

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 31 July 2019**

<b>Title</b>	Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-2021 to 2023-2024
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the draft budget strategy linked to the Five Year Financial Strategy, including the budget reduction and income generation targets, be approved for inclusion in the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-2021 to 2023-2024, to be reported to Cabinet in October 2019.</li> <li>2. That it be approved that work continue between August and October 2019 to further develop the budget reduction and income generation proposals identified in this report, in order to ensure that a balanced budget can be set for 2020-2021.</li> <li>3. That it be approved that progress on the development of budget reduction and income generation proposals be reported to Cabinet in October 2019 for approval to proceed to the formal consultation stage of the budget process.</li> <li>4. That it be approved that further options are explored between August and October 2019 to address the updated projected budget deficit of £4.9 million for 2020-2021 based on the Council's Five Year Financial Strategy.</li> <li>5. That it be noted that, a number of assumptions have been made with regards to the level of resources that will be available to the Council as detailed in section 5 of this report. It is important to note that there continues to be a considerable amount of uncertainty with regards to future income streams for local authorities over the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review period. At the point that further information is known it will be incorporated into future reports to Councillors. Any reduction in the Government's allocation of funding to the Council would have a significant detrimental impact and further increase the budget deficit forecast over the medium term.</li> <li>6. That it be noted that, due to external factors, budget assumptions remain subject to significant change, which could, therefore, result in alterations to the financial position facing the Council.</li> </ol>

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	<p>7. That it be noted that an element of the high-level strategy for 2020-2021 relate to one-off opportunities that can be achieved in 2020-2021.</p> <p>8. That it be noted that the updated projected deficit assumes the achievement of budget reduction and income generation proposals amounting to £9.6 million over period 2019-2020 to 2023- 2024.</p> <p>9. That it be noted that the 2020-2021 budget timetable will, as in previous years, include an updated report presented to Cabinet in October 2019 detailing budget reduction and income generation proposals that will be subject to formal budget consultation during October to December 2019. Further to this, an update on all budget assumptions and the Provisional Local Government Settlement will be presented to Cabinet by January 2020, with the final budget report due to be approved by Full Council in March 2020.</p> <p>10. That it be noted that the overall level of risk associated with the 2019-2020 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 is assessed as Red.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	In determining the proposed Five Year Financial Strategy, consideration has been made to the deliverability of budget reduction and income generation proposals and budget pressures. If we were to not implement the budget strategy as proposed in this report, alternative options would need to be identified in order for the Council to set a balanced budget for 2020-2021. This may therefore potentially impact upon service provision.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	It is recommended that the Five Year Financial Strategy, is approved by Cabinet for further development between August and October 2019. Cabinet will be provided with an update on progress in the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 report which will be presented to Cabinet in October 2019. In approving this strategy, the Council will be working towards identifying options to be able to set a balanced budget for 2020-2021.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A

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<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	7 August 2019
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<b>Title</b>	City Learning Quarter
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the delivery of the City Learning Quarter project, in line with the business case and funding strategy, be approved.</li> <li>2. That funds of up to £4 million be approved to progress the design and fund the continued development of the project, to be repaid once additional grants have been secured.</li> <li>3. That it be approved for City of Wolverhampton Council to lead on both the City Learning Quarter and Wellington Road BCLEP bids (on behalf of City of Wolverhampton College) to deliver a comprehensive programme.</li> <li>4. That it be approved that supplementary budgets are established for the Wellington Road project, subject to funding.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	Cabinet could decide to not proceed further with this project. Site assembly in the City Centre has been largely completed including the demolition of the former Faces nightclub building. The cleared site could be brought forward for alternative uses. However this would not deliver the vision and outputs of the CLQ project which would put the financial status of the college at risk whilst not delivering the Council's regeneration ambitions for this area.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The recommendation is to deliver the scheme and provide sustainable high quality education and skills for the people of Wolverhampton through the delivery of this key regeneration scheme.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Mark Taylor, Deputy Managing Director declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chair of Board of Governors for City of Wolverhampton College.
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A

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<b>Title</b>	Joint Dementia Strategy for Wolverhampton
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the updated Joint Dementia Strategy 2019 – 2024 for Wolverhampton be approved.</li> <li>2. That the topic specific Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Dementia in Wolverhampton be approved.</li> <li>3. That it be noted that an action plan has been developed to accompany the Strategy document which will be monitored by the Better Care Fund Dementia workstream group.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	An alternative option is for the Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning to not develop a joint strategy. The implications of this approach would result in an uncoordinated approach to deliver a system of support for residents diagnosed with dementia and their carers. The strategy enables a single point of commissioning intentions and supports all organisations to identify areas for development and in turn improve the pathways of support available.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The Joint Dementia Strategy enables a co-ordinated citywide approach strategy to support the Local Authority in meeting statutory duties in relation to people with dementia. The strategy will enable an improved support system that enables joint working across the voluntary, community, health and social care sectors.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Wolverhampton Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for children, as approved by the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children's Board, be endorsed to ensure compliance with the Social Work Act 2017 and subsequent guidance set out in Working Together 2018.</li> <li>2. That the application of the outlined proposals for the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children's Board to be applied to the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adult's Board be endorsed, to ensure the continued integration of the arrangements going forward.</li> <li>3. That it be agreed that City of Wolverhampton Council, as a statutory safeguarding partner in both arrangements, participate within the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together arrangements, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that the new arrangements for children were published on 28 June 2019 in line with statutory requirements and will take affect from 30 September 2019.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>As part of the review three options were presented to the statutory partners for consideration. Options one and two were rejected for the reasons set out below.</p> <p>Option one was to make no changes and continue with the existing arrangements. This option was rejected based on the feedback from partners around the desire to reduce bureaucracy and provide more focus in any arrangements going forward.</p> <p>Option two was to retain the current board structures but with no independent chair. Whilst it was considered that this would potentially allow for a wider range of scrutiny methods, as outlined above it did not respond to the changes desired by partners.</p>

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<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The Council, along with its statutory partners were required to review the existing safeguarding children arrangements in line with the Working Together 2018 guidance. Having considered the options and decision outlined within this paper Cabinet are required to endorse the Council's participation within the new arrangements in order to remain compliant with statutory requirements. It is felt that the review of children's arrangements presented an opportunity to review the adult's arrangements in order to maintain integration and provide the best opportunity to improve outcomes across the whole life course. Therefore, Cabinet are being asked to endorse applying the arrangements to the Adult's Board.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	7 August 2019

<b>Title</b>	Exclusion of press and public
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<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

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<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

<b>Title</b>	Grand Theatre Expansion Plans
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the City of Wolverhampton Council (Grand Theatre Expansion) Compulsory Purchase Order ("the Order") under Section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 be made for the acquisition of land and new rights within the area shown coloured edged red on the plan detailed in the report for the purposes of securing an expansion of the adjacent Grand Theatre.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration, to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Take all necessary steps as soon as is reasonably practical to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry;</li> <li>b. Acquire interests in land and new rights within the Order either by agreement or compulsorily including prior to the making of the Order;</li> <li>c. Approve agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, including where appropriate seeking exclusion of land or new rights from the Order and/or making arrangements for rehousing or relocation of any occupiers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. That the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to execute all necessary legal agreements relating to the Order and the acquisition of land.</li> </ol>

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<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>	7 August 2019