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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 15 January 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 6 November 2024 – *for information only*.
5. Grant Applications

There is one for this meeting.

Music and Motherhood – The organisation is seeking £2,000 towards the costs of running an inclusive and supportive music therapy group for mothers presenting with mental health issues and their babies at The Pound Arts Centre. The group will run for three, eight-week blocks in

2025, supporting 10 women and their babies at each session. The funding covers 40% of the overall costs and would be used to cover venue hire; general expenditure; marketing and running costs and alleviate the financial burden on attendees by continuing the 'pay what you can' basis of the pilot project. The application is *attached – for discussion*.

6. Community Wellbeing Update (*Minute CS 47/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council's latest community wellbeing activities.
- i) The Community Wellbeing Officer continues to visit and support a wide range of local groups and organisations. The most recent visits have been to Corsham Foodbank, the Dorothy House charity shop, and Creative Lunch.
 - ii) Cllrs Brown and Hopkinson, the Chief Executive, Head of Community Services and Community Wellbeing Officer visited Corsham Gymnastics Academy to understand the scope of its work and view the facilities on offer.
 - iii) Company for Christmas had up to 40 local people booked for lunch on Christmas Day.
 - iv) The Town Council's most recent Corsham Community Wellbeing Working Group meeting took place online on 18 November. The meeting had a family focus and was attended by a range of organisations who work with local families. Minutes are available.
 - v) The Community Wellbeing Officer has arranged for, and will be supporting, CSE – Warm & Safe Wiltshire to conduct community support visits during this winter. One will be at Souper Friday at the end of January, with another visit to Corsham Library the following week.
 - vi) The Community Wellbeing Officer is arranging for the Good Practice Mentor Programme to run more free training for Corsham Town Council and local community groups. This will build upon the street outreach training already undertaken and will focus on door-knocking and harder-to-reach older people.
 - vii) A second free concert with tea and cake, organised by Corsham Town Council and Celebrating Age Wiltshire, will take place on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2025.
 - viii) Corsham Community Club will be holding four of its upcoming lunches at the Town Hall due to lack of available room space at Springfield Community Campus. The first took place on 8 January, and Karen Viner and her volunteers will return on 5 and 19 February and 5 March.
 - ix) Corsham Foodbank volunteers packed food parcels for 104 people this Christmas. They have reintroduced fuel vouchers for the winter and have £1,200 of funds earmarked for this. The Community Wellbeing Officer has been liaising with the Foodbank's Treasurer regarding further funding and supported them in making a recent application to the Household Support Fund, being distributed by Wiltshire Council. The funding would be used to provide an in-house adviser from Citizens Advice to work at the Foodbank on a Tuesday morning, initially for six months. If the funding application is successful, this service will commence shortly.
 - x) The transfer of Corsham Youth Zone to The Rise Trust, ensuring that the youth club will continue to run, has taken place. A representative from Rise will be invited to give an update to March's Community Services Committee meeting.

- for information and comment.

7. Corsham – An Age-friendly Community (*Minute 49/24 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 the community survey due to launch later in January – *for information and discussion.*

8. StoryTown (*Minute CS 50/24 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.*
9. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 51/24 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.*
10. Events Update (*Minute CS 53/24 and others*) – The Head of Community Services will give a report on the Christmas in Corsham activities, including the Wishing Tree (30 November 2024), Christmas Lights Switch On (6 December 2024) and Christmas Activity Trail run in conjunction with Pound Arts. There will also be an update on the initial plans for the Eco Fair (26 April 2025). The Committee is also asked for its ideas and suggestions for Taste of Corsham (17 May 2025) – *for information and comment.*
11. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 54/24 and others*) – The Head of Community Services will update the Committee on the Business Breakfast and Storytelling for Business Workshop due to be held at Digital Mansion Corsham on 29 January 2025 – *for discussion and comment.*