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1. Lloyd Griffiths proposed as new managing director, to be confirmed at next full council mtg. https://www.worcester.gov.uk/news/worcester-city-council-announces-its-preferred-candidate-for-new-managing-director
2. Budget also to be voted on at the next full council mtg. https://www.worcester.gov.uk/news/city-council-outline-proposals-for-forthcoming-budget
3. New pump track still 'on track' at Perdiswell. https://www.worcester.gov.uk/news/new-pump-track-for-worcester-takes-shape
4. Money allocated to Warndon may have some implications for Warndon Villages but no clarity on that as yet. I think £2,000,000 to be spent roughly each year. https://www.worcester.gov.uk/news/next-steps-outlined-for-investment-of-gbp20-million-in-warndon-west-area-of-worcester
5. A report on tree canopy cover in the Environment Committee was given last week and is generally very positive in highlighting the need for more tree cover in most areas of the city to provide shade, lower temperatures, increase biodiversity and mitigate some of the effects of air pollution. I did ask for more money to be allocated for green spaces, parks, gardens nature reserves etc across the whole city , but Lloyd explained there are statutory obligations that have to be met first. https://www.worcester.gov.uk/news/council-adopts-25-year-vision-for-trees-in-worcester
6. There is ongoing discussion about a review to consider Worcester applying to become a city/parish council in its own right apart from the unitary council structure. In effect to become like Warndon Villages/St Peters Parish councils. More details to come on this as we debate whether that is what would be best for the city. It would preserve the heritage of the city such as the Guildhall, and prevent the city being run by a central unitary group.
7. I have been in touch with Sandra Green re the bin in Sudeley Park and she has agreed that it can be moved to a site nearer to the road. Hopefully this work should be done soon.
8. Residents are being invited to give their views on how money should be spent on infrastructure projects. https://www.worcester.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-new-infrastructure-charges
9. Ongoing work on the city play plan to improve play facilities across the city. https://www.worcester.gov.uk/news/worcester-city-council-outlines-play-projects-for-next-12-months