

**COUNCIL**  
**13 JULY 2023**

## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Chairman's Visits and Functions Attended**

1. A list of functions attended by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Council since the last meeting is attached.

### **The King's Birthday Honours List 2023**

2. The Chairman was delighted to hear that six Worcestershire residents have been recognised in HM The King's Birthday Honours List:

#### Dr Susan Ibbotson CBE

3. Dr Ibbotson, from Redditch, has been awarded the CBE for services to Public Health.

4. Dr Ibbotson is Regional Director of Public Health, Midlands and Regional Director, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, Department of Health and Social Care.

#### Clifford Robson CBE

5. Clifford Robson, Group Managing Director for air at BAE Systems, who lives in Evesham was awarded a CBE for services to the Defence Industry.

#### Professor Joanne Smith OBE

6. Professor Joanne Smith from Kempsey has received an OBE for services to Higher Education and student suicide prevention and response.

7. Joanne is a Professor of Early Intervention and Psychosis at the University of Worcester. She set up a 'Suicide Safer' initiative at the University to raise awareness of student suicide and brought this issue to national recognition.

#### Lisa Ventura MBE

9. Lisa Ventura, from Worcester, has been awarded an MBE for services to Cyber Security and to Diversity and Inclusion.

10. Lisa is a cyber security specialist whose career spans over 23 years in the industry. She is also a writer and published author.

#### Suzanne Oldnall BEM

11. Suzanne Oldnall from Kempsey has been received the BEM for services to the Victims of Domestic Abuse.

12. Suzanne is Head of Domestic Abuse at Parkinson Wright Solicitors and has worked closely with West Mercia Women's Aid (WMWA) to provide guidance and support for victims, giving them the confidence they need to seek legal advice. She provides both legal and emotional assistance at a time when they are needed most.

#### Royston Starkey BEM

13. Roy Starkey from Bromsgrove has been awarded the BEM for Mineralogy.

14. Roy is a freelance mineralogist, photographer and curator, as well as a published author.

15. The Chairman extends his very best wishes to all the recipients on their well-deserved awards.

#### **Regional Public Health Awards 2023**

16. The Chairman was delighted to hear that Worcestershire County Council have won the Regional Public Health Award 2023 at a ceremony held on Saturday 20 May 2023.

17. The award is for the 'PH NIMROD Software', a health protection management system which facilitates faster responses to outbreaks.

18. Numerical data is combined with GIS mapping to enable epidemiological monitoring across the county, as well as allowing data sharing with NHS, UKSHA and other agencies.

#### **Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2023**

19. Worcestershire County Council was commended for its commitment to employee wellbeing in the "Wellbeing in the Workplace" category at the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards held at the University of Worcester Arena on 15 June 2023.

20. Hundreds of applicants compete for one of the shortlist top spots, so to be recognised in this way is a huge achievement, and the Chairman extends his sincerest congratulations to all the team involved.

#### **West Midlands Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Silver Award 2023**

21. The Chairman was delighted to hear that Worcestershire County Council have been awarded the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Award Silver.

22. The Ministry of Defence award recognises organisations for their support to the Armed Forces community, including Reservists, Veterans, spouses, Cadet Forces Adult Volunteers and Cadets. Silver award holders must demonstrate a number of positive measures and policies, which actively support members of the Armed Forces community.

23. A formal presentation will take place on 23 September 2023 at the National Memorial Arboretum.

## **Energy Efficiency Awards 2023**

24. The County Council picked up the award for Regional Council or Local Authority Body of the Year at the Awards Ceremony held on Thursday 8 June 2023.

25. The award highlights Councils who have shown a true commitment to promoting energy efficiency within their region and thanks them for their service to their local communities.

26. It recognised the County Council's work to promote energy efficiency schemes across the county, such as Solar Together, the Household Support Fund and improvements to its estate.

27. The Council was also recognised for the support they offer to businesses, through the Community Renewal Fund, Business Energy Efficiency Programme and the Low Carbon Opportunities Programme and the work the Council undertakes in partnership with District Councils.

28. This award highlights the commitment to delivering Carbon Literacy training for staff and work to tackle Fuel Poverty with partners, as well as showcasing the expertise within the Council in supporting energy efficiency measures.

29. This recognition is testament to the hard work and dedication that the team put in to promote energy efficiency in the county, and the Chairman would like to thank everyone involved in this outstanding achievement.

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