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| OPen for Business Section |

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| Construction is about to start at the new Worcestershire Parkway Station.The area for the 500 space car park is now cleared and groundworks are complete, paving the way for construction to begin. The foundations are being laid now for construction of the main station building.The steel frame building will begin to take shape over the coming months as well as the footbridge over the railway line from Woodbury Lane.To support easy access to the station, a new roundabout is to be built and the road widened near the station site on the B4084. Work will continue until the end of September and temporary traffic lights will be in place.  |

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| Children and Families Section |

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| To support the move to an Alternative Delivery Model (ADM) for our Children's Social Care Services, a full business case will be presented to Council Cabinet on 29 March. The full business case will set out the strategic, economic, commercial, financial and management case for the ADM. Following Cabinet and subject to Ministerial approval, work will then commence in April 2018 to plan the move to the new ADM, with the target of implementing the new model by 1 April 2019.                                 For the latest information including a list of frequently asked questions please visit [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/adm](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/adm).  |

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| Health and Wellbeing Section |

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| The new interim Director for Adult Services, **Avril Wilson** has been appointed into the position and joined the Council Monday 19 February 2018. She has previously worked as both a Director of Adult Services and a Director of Children's Services and brings a wealth of experience to the leadership team. Avril led on the roll out of the three conversations model in her previous role of Executive Director at West Sussex County Council. |

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| The Environment Section |

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| Work continues on two major flood alleviation projects around the County:At **New Road, Worcester**, Severn Trent are completing the diversion of a water main which is currently in the way of a planned new drainage culvert, and progress is being made on the installation of new drainage kerbing.At **Upton-upon-Severn**, Phase 1 of the road raising scheme is in full swing by the entrance to Upton Marina. The road and footway will be widening, straightened and raised, and a new right-turn lane provided into the Marina entrance. Traffic management will be reduced in Spring & Summer during the Upton and Three Counties shows and festivals.Meanwhile, on **Worcester Southern Link Road**, works are continuing in the vicinity of Battenhall Bridge, ready for the major widening when the railway line closes for 5 days in May. |

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| Council News Update Section |

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| Council leaders across Worcestershire have agreed to relocate more Syrian refugees across the county.Worcestershire Leaders have agreed to host up to 50 Syrian refugees in Worcestershire. The aim is to resettle refugee families in different areas of the county.50 refugees were resettled across Redditch, Wyre Forest and Worcester in 2016/17. This new commitment will bring the total number of refugees resettled under the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in Worcestershire up to 100.It follows a decision by the leaders of Worcestershire County, Bromsgrove District, Malvern Hills District, Redditch Borough, Worcester City, Wychavon District and Wyre Forest District Councils at a recent meeting.Finally, and sadly, you are probably already aware that our interim Chief Executive, Steve Stewart passed away last week.Steve joined the Council in May of last year and has made a big contribution during his time with us. Steve had a career lasting more than 40 years in local government and was the Chief Executive at three different Councils; York, Northumberland and here at Worcestershire.Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.  |

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