



Council Meeting

28 January 2015

Time 5.45 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Full Council

Venue Council Chamber - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

Membership (Quorum for this meeting is 15 Councillors)

Mayor Cllr Michael Heap (LibDem)

Deputy Mayor Cllr Ian Brookfield (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus
Cllr Harbans Bagri
Cllr Harman Banger
Cllr Mary Bateman
Cllr Philip Bateman
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Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Alan Bolshaw
Cllr Greg Brackenridge
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Cllr Claire Darke
Cllr Bishan Dass

Cllr Jasbinder Dehar
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Val Evans
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal
Cllr Val Gibson
Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre
Cllr Julie Hodgkiss
Cllr Keith Inston
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal
Cllr Andrew Johnson
Cllr Roger Lawrence
Cllr Linda Leach
Cllr Elias Mattu
Cllr Lorna McGregor

Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Phil Page
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Judith Rowley
Cllr Sandra Samuels
Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz
Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Bert Turner
Cllr Martin Waite
Cllr Daniel Warren

Conservative

Cllr Mark Evans
Cllr Barry Findlay
Cllr Christopher Haynes
Cllr Christine Mills
Cllr Patricia Patten
Cllr Arun Photay
Cllr Zahid Shah
Cllr Paul Singh
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Andrew Wynne
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

Liberal Democrat

Cllr Richard Whitehouse

UKIP

Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett

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Agenda

Item No. Title

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)
- 4 **Communications**
[To receive the Mayor's announcements]

DECISION ITEMS

- 5 **Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (including 2015/16 budget rents and service charges)** (Pages 13 - 16)
[To the updated Housing Revenue Account business plan]
- 6 **Polling Stations** (Pages 17 - 20)
[To approve changes to polling stations for the 2015 elections]
- 7 **Changes to the Constitution** (Pages 21 - 24)
[To consider changes to the Constitution in respect of of Parent Governor representatives on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and the governance arrangements of the Local Government Pension Scheme]
- 8 **Funding cuts to the West Midlands Police Councillor Mattu to move the following motion**
"The Government have announced that in 2015-16 the West Midlands Police service will be subject to £23M further cuts, equivalent to a further 5% reduction. This is on top of the £120M savings already made.

This Council wishes to express its concern regarding the impact this will have for local residents in Wolverhampton. This Council therefore calls on the Government to review its unfair funding cuts to the West Midlands Police, in particular the unfair implementation of the national funding policing formula which has led to resources being passed to areas with lower needs."
- 9 **Executive Business** (Pages 25 - 26)
[To receive the summary of executive business]
- 10 **Questions**

1. Councillor P. Singh to ask the Cabinet Member for Governance & Performance :-

Could the Cabinet Member advise Council on the costs of employing temporary staff through agencies in the authority for the last three completed financial years?

2. Councillor S. Simkins to ask the Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Learning:-

Could the Cabinet Member update Council on the outcome of the latest Ofsted inspection of the Wolverhampton Adult Education Service?



Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 17 December 2014

Attendance

Mayor Cllr Michael Heap (LibDem)
Deputy Mayor Cllr Ian Brookfield (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus
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UKIP

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Employees

Ian Fegan
Keith Ireland
James McElligott
Kevin O'Keefe
Martyn Sargeant
Mark Taylor
John Wright

Head of Communications
Managing Director
Director of Education
Director of Governance
Head of Democratic Services
Director of Finance
Democratic Support Manager

The proceedings opened with Prayers

Item No. *Title*

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dehar, Patten and Shah

2 Declarations of interest

Kevin O’Keefe and James McElligott declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 “Human Resources Issues”

3 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2014 were approved as a correct record

4 Communications

Electronic Devices

The Mayor requested that all mobile telephones and other devices, were set to silent for the duration of the meeting.

Sarah Norman

The Mayor, Councillor Lawrence and Councillor Thompson paid tribute to Sarah Norman, Strategic Director for People, had been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council. They thanked her for the significant contribution she had made to Wolverhampton City Council and wished her success in her new role.

WV Active Launch

The Mayor announced the launch in January of WV Active, the new name for the City of Wolverhampton’s leisure centres. He informed councillors of an event being held on 10th January 2015 at Aldersley Leisure Village which he encouraged them to promote.

Holocaust Memorial Day

A service of remembrance would be held at 11am on Holocaust Memorial Day, 27th January at the Cenotaph.

Committee Memberships

Resolved

That Councillor Mark Evans be replaced on Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel by Councillor Mrs Thompson. Councillor Paul Singh be replaced on Health Scrutiny by Councillor Mark Evans.

Christmas

The Mayor wished everyone a happy, healthy, safe and enjoyable Christmas.

5 **Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2015/15 Onwards**

It was moved by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Bilson and

Resolved

That:

1. The feedback from consultation be noted.
2. The equality analysis be noted.
3. A revision to the local council tax reduction scheme so that the basis on which support is calculated is revised from 88% to 78% of gross liability be approved.
 - Within the scheme, households with the following characteristics are protected and will continue to have their entitlement calculated on 88% of gross liability. where the claimant or their partner is severely disabled
 - where there is a severely disabled child
 - a single person under 25 years of age without dependents
4. For 2015/16 and each subsequent year needs allowances, premiums and non-dependent deductions used to calculate entitlement are uprated using the percentages set by Government for the Prescribed Scheme.
5. The revised scheme be adopted from 1 April 2015.
6. The Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Managing Director, be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution.

6 **Quarter Two Capital Budget Monitoring**

It was moved by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Bilson and

Resolved

1. That the revised medium term general fund capital programme of £219.7 million, an increase of £24.9 million from the previously approved programme, reflecting the latest projected expenditure for the medium term, be approved
2. That additional resources for six new and seventeen existing projects totalling £24.9 million, be approved .
3. That the revised medium term Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme of £239.7 million, an increase of £2.0 million from the previously approved programme, be approved.
4. That new capital projects for 'Heath Town estate redevelopment' the 'Installation and upgrade of Carelink alarm systems' and the programme

for 'Garage Demolitions' included within the revised HRA capital programme be approved.

5. That the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Communities and the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Strategic Director for People and the Assistant Director Finance be given delegated authority to award a grant from the Sports Investment Strategy.

7 Quarter Two Treasury Management Activity Monitoring

It was moved by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Bilson and

Resolved

1. That the revised upper limits for treasury management indicator (TMI 2) – upper and lower limits to the maturity structure of its borrowing be approved
2. That the revised Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement for 2014/15, the new method of calculating MRP being on an annuity basis, as set out in appendix G, be approved
3. That the contents of the report be noted

8 Human Resources Issues

Having declared an interest Kevin O'Keefe left the room and took no part in the consideration of this item.

It was moved by Cllr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Bilson and

Resolved

1. That the Director of Pensions post be re-designated to become Strategic Director – Pensions.
2. That the current Director of Pensions be assimilated into the Strategic Director post at pay point 303.
3. That Linda Sanders be appointed as interim Strategic Director – People with effect from 16 January 2015.
4. That Kevin O'Keefe be appointed as Director of Governance with effect from 1 January 2015 on the Council's senior management terms and conditions.
5. That James McElligott be appointed as Director of Education with effect from 1 January 2015 on the Council's senior management terms and conditions.
6. That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise, be given delegated responsibility to make an interim appointment to the post of Service Director – City Environment, based

on the outcome of a Special Appointments Committee meeting on 22 December 2014.

9 **Executive Business**

Resolved

That the Summary of Executive Business be noted

10 **Hackney Carriages – Bentley Bridge Councillor P. Singh to move**

It was moved by Cllr P Singh and seconded by Cllr Thompson

“That this Council investigate the possibility of installing Hackney Carriage rank facilities on Bentley Bridge shopping centre, both directly adjacent to retail outlets on the site and on Bentley Bridge Way, particularly for the purpose of enabling access for disabled people to the centre.”

Cllr Reynolds moved an amendment which was seconded by Cllr Bilson that “This resolution is referred to appropriate officers to investigate and its outcome reported to the next Hackney Carriage Working Party meeting”

Councillor Singh indicated that he was happy to accept the amendment as part of his resolution.

Resolved

1. That this Council investigates the possibility of installing Hackney Carriage rank facilities on Bentley Bridge shopping centre, both directly adjacent to retail outlets on the site and on Bentley Bridge Way, particularly for the purpose of enabling access for disabled people to the centre
2. This resolution be referred to appropriate officers to investigate and its outcome reported to the next Hackney Carriage Working Party meeting

11 **Questions**

1. Councillor Haynes asked Cllr Mattu, the Cabinet Member for Leisure & Communities the following question:-

“Can the Cabinet Member indicate what plans, if any, the Council has of keeping Warstones Resource Centre in use by the Council itself or the community and, if they do intent to use the facility, what timescale he envisages for these plans?”

Cllr Mattu replied that the Council wanted to retain use of the site and was exploring working with partners to redevelop the site. The Council was committed to provide the community hubs service.

2. Councillor M.E. Evans asked Cllr Page, the Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills & Learning the following question:-

“Can the Cabinet Member advise Council, what steps are being taken to address the specific weaknesses of the local education authority as identified in its Ofsted

inspection report of September 2014, and what progress he can report on these aspects?”

Cllr Page replied that substantial work had been undertaken. A Director of Education had been appointed and an Education Board had been established. Regular meetings were being held with Ofsted who were supportive of the work that was being undertaken. Primary schools in the city were amongst the 10% most improved in the country. Schools were being monitored in terms of outcomes and finances. Where schools were not performing an Interim Executive Board had been put in to address the issues. Cllr Page offered to provide a more detailed briefing for Cllr Evans

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Report title	Housing Revenue Account business plan (including 2014/15 budget, rents and service charges)	
Referring body	Cabinet, 14 January 2015	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Peter Bilson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Peter Bilson Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
Strategic director	Tim Johnson Place	
Originating service	Governance	
Contact employee(s)	Mark Taylor	Director of Finance 01902 556609 Mark.taylor@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	14 January 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Adopt the business plan set out at appendix A to the Cabinet report as the approved Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan, including:
 - (a) The revenue budget for 2015/16 set out in the plan;
 - (b) The capital programme for 2014/15 to 2019/20 set out in the plan.
2. Approve an increase in rents for HRA dwellings of an average of 3.11% with effect from 6 April 2015.

3. Increase rents for HRA garages by 3.11%, with effect from 1 April 2015.
4. Approve that HRA service charges and district heating charges are set at the levels detailed in appendix B3, with effect from 1 April 2015.
5. Approve that Hostel charges are set at the levels detailed in appendix B4, with effect from 1 April 2015.
6. Note the charges to be levied on tenants and leaseholders by Wolverhampton Homes set out in appendix B5 are noted.

Recommendations for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

7. The forecast outturn against the 2014/15 revenue budget is a surplus before allocations of £18.9 million compared to a budgeted surplus of £11.9 million.
8. That carelink charges are currently under review.
9. That the Council places on record its sincere thanks to all those tenants' representatives and all other stakeholders and partners who put forward views and comments during the consultation process.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On 14 January 2015 Cabinet considered a report on an updated Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan.
- 1.2 The report also provided, as an integral part of that business plan, a proposed HRA budget for 2015/16, including proposed rents and service charges to take effect from 6 April 2015, and a proposed HRA capital programme for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20, for recommendation to full Council. Copies of the report have been deposited in the Members' Rooms and can also be accessed online on the Council's website by following the link <http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=199&Ver=4> Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations of Cabinet.
- 1.3 Cabinet approved the recommendations contained within the report that are now referred to full Council for approval.

2.0 Financial implications

- 2.1 The financial implications are discussed in the body of the Cabinet report.

3.0 Legal implications

- 3.1 Part VI of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended by the Leasehold Reform Housing and Urban Development Act 1993, the Housing Act 1996 and the Local Government Act 2003) set up the financial regime for local authority housing.
- 3.2 The system requires the ring-fencing of the HRA and introduced a government subsidy scheme (subsequently abolished in 2012) and controls on local authority borrowing to meet capital expenditure.
- 3.3 The Cabinet report embodies those requirements.

4.0 Equalities implications

- 4.1 In making decisions on the options set out in the report, the Cabinet should be aware of the impact on the public, particularly tenants. There is a difficult balance to be struck in deciding the levels at which to increase rents and charges and therefore income, and thereby seeking to protect services.
- 4.2 The Council has always operated a very open and consultative approach to service and rent reviews. This is based upon a thirty-year forecast which sets out indicative levels of future average rent rises and forecast changes to expenditure levels. Consultation has been carried out on the council's behalf by Wolverhampton Homes (attached at Appendix C). In addition to this, an Equalities Analysis has been carried out, which demonstrates that the approach taken complies with the Act and Duty's requirements

5.0 Environmental implications

5.1 This report has no direct environmental implications. The investment and improvement of the City housing stock will have a significant positive impact on the overall city environment.

6.0 Human resources implications

6.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

7. Corporate landlord implications

7.1 This report has no direct Corporate landlord implications. The reinvestment into City Housing stock will assist in maintaining stock at acceptable levels for occupation and thereby the ability to maintain good rental levels for stock. And equally the investment value of the city housing stock.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

HRA Manual (DCLG)
Guide to Social Rent Reforms in the Local Authority Sector (DCLG)



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Report title	Changes to polling stations	
Referring body	n/a	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Paul Sweet Governance and Performance	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Cllr Paul Sweet Governance and Performance	
Strategic director	Keith Ireland Returning Officer	
Originating service	Democratic Services	
Contact employee(s)	Martyn Sargeant Tel Email	Head of Democratic Services 01902 555043 martyn.sargeant@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	n/a	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve that Gatis Street Adventure Playground (St Peter's ward) be replaced by the tenants' room at Firsbrook House as a polling station for the 2015 elections.
2. Approve that Duke Street Youth Club (East Park ward) be replaced by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Oxford Street as a polling station for the 2015 elections
3. Delegate any further changes to the schedule of polling stations for the 2015 elections to the (Acting) Returning Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance and Performance.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To approve changes to polling stations for the 2015 elections, which have resulted from agreed premises no longer being available, and to delegate responsibility to the Returning Officer to make any future changes should they be required.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 5 November, the Council approved the polling station arrangements for the 2015 Parliamentary and city elections, following the statutory review of polling places, stations and districts.
- 2.2 Since then, the Council has been notified that two premises will not be available by 7 May. It is necessary, therefore, to make suitable alternative arrangements.

3.0 Proposed changes

- 3.1 Gatis Street Adventure Playground (St Peter's ward): the Council is disposing of this property and it will therefore not be available for use as a polling station. The (Acting) Returning Officer has identified the tenants' room at Firsbrook House as a suitable alternative. It is approximately 300 metres from the original location and actually closer for most residents.
- 3.2 Duke Street Youth Club (East Park ward): the Council is also seeking to dispose of this property. Two alternatives were identified: the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which is approximately 100 metres from the original station; or creating a shared station at the Workspace, which is situated just across the ward boundary in Ettingshall, about a kilometre from the original location. Whilst the latter option would result in a small financial saving, the Returning Officer believes the former option would be more convenient for voters and most likely to encourage participation.
- 3.3 It is possible that a small number of further changes may be required prior to the election (e.g. due to fire or vandalism, or sale of premises). Because of the infrequency of Council meetings and the short timescales involved in the administration of the election (e.g. in issuing poll cards), it is proposed that authority to effect such changes should be delegated to the (Acting) Returning Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Governance.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 The Council is responsible for funding the cost of local elections, but is reimbursed by the government for its reasonable costs incurred in the administration of national and European elections and referenda. There will be a small additional cost to hiring the church for East Park ward but this will be covered by the Electoral Services budget for local elections.

[GE/20012015/P]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Council is legally required under the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 to conduct a review of polling districts, places and stations every five years, within a set 16 month period. The Council is then responsible for making changes to polling stations agreed for a Parliamentary election.

[KO/20012015/F]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 The proposed polling stations have been assessed to ensure suitable access for the disabled and elderly. A full equalities analysis was carried out as part of the review of polling stations in 2014.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 9.1 The two premises that are no longer available are part of the corporate landlord disposals programme, but there are no corporate landlord implications arising from this report

10.0 Schedule of background papers

Review of polling places, polling stations and polling districts: Council, 5 November 2014

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Report title	Changes to the Constitution	
Referring body	Standards Committee, 8 January 2015	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Ian Brookfield	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	n/a	
Strategic director	Kevin O'Keefe – Director of Governance	
Originating service	Democratic Services	
Contact employee(s)	Carl Craney	Democratic Services Officer 01902 555046 carl.craney@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Constitution Review Group	14 October 2014
	Special Advisory Group	5 November 2014
	Pensions Committee	10 December 2014
	Standards Committee	8 January 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

approve the changes to the Constitution in respect of Parent Governor representatives on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and the governance arrangements of the Local Government Pension Scheme as administered by the Council under delegation to the Pensions Committee as detailed in the appendices to the respective reports (as amended) and specifically as follows:

1. To include details of the role and responsibilities of local authority parent governor representatives appointed to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel.
2. That a maximum of two parent governor representatives to be appointed or re-appointed to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel at Annual Council.

3. To require co-opted members, church representatives and parent governor representatives to sign and abide by the Councillors Code of Conduct as a condition of being a member of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel.
4. The eligibility conditions for parent governor representative at maintained schools to stand for election, as a local authority parent governor representative.
5. To give authority to the Monitoring Officer to appoint a returning officer to make all the necessary arrangements and to determine all matters relating to the holding of an election of a parent governor representative, where there is a vacancy.
6. To give discretion to the returning officer not to arrange a ballot for a vacancy where the places to be filled is equal to or exceeds the number of parent governor representatives candidates for election.
7. To appoint parent governor representative for a maximum period of two years following an election and confirmation at annual Council.
8. To state that parent governor representatives can, at the discretion of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel in consultation with the Director of Governance, be disqualified if they do not attend panel meetings for a period of six months.
9. a) Those amendments required to the Constitution under the Public Service Pensions Act 2014;
b) Those amendments which are ancillary to those required under the Public Service Act 2013;
c) Those amendments requested in order to facilitate good governance and efficient operation of the West Midlands Pension Fund;

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report seeks the endorsement of changes to the Constitution in respect of of Parent Governor representatives on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and the governance arrangements of the Local Government Pension Scheme as administered by the Council under delegation to the Pensions Committee

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Standards Committee, at the meeting held on 8 January 2015 considered suggested amendments to the Constitution in respect Parent Governor representatives on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and the governance arrangements of the Local Government Pension Scheme as administered by the Council under delegation to the Pensions Committee. A link to the respective reports are set out below:
<http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=200&MIId=4371&Ver=4>
- 2.2 With regard to the disqualification of parent governor representatives the suggested wording was amended by the Standards Committee with responsibility for discretion to disqualify a parent governor who does not attend panel meetings for a period of six months being granted to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Panel in consultation with the Director of Governance (recommendation 8 above refers).

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the proposed amendments pertaining to Parent Governor representatives.
- 3.2 There are direct financial implications for West Midlands Pension Fund resulting from the governance amendments relating to pensions, specifically the costs of training and servicing the Pension Board. These will be reflected in the Fund's Service Plan 2015 – 2020.
- 3.3 The proposed changes to the Constitution will further clarify the financial governance and procedural rules that underpin the Fund's ability to operate effectively and efficiently.
[CN/20012015/V]

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The proposed changes to the Council's Constitution comply with the requirements of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 and national guidance parent governor representatives on local authority scrutiny committees (2005) published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny.
- 4.2 The 2013 Act requires local government pension schemes to have established the Pensions Board by 1 April 2015. Further, Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires local authorities to have in place a constitution detailing the governance of the authority including those with decision making powers and responsibilities. Failure to adhere to these requirements exposes the Council to significant challenge and potential interference from the Secretary of State. [RB/19012015/A]

5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 There are no environmental implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

8.0 Corporate landlord implications

8.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 Reports to Standards Committee – 8 January 2015



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Report title	Executive Business	
Referring body	Cabinet – 14 January 2015	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet members with lead responsibility	Cllr Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
Strategic director	Tim Johnson Place	
Originating service	Democratic Support, Governance	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	14 January 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Receive the summary of executive business and for Cabinet Members to answer any questions thereon.

**Executive business including
Policy development/operational issues**

**Councillor Roger Lawrence
Leader of the Council**

- **Introduction of local controls regarding the use of sky lanterns**
 - Cabinet has approved the introduction of local controls regarding the use of sky lanterns at Council run events and private events that are undertaken on Council owned land. The Council will also seek to use licensing controls to curtail the use of sky lanterns on private sites i.e. licensed wedding venues and licensed premises.
 - Cabinet also agreed to lobby Government to introduce a ban on sky lanterns as opposed to leaving it to the discretion of local authorities to introduce local controls.