



20 May 2024

COMMUNITY SUPERMARKET TASK AND FINISH GROUP – 29 MAY 2024

A meeting of the Community Supermarket Task and Finish Group will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024, in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Rugby.

Mannie Ketley
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Chair – to appoint a Chair of the Task and Finish Group for the 2024/25 municipal year.
2. Apologies.

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest.

To receive declarations of:
 - (a) non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors;
 - (b) pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors; and
 - (c) notice under Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – non-payment of Community Charge or Council Tax.

Note: Councillors are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their interests at the commencement of the meeting (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a pecuniary interest the Councillor must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of Warwickshire County Council or any Parish Council is classed as a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct. A Councillor does not

need to declare this interest unless the Councillor chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Councillor does not wish to speak on the matter, the Councillor may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

4. Scope of the review – programme, work and timetable.
5. Next steps.
6. Date of next meeting.

Membership of the Task and Finish Group:

Councillors Bennett, Brown, Garcia, Harrington, Livesey, McKenzie and New.

If you have any general queries with regard to this agenda please contact Linn Ashmore, Democratic Services Officer by emailing linn.ashmore@rugby.gov.uk.

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ONE-PAGE STRATEGY

What is the broad topic area?

To explore and offer proposals for the establishment of a community supermarket as a way of providing fresh food at an affordable price over a sustained period of time rather than the emergency service provided by the foodbank.

What is the specific topic area?

Recent evidence demonstrates that the Borough of Rugby is seeing increasing number of families and individuals in food poverty. Data from the Rugby Foodbank shows that there has been a 34% rise in the number of users this year compared to a similar period last year, and many of those are people in work.

People living in villages that lack transport are isolated and unable to access services that could help. Local shops are often more expensive, and the increased prices can lead to food poverty. The establishment of a community supermarket will benefit those who are in financial difficulty or who live in a rural area without easy access to food supplies. It will also support people in healthy eating.

What should be considered?

Establish the level of need and value of a community supermarket offer. (Map areas of need. Using data from JSNA, and FSM data).

Benefits to users.

The eligibility criteria for service users.

The resources needed, sustainability and how a community supermarket offer would be funded.

What other services are available. Map existing provision.

Impact on existing schemes or effect on local supermarkets/businesses.

Examples of similar models that exist elsewhere.

Who shall we consult?

Warwickshire County Council

Rugby Foodbank

Local businesses

Local community

Fare Share

Company Shop group

RSLs

Faith Groups

Schools

ICB

CAB

Make Lunch

Hope4 (food bank)

Age UK

Warwickshire College

Other community initiatives identified as having an interest in this area

How long should it take?

A realistic timeframe cannot be determined until the initial work and data collection has been carried out.

What will be the outcome?

The establishment of a funded community supermarket will benefit individuals and families in financial hardship, or are disadvantaged by lack of transport, who reside within the borough. It will also provide an opportunity for signposting to other support services and encourage healthy eating, and home cooking.

It will also fulfil the requirement within the Corporate Delivery Plan to identify and remove barriers to health inequality.