

**KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th March 2026
Held in Unit 2, Forst Industrial Park at 6pm**

Present:

Councillors:

Councillor J. Beckingham (Chair)

Councillor H.Dyke (Vice Chair)

Councillor G. Connolly

Councillor V. Caulfield

Councillor S. Miah – Arrived at meeting at 19.15

In attendance:

Mr. A. Stockhall – Public Realm and Operations Manager (PROM)

Mr. R. Beeston – Public Realm and Operations Officer (PROO)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

L.Carroll, N.Gale,

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None received.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. OPERATIONAL SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME.

To receive and note Operational Services work programme.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the Service's work programme. Options for discussion, re paddling pool St Georges Park.

6. WASTE CORE STRATEGY

To receive a summary of the Worcestershire Waste Strategy, and to recommend Town Council formal survey response.

RESOLVED: Committee noted the summary and recommended the Operational Services Manager respond accordingly on behalf of Kidderminster Town Council.

7. LOCALSIM AND DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL

To receive a report and consider recommendations.

RESOLVED: The Committee supported the recommendation and recommends Full Council agree for officers to progress the transfer of parks in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet.

The Committee agreed that, following the outcome of Full Council, it would review and approve the contents of the proposed job descriptions as set out in the Localism and Devolution Proposal.

8. OPERATIONAL SERVICES UPDATE

To receive an Operational Services Update.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the Operational Services Update.

9. KIDDERMINSTER ALLOTMENTS

To receive a report and consider recommendations.

RESOLVED: The committee approved the Operational Services Manager to proceed with and finalise the necessary arrangements to extend the current lease agreements for allotment associations, enabling them to continue managing the allotments on a day-to-day basis.

A Member of the Committee has agreed to act as a witness to the lease agreement once it has been finalised with the respective associations.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to contractual arrangements and it is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded.

11. KIDDERMINSTER TENNIS CLUB

To receive an update and consider recommendations.

Councillor S. Miah arrived at the meeting at 19.15

Meeting ended at 19.45