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To: All Members of the Community Services Committee: Councillors A Brown, T Bush, N Farmer, D Jarman, R Munn, 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 19 March 2025 commencing at 7pm.

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 15 January 2025 – *for information only*.
5. Grant Applications

There are none for this meeting.

6. Community Wellbeing Update (*Minute CS 61/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council's latest community wellbeing activities.
- The Community Wellbeing Officer continues to visit and support a wide range of local groups and organisations. The most recent visits were to Corsham Foodbank, Citizens Advice, Creative Lunch, Dancing Through Time and the Corsham Community Club. Feedback on the visits is available if required. The Community Wellbeing Officer also attended the Why Sports Conference in London on 4 March 2025.
 - The Community Wellbeing Officer arranged for the Good Practice Mentor Programme to run more free training for Councillors and officers and other local community groups on 3 March 2025. The training built upon the previous street outreach training and focused on door-knocking and contacting harder to reach older people within the local sheltered accommodation.
 - A second free concert with tea and cake, organised by Corsham Town Council and Celebrating Age Wiltshire, took place at the Town Hall on 13 March 2025.
 - Old successfully gained funding from the Town Council, Area Board and the Centre for Ageing better to run an 'Age Without Limits' Day on 11 June 2025. More details to follow.
- for information and comment.
7. Corsham Town Council: Youth Activities – Danielle Blake from The Rise Trust will attend the meeting to give the Committee an update on Rise's work in the community that is funded and supported by the Town Council, including youth outreach work, the Open Blue Bus project and Corsham Youth Zone – *for information and comment*.
8. Corsham – An Age-friendly Community (*Minute CS 62/24 and others*) – Cllr Brown and the Head of Community Services will update the Committee on the latest steps taken towards Corsham becoming an Age-friendly Community, including early results from the Age-friendly Corsham survey (closes 28 March) – *for information and discussion*.
9. StoryTown (*Minute CS 63/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the progress of Jenny Hulme's 'Story Arcs' work with local businesses, and early plans for StoryTown's 2025 projects, including linking with the 25th anniversary of the Town Council – *for information and comment*.
10. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 64/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the progress of the Town Council's public art projects, including the Cross Keys sheep, the Potley and Portland Rise Art Community Project (PACT) and a display of the work of sculptor Michael Pennie – *for information and comment*.
11. Creative Corsham Strategy 2022-2027 Action Plan – Year Three (2025) – A Year Three Action Plan for the Creative Corsham Strategy has been drafted (*attached*). A report on the completed tasks from Year Two is also *attached*. The Committee is asked to approve the Year Three Action Plan – *for comment and approval*.
12. Events Update (*Minute CS 65/24 and others*) – The Head of Community Services will give an update on the plans in place for the Eco Fair (26 April 2025), Taste of Corsham (17 May 2025), and the Town Council's attendance at Middlewick House Open Garden (7/8 June 2025) – *for information and comment*.

13. Destination Marketing and Management Plan 2025-2030 – The Chief Executive and Head of Community Services have drawn up a new Destination Marketing and Management Plan (draft *attached*) for Corsham to cover the period 2025-2030. Following approval, a Year One Action Plan will be drafted for consideration by the Committee at its meeting in May – *for comment and approval*.
14. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 66/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Business Breakfast and Storytelling for Business Workshop that took place at Digital Mansion Corsham on 29 January 2025 and plans for further business support – *for discussion and comment*.
15. Corsham in Bloom – As the long-standing Corsham in Bloom judges stepped down after last year's event, now seems a good time to look at the Town Council's Corsham in Bloom competition, its categories, trophies, etc, to see whether any changes should be made. A potential link could be made to the 25th anniversary of the Town Council. The Committee is asked for its suggestions – *for discussion and comment*.