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

All other Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 11 January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Press and Public – To observe the meeting online or take part in Agenda Item 2 - Public Question Time and Petitions, please click [here](#) or email [dmartin@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:dmartin@corsham.gov.uk) for instructions.

### 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 9 November 2022 - *for information only*.
5. Community Wellbeing Update (*Minute CS 4/22*) – The Committee will be updated on the recent work undertaken by the Community Services Officer (Health and Wellbeing). A written report is *attached - for information and comment*.

Grant Applications - The Committee will be asked to consider requests for match-funding grants from the Portable Wellbeing Studio (£2,500 requested) and the Stay Safe Initiative (£725 requested) to enable them to expand/continue their work at The Corsham School. The Town

Council has funded both projects in previous financial years, from the Youth Activities budget. Ella Bryant, from the Portable Wellbeing Studio and Richard Pomfrett from Stay Safe will be in attendance to answer questions. Reports on both projects are *attached - for discussion*.

Cllr Tanvir Bush will give an update on the We Are the People project. As a result of the community event held on 25 November (report *attached*), it is proposed that an action group be set up allowing disabled people to work together to resolve the issues that are most important to them. The group would be supported by We Are the People and, if the Committee agrees, would also have the support of the Town Council - *for discussion*.

6. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 5/22*) – The Community Services Officer (Arts) will give an update on the Potley Community Arts Project; the plinth proposal for Cross Keys, and the Town Council’s involvement in this year’s Peacock Arts Trail (7-15 October 2023) - *for information*.
7. Christmas in Corsham/Christmas Lights Switch On (*Minute CS 11/22*) – The Community Services Officer (Tourism and Events) will give a brief report on Christmas in Corsham activity and the Christmas Lights Switch On, which took place on 2 December. The Committee is asked for its thoughts on the event, and any ideas and suggestions for 2023’s Switch On - *for discussion*.
8. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 13/22*) – The Community Services Officer (Tourism and Events) will give an update on the work being done to support local businesses, including feedback on the Corsham Means Business breakfast event held on 15 November 2022 - *for information and comment*.
9. Corsham Eco Fair 22 April 2023 – The Head of Community Services and Community Services Officer (Tourism and Events) are working with the Environmental Project Officer and members of the Town Council’s Environment Task Group and Corsham Climate Action on this year’s Eco Fair, which is due to be held on Earth Day, 22 April 2023. The Committee will be updated on the plans so far - *for information*.
10. Coronation of King Charles III (*Minute CS 9/22*) – Following the discussion at November’s meeting, the Committee is asked for its suggestions on how this historic occasion could be marked in Corsham. The official formalities required are still unknown at this stage - *for discussion*.
11. Covid 19 Social Study – In March 2020, the Social Behavioural Research Group at University College London (UCL) launched a Covid-19 Social Study with the aim of identifying the psychological and social effects of the pandemic on the UK population. A report on the study was released in September 2022 (<https://www.covidsocialstudy.org/>; Executive Summary *attached*.) Within the Executive Summary seven priority areas of action were identified:
  - i.* Focus on the most vulnerable groups
  - ii.* Invest in mental health services
  - iii.* Expand community-based support
  - iv.* Embed transparency and integrity in health policy
  - v.* Invest in social and behavioural research
  - vi.* Foster social solidarity and cohesion
  - vii.* Plan for the next pandemic or health emergency

The Committee is asked to consider the priority areas - specifically *i*), *ii*), *iii*), *vi*) and *vii*) - in relation to the Community Wellbeing work already undertaken by the Town Council and the actions within the Strategic Plan 2022-2026. It should be noted that *vii*) *Plan for the next pandemic or health emergency* has been incorporated into the Town Council’s Emergency Plan by the Head of Technical Services - *for discussion*