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To: All Members of the Community Services Committee: Councillors A Brown, T Bush, N Farmer, M Jackson, D Jarman, G McCaffery, A Thomas, A White and R Williams.

All other Members of the Council for information.

The next meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 20 September 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Public Question Time and Petitions
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 26 July 2023 - *for information only.*
5. Grant Applications – There is one grant application to be considered at this meeting.
 - i) *The Portable Wellbeing Studio* - At the previous meeting, the Committee was asked to consider whether it would, in principle, support a grant application from The Portable

Wellbeing Studio to fund its residency at The Corsham School for a third time, at a cost of £2,000.

While the Committee was very supportive of the work being done by The Portable Wellbeing Studio, some concerns and conditions were raised. These included seeing direct feedback from The Corsham School on the wider benefits of arts therapy among its staff and pupils; whether the Corsham Area Board's Local Youth Network would also be willing to fund the project again*; whether other funding sources were being sought; if training teachers and teaching assistants in arts therapy techniques was benefitting more pupils and creating a legacy, which would allow the Portable Wellbeing Studio to move on and what the Studio's exit strategy would be.

**Please note that Corsham Area Board is unable to fund the application as The Portable Wellbeing Studio has already been financed by them in this financial year. As a result, The Portable Wellbeing Studio is applying for a reduced residency of 12-weeks, funded by the Town Council and The Corsham School, rather than 24.*

The Portable Wellbeing Studio is now submitting a formal grant application, incorporating these comments - *for discussion*.

6. Corsham Youth Zone – Ahead of the Corsham Youth Zone (CYZ) funding stream moving to Community Services' budgets in 2024/25, and the upcoming Town Council budget discussions, Emma Drage, from CYZ, will attend the meeting to give a presentation on the work CYZ's volunteers have been doing with young people through the summer and their plans for the future – *for information and discussion*.

7. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 20/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on:

- i) The Potley Community Arts Project (PACT)
- ii) Cross Keys Plinth
- iii) The Town Council and this year's Peacock Arts Trail (7-15 October 2023)

- *for information and comment*.

8. StoryTown (*Minute 07/23*) – At the Community Services Committee meeting on 17 May 2023, it was:

Resolved: That the StoryTown concept be relaunched as a community engagement tool for the Town Council to help in the delivery of the Strategic Plan (2022-2026).

The Committee will be updated on the progress of the various StoryTown projects being undertaken in connection with the Strategic Plan – *for information and discussion*.

9. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 21/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the work being done to support local businesses, including the upcoming Business Breakfast on 26 September, progress in getting the Town Council's new Retail Map online, and the Business Health Survey (report *attached*) - *for information and comment*.

10. Events Update (*Minute CS 22/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council's various events:

- i) Summer Busking Saturdays (6 May-30 September 2023)
- ii) Summer Trails (22 July-31 August)
- iii) Street Fair (9 September 2023)
- iv) Christmas Lights (1 December 2023)

- *for information and comment*.

11. Community Wellbeing Update (*Minute CS 24/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council's community wellbeing activities, including Cllr Bush's plans to set up a Disabled People's Organisation:
- i) Get Active! Youth Event at Springfield Campus (25 September) and associated directory
 - ii) Visits to local care homes and community organisations that work with older people by Cllr Brown and the Community Services Officer (Community Wellbeing)
 - iii) Dogs for Health Therapy Dogs Project
 - iv) Priory Cross Community Allotment
 - v) Next Community Wellbeing Meeting (7 November, 11.30am for Councillors; 12pm for main meeting) will have an older/vulnerable people theme
- *for information and comment.*