

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 5 June 2019**

<b>Title</b>	Tackling Homelessness Together - a proactive service approach in line with prevention strategy
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a review of the 2019-2020 Housing Options Service and Temporary Accommodation provision be approved.</li> <li>2. That the setting up of a supplementary expenditure budget of £718,000 in 2019-2020 as a result of receipt of Homelessness grant funding be approved and authority delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing and the Director of City Housing to allocate the grant.</li> <li>3. That the use of an additional ten Council housing properties for temporary accommodation use be approved.</li> <li>4. That the transition in 2017 transferring operational homelessness and support services from the City Council to Wolverhampton Homes, the City's management agent, be noted.</li> <li>5. That the initial findings in relation to the implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 on service delivery be noted.</li> <li>6. That the City's partnership working that has arisen as a direct response to the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>The alternative options available are for the service to be transferred back under the control of the Council, however with the impending review and potential savings available any whole scale transfer would have a negative impact on both Council and WH.</p> <p>A total operating model review of the Landlord Services has been agreed by Cabinet in January for 2019-2020.</p>

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<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Approval will allow the implementation of a needed restructure to enable the service to meet the requirements of current legislation and the increasing demands for temporary accommodation.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	12 June 2019

<b>Title</b>	Implementation of The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations in the Private Rented Sector
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That penalty charges be adopted for breaches of the regulations.</li> <li>2. That the penalty charge levels as set out in Appendix 2 to this report be approved.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to enforce the requirements of the Energy Act 2013 section 150 and any Regulations or Orders made thereunder (and specifically the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations) to the Director of City Housing.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that the Council has a duty to respond to the discovery or suspicion of significant residential hazards under the Housing Act 2004. These regulations introduce a new requirement to serve a remedial notice where smoke or carbon monoxide alarms are absent or defective.</li> <li>5. That it be noted that the Local Housing Authority must prepare and publish a statement of principles which it proposes to follow in determining the amount of a penalty charge (attached</li> </ol>

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	at Appendix 2 to the report).
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>Current legislation for lack of smoke and carbon monoxide detection under the Housing Act 2004 carries fines of up to £30,000 per offence by way of civil penalty or criminal prosecution. These are used by the service and will continue to be used.</p> <p>The adoption of these regulations will underpin existing powers as the service moves towards a more robust, proactive and targeted approach to criminal landlords in the City.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The adoption of the regulations will complete the full suite available to local authorities for dealing with non-compliant landlords.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Councillor Harman Banger declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 – ‘Implementation of The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations in the Private Rented Sector’ as a private sector landlord.
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	12 June 2019

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<b>Title</b>	Principal Social Worker Annual Report 2018-2019
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the main priorities for the Principal Social Worker identified for 2019-2020 be approved.
<b>Options Considered</b>	This is an annual report produced in line with good practice as agreed by Cabinet at the time the role was created. As such no other options have been considered.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>The role of the PSW contributes to a number of key priorities across CYP and ASC Services. The post holder is the senior reporting officer leading the culture change programmes in ASC and CYP Services. Restorative Practice in CYP and Three Conversations in ASC are approaches and models that enable social workers to build professional relationships with people who need services that help and promote a strength based approach to their practice. These approaches will enable the workforce to strengthen families where children are at risk, promote the independence of older people and people with disabilities as well safeguarding people in vulnerable situations.</p> <p>The PSW provides dedicated resource to the recruitment and retention strategy which in turn helps the Council reduce expenditure on agency staff. The role is also responsible for raising the profile of social work in the City which also contributes to making the City of Wolverhampton a social work employer of choice.</p> <p>The role also provides the professional knowledge required to drive local and regional workforce development plan that will help develop good and outstanding services.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Exclusion of press and public
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
<b>Options Considered</b>	N/A
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	N/A
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	N/A
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	N/A

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<b>Title</b>	WV Living Business Plan Update
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the update to the WV Living Business Plan, as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report, to incorporate the former Northcote School Site and provide 198 additional homes, be approved.</li> <li>2. That the successful progress in delivery of the WV Business Plan to date, delivering wider housing outcomes as part of City of Wolverhampton Council's Corporate Plan be noted.</li> <li>3. That it be noted that the revised Business Plan reflects the estimated viability for the residential development of the former Northcote School Site.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that further Business Plan updates will continue to be sent by WV Living's Board to the Council and brought before Cabinet for consideration and approval.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	12 June 2019