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<p>DWP (Avon, Somerset and Gloucestershire District)</p>	<p>The (DWP) is responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy. As the UK's biggest public service department it administers the State Pension and a range of working age, disability and ill health benefits to around 20 million claimants and customers. It is a ministerial department, supported by 13 agencies and bodies.</p>	<p>The local DWP service is a key partner within the Public Services Centre. This relationship supports our priorities, such as finance and resources and customer first, and general financial inclusion. In addition to national initiatives such as the implementation of the Household Support Fund there are also local projects that the Council work with the DWP on. For example, within the COVID-19 recovery plan is an action:</p> <p>'Develop a bid to host a Department of Work and Pensions Youth Hub within the Tewkesbury Growth Hub'</p> <p>Potential scope of a presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is it supporting residents in the Borough experiencing difficulties? • What is the impact of the current economic climate on our residents? • What is the role of DWP locally and how does it work with the Council and other partners? • Are there any good examples of this partnership working or any areas for improvement?

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<p>Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC)</p>	<p>GRCC is an independent charity that works within Gloucestershire's communities to inspire, enable and deliver community action.</p>	<p>GRCC is directly supporting an action under the Housing priority:</p> <p>'Carry out housing needs assessments to deliver affordable housing in rural areas'</p> <p>During 2023, they will be undertaking surveys within Boddington, Elmstone Hardwicke, Stoke Orchard and Uckington, having already completed survey work in other parts of the borough.</p> <p>Potential scope of a presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of GRCC and how has it worked in partnership with the Council? • How does it support communities within the borough? • Any particular achievements? • What is its experience in working with us? • Any outcomes/recommendations arising from the housing needs assessments?

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<p>GFirst LEP (Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership)</p>	<p>Set up by Government in 2011 to promote economic growth in the county, create jobs and provide real opportunity for businesses in the region. This is achieved through developing roads and transport infrastructure, launching initiatives such as the Growth Hub and supporting training and education facilities to promote Gloucestershire's future champions.</p>	<p>The LEP is one of the Council's key strategic partners and supports delivery of the Economic Growth priority.</p> <p>Potential scope of a presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the LEP's relationship with the Council and other partners? • How is it directly supporting the Council's aims and ambitions? • What projects are in the pipeline? • How can both parties support each other moving forward?

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<p>One Legal</p>	<p>One Legal is the shared legal service between Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. It is hosted at TBC.</p>	<p>One Legal provide the specialist legal advice to enable sound governance in the way we deliver our council plan actions. The service itself is due to undergo a modernisation project and this is an action within the Council Plan under the priority 'Finance and Resources'.</p> <p>Potential scope of a presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the service, who they are, what they do? • How does it provide support to the Council? • Where is the service now and where does it want to be? • How can the Council support future ambitions?

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Places Leisure	<p>Places Leisure (part of Places for People) are responsible for the management of Tewkesbury Leisure Centre, one of the Council's key assets.</p>	<p>Whilst not specifically mentioned in the Council Plan, the leisure centre activity supports the 'finance and resources' priority and contributes to the general health and wellbeing of our residents. The recovery of the leisure centre was also an action within the Council's COVID-19 recovery plan.</p> <p>Potential scope of a presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the relationship with the Council and how it supports the Council's priorities? • What was the impact of the pandemic upon the leisure centre and the action taken to support the centre's recovery? • What are future business plans and how can the Council support the delivery of these?
Ubico	<p>Ubico is wholly owned by several local authority shareholders (including TBC), and delivers environmental services such as waste and recycling, street cleansing, grounds maintenance etc for those authorities. Originally formed in 2011, Ubico has rapidly expanded over the last nine years. With Gloucester City Council joining the partnership in 2022, Ubico delivers services to all authorities in Gloucestershire and West Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>One of the Council's highest profile services, not just in terms of customer contact (estimated 4 million bin collections) but in financial terms (annual budget of nearly £4m). Ubico attend Overview and Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis to present an annual performance report. This covers the key performance indicator (KPI) outturn data across all Ubico activities.</p>

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<p>Gloucestershire Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Alliance</p>	<p>The VCS Alliance is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which was set up in 2013. Its original purpose was to support local charities and voluntary groups by sharing information from the public sector, and, in addition, to be representative of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) at meetings to explore potential partnership working.</p> <p>In April 2019, the VCS Alliance approved a new mission statement ‘to be the independent voice that informs, strengthens and develops the local voluntary and community sector’. Whilst its close working relationship with public sector organisations continues, the redefined mission reflects the VCS Alliance’s fresh determination to engage more effectively with the charities and voluntary groups it seeks to represent.</p>	<p>The VCS engages with the Council, particularly through the Community Development Team, and supports delivery of the ‘Community’ ambitions within the Council Plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an independent voice that informs, strengthens and develops the voluntary and community sector in the borough To promote public, private and VCS equal partnerships ‘Better Together’ To be at the forefront of positive change within the VCS sector within the borough <p>Support organisations to develop and become sustainable</p> <p>Potential scope of a presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is it supporting the voluntary sector of the borough? • How does it engage effectively with the council? • What works well with the engagement and where could improvements be made? • What was the impact of the pandemic upon our communities and what recovery support is in place?