sustainability. Plastic Free Kidderminster and Plastic Free Bewdley VCS groups.	Ongoing	Existing resources. Staff & volunteer time.	Reducing Single Use Plastics Plastic Free Communities scheme Promotion at Greener Living events.
Cross-cutting actions	Who?	Timescale	Resources	Notes/ Further Info
Ongoing communications/ awareness on energy/ fuel efficiency etc (websites, newsletters, events, press releases, social media etc).	Health & Sustainability Communications.	Ongoing	Staff time.	

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
FEEDBACK FROM CABINET MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2019

**Agenda
Item No.**

Decision

8.1

Conversion of property in Stourport on Severn

Decision: In line with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 7th November 2019:

- 1.1 The proposal to refurbish 11b Raven Street, Stourport on Severn into temporary accommodation be approved.**
- 1.2 Authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources and Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Capital Investments to agree the process, timetable and evaluation model for the appointment of a contractor to deliver the refurbishment works and to award the contract to the successful provider.**

RECOMMEND to Council that:

- 1.3 The funding within the Capital Programme currently set aside for Comberton Place (as per the report of 11/07/17) is removed from the Capital Programme and that £60k is reallocated to the Raven Street refurbishment and the remainder returned to the Evergreen Investment Fund as unallocated.**

9.1

Wyre Forest District Local Lottery Proposal

Decision: Having had regard to the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 7th November 2019, Cabinet decided that:

- 1.1 A local lottery utilising Gatherwell as the external lottery management company is established in Wyre Forest.**
- 1.2 To delegate to the Corporate Director: Community Well-being and Environment in consultation with a cross-party member working group decisions on approving applications by charities to benefit from the local lottery, decisions on the allocation of the central fund and other related issues. The cross-party member group shall**

**comprise one member from each political group,
including the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder.**

10.1 Social Housing Delivery

**Decision: In line with the recommendations from the Overview
and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 7th November 2019,
Cabinet agreed:**

**To continue to monitor the potential to deliver new affordable
housing with a view to receiving further reports when a
deliverable proposition is available.**

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019-2020

June 2019

“How are we doing?” Q4 update

Wyre Forest District Local Plan: Revised Local Development Scheme (Project Plan 2019-21)

Tracking Recommendations 2018-2019

July 2019

Treasury Management Review Panel – request for nominations

Wyre Forest District Local Plan: Pre-Submission Publication

Asset Management Strategy

EXEMPT Disposal of Land in Stourport

July 2019 – Sub-Committee

EXEMPT Capital Portfolio Fund – Development Funding Proposal

September 2019

“How are we doing?” Q1 update (Enabling)

Annual Report on Treasury Management Service and Actual Prudential Indicators 2018-19

Worcestershire’s Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 2022

Kidderminster Business Improvement District (BID) – Forward Funding

North Worcestershire Economic Growth Strategy 2019-2024

October 2019 – Meeting cancelled

November 2019

“How are we doing?” Q2 update (Business and People)

To consider whether to progress with establishing a local lottery for Wyre Forest

Capital Portfolio Fund – Quarterly Fund Report

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2019-20

Conversion of a property in Stourport on Severn

Social Housing Delivery

December 2019

Car Parking Charges

Crown House Capital Works

Effectiveness of PACT Action Plan

Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan Update

Climate Change Update

February 2020

“How are we doing?” Q3 update (Place)

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2020-21

Annual review of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership 2019/20

Submission Local Plan

2020-2021 Municipal Year

June 2020

“How are we doing?” Q4 update (Housing and Planning)