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WDC Report to Kenilworth Town Council - December 2022

Planning and Economy

Creative Quarter - Agreement has been reached for the redevelopment of the Stoneleigh Arms on Clemens Street for creative and digital industries.

Gigafactory - WDC is party to an application for an investment zone centred on the proposed Gigfactory at the Coventry Airport site.

Tachbrook County Park – Planning approval given for the 49-acre Tachbrook County Park

New Leamington Campus - The SAE Institute is to open a new UK campus in South Leamington offering 2-year degrees (creative industries) starting from September 2023.

Climate and Environment

COP 27 - WDC held a successful climate summit at Leamington Town Hall. See recording here www.warwickdc.gov.uk/COP27

Rewards for Active Travel - The Betterpoints scheme has been extended with discounts available at local markets for ditching the car and choosing an active travel alternative.

Policy

Pesticides - A residents' petition for a pesticide-free district was debated and approved for consideration by Cabinet

Ecological Emergency - WDC declared an Ecological Emergency that includes development of a new Biodiversity Action Plan to run alongside the Climate Action Plan

Communities

Cost of Living – There is a new cost of living support page on WDC website

Fees and charges - New fees and charges for car parking etc are announced (free parking every Sunday in December)

Pest Control – The WDC domestic pest control service as provided by Safer Communities, Leisure and Environment is to be changed to an advice and regulatory intervention only service.

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