

Council Meeting

13 December 2017

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

Venue Grand Hall, Grand Station, Sun St, Wolverhampton, WV10 0BF

Membership (Quorum for this meeting is 15 Councillors)

Mayor Cllr Elias Mattu (Lab)

Deputy Mayor Cllr Phil Page (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus
Cllr Harbans Bagri
Cllr Harman Banger
Cllr Mary Bateman
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE
Cllr Payal Bedi-Chadha
Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Alan Bolshaw
Cllr Greg Brackenridge
Cllr Ian Brookfield
Cllr Paula Brookfield
Cllr Ian Claymore
Cllr Craig Collingswood
Cllr Claire Darke
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 Rupinderjit Kaur
Cllr Welcome Koussoukama
Cllr Roger Lawrence
Cllr Linda Leach
Cllr Hazel Malcolm
Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Anwen Muston

Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Judith Rowley
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE
Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz
Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Mak Singh
Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Martin Waite
Cllr Daniel Warren

Conservative

Cllr Barry Findlay
Cllr Christopher Haynes
Cllr Christine Mills
Cllr Patricia Patten
Cllr Arun Photay
Cllr Paul Singh
Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Andrew Wynne
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

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)
[To receive minutes of the meeting of the 8 November 2017.]
- 4 **Communications**
[To receive the Mayor's announcements]

DECISION ITEMS

- 5 **Capital programme 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 quarter two review** (Pages 13 - 16)
[To consider an update on the 2017-2018 financial performance of the General Fund and HRA capital programmes and the revised forecast for 2017-2018 as at quarter two of 2017-2018.]
- 6 **Treasury Management Activity Monitoring – Mid Year Review 2017-2018**
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[To consider an update on the treasury management activity for the second quarter of 2017/18 as part of the mid-year review.]
- 7 **Polling Stations** (Pages 21 - 24)
[To approve revisions to Polling Stations.]
- 8 **Changes to the Constitution** (Pages 25 - 28)
[To adopt changes to the Constitution.]
- 9 **Municipal Calendar of Meetings 2018- 2019** (Pages 29 - 34)
[To agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2018 – 2019.]
- 10 **Executive Business** (Pages 35 - 36)
[For the Cabinet Member to answer any questions.]

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Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 8 November 2017

Attendance

Mayor Cllr Elias Mattu (Lab)
Deputy Mayor Cllr Phil Page (Lab)

Labour

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Cllr Harbans Bagri
Cllr Harman Banger
Cllr Mary Bateman
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE
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Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre
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Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal
Cllr Andrew Johnson
Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur
Cllr Welcome Koussoukama
Cllr Roger Lawrence
Cllr Linda Leach
Councillor Louise Miles

Cllr Hazel Malcolm
Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Judith Rowley
Cllr Zee Russell
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Cllr Patricia Patten
Cllr Paul Singh

Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Andrew Wynne
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

UKIP

Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett

Employees

Keith Ireland
Kevin O'Keefe
Claire Nye
Tim Johnson
Mark Taylor
Emma Bennett
David Watts
Meredith Teasdale
Laura Phillips
Colin Parr
Jaswinder Kaur

Managing Director
Director of Governance
Director of Finance
Deputy Managing Director/Strategic Director - Place
Strategic Director - People
Director of Children's Services
Director of Adults Services
Director of Education
Head of Business Management
Head of Governance
Democratic Services Manager

The proceedings opened with Prayers

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bhupinder Gakhal, Chris Haynes, Arun Photay, Sandra Samuels OBE and Steve Simkins.

2 Declarations of interest

The following Councillors declared the interests detailed below in respect of agenda item 8, second motion on financial package.

Councillor	Interest	Reason
Harman Banger	Disclosable pecuniary interest	Business owner on the Bilston Road.
Roger Lawrence	Disclosable non-pecuniary interest	Member of the West Midlands Combined Authority.
Andrew Wynn	Disclosable non-pecuniary interest	A business on the Bilston Road maybe a possible client of law firm.

3 Minutes of previous meeting

The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded, and it was resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 20 September 2017, be agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Mayor.

4 Communications

1. Wolves in Wolves Auction

The Mayor was delighted to report the success of the Wolves in Wolves auction at the Molineux last week. Following the success of the Wolves in Wolves public art exhibition, which had seen thousands of people walking the city streets to view our colourful Wolves, the auction had raised over £35,000. The monies would be split between the Outside Centre charity, which provides support to those with disabilities, and the Mayor's charity fund.

2. Diversity Celebration

The Mayor was delighted to attend the Schools' Diversity Celebration at the newly-reopened Civic Hall last week. Now in its 30th year, the performance included hundreds of pupils from schools across the city. The celebration was entitled *One World, One People, One Voice* and showcased the range of cultures, languages, traditions and faiths found here in our City.

3. Orange Wolverhampton

The Mayor's reported City of Wolverhampton Council was once again supporting the United Nations' annual 16-day campaign to "Orange the World" and end gender-based violence.

The Mayor requested all Councillors to do their bit to help us Orange Wolverhampton, and raise awareness of the issue of violence against women and girls and the help and support which was available to victims locally.

The Mayor added there were many ways Councillors could get involved in the campaign, which runs from 25 November to 10 December, from wearing an orange ribbon and sharing key messages with people they meet, to holding orange-themed events and activities. If Councillors were on social media, they were requested to share posts using the hashtag #orangewolves.

4. New appointment

The Mayor welcomed the new Director for Public Health, John Denley, who started in post at the beginning of the month. He also expressed the Council's appreciation to Susan Milner, who had covered the role over the past few months on an interim basis.

The Mayor also welcomed the new Director for Education, Meredith Teasdale.

5. Remembrance Events

The Mayor reported he would be attending the following Services of Remembrance this weekend:

Dutch War Graves

The City would commemorate the Dutch soldiers who were part of the Prinses Irene Brigade stationed at Wrottesley Park during the Second World War at the annual Dutch War Graves Service of Remembrance at Merridale Cemetery on Jeffcock Road. The service would take place on Saturday 11 November, 2017, which begins with a short parade forming up at 9.40am.

Remembrance Sunday

The Mayor reminded colleagues that the City of Wolverhampton Remembrance Service would be held on Sunday, 12 November 2017. The Outdoor Drumhead Service would begin at 10.56am, followed by a second service in St. Peter's Church at approximately 11.30am. Councillors' robes would be available from the Art Gallery from 10.00am.

6. Carols in the City

The Mayor invited Councillors to the new-look annual civic carol service. Carols in the City would take place on Wednesday 6 December in the Mander Centre and would begin at 6pm. This would include appearances by:

- The Wolverhampton Brass Band.
- Local gospel choir, Palmers and Friends.
- Students from Hill Avenue Primary School and Northwood Park Primary.
- The City of Wolverhampton Council Choir.

5 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Scheme

Councillor Steve Evans presented the electric vehicle infrastructure scheme report. He sought approval for the receipt of a grant from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) and for that grant to be transferred to a private delivery partner in

due course. He added that 24 charging points would be installed across the City, the locations of the charging point were still to be determined. It was envisaged the first charging point would be installed by May 2018. He went on to add that infrastructure and higher uptake of electric vehicles would have a positive impact on the environment and contribute to a clearer air zone for Wolverhampton.

Councillor Steve Evans proposed the recommendations and Councillor John Reynolds seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That the receipt of a grant for £478,000 awarded by the Office for Ultra Low Emissions to the Council to install 24 electric vehicle charge points in the City be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to transfer the full grant to the preferred private partner, once identified.
3. That the approved Capital Programme budget for Smart and Accessible City against which this programme was assigned was reduced to £478,000 to reflect the grant allocation.

6 Digital Transformation Programme 2017-20

Councillor Andrew Johnson presented the Digital Transformation Programme 2017-20 report. He sought approval for Phase 2 of the delivery of the Council's Digital Transformation Programme. He added the Council had made wonderful progress with phase 1 and that this was evidenced as the Council had won an MJ Award for the services provided by the Council to customers. He went on to provide an overview of the programmes to be delivered as part of phase 2 and highlighted the cost savings that would be provided to the Council. He emphasised that the Council had opted for digital by choice.

Councillor Andrew Johnson proposed the recommendations and Councillor Peter Bilson seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That the implementation of future phases of the Digital Transformation Programme over the period 2017-18 to 2019-20 be approved.
2. That the allocation of projected capital resources totalling £3.0 million for the delivery of the next phase, Phase 2, of the City of Wolverhampton Council's Digital Transformation Programme over the period 2017-18 be approved.
3. That the allocation of additional capital resources totalling £1.0 million for the further rollout of the ICT capital programme during 2017-18 be approved.

7 Executive Business

The Council received a summary of executive business relating to the private sector housing assistance policy.

Resolved:

1. That the summary of executive business be received.

8 **Motions on Notice**

Councillor Lynne Moran moved the following motion:

The City of Wolverhampton Council notes its concern at the roll out of Universal Credit without the resolution of the delayed payments issue. Experience elsewhere in the country suggests that delays of 6-7 weeks or more to people claiming benefits had put many into debt, led to increasing arrears in council rent and increased risk of private tenants being subject to eviction proceedings.

Despite widespread calls for this to be addressed before the national implementation of the scheme, including from within the Conservative Party, the Government seems intent on proceeding.

This council resolves to ask the Minister to delay implementation, even at this late stage, to prevent serious harm to some of the poorest people in Wolverhampton.

Councillor Lynne Moran outlined the rationale for the motion. Councillor John Reynolds seconded the motion.

The motion was debated by Council.

Resolved:

That the motion on universal credit be agreed.

Having declared an interest Councillor Harman Banger, Councillor Roger Lawrence and Councillor Andrew Wynn left the meeting room and took no part in the consideration of the second motion on financial package.

Councillor Udey Singh moved the following motion:

For the City of Wolverhampton Council to provide a suitable compensatory financial package/ assistance to those businesses that have been severely impacted by the tram line repairs.

Councillor Udey Singh outlined the rationale for the motion. Councillor Paul Singh seconded the motion.

Councillor Andrew Johnson moved the following amendment to the motion:

This Council is very concerned about the difficulties facing small businesses affected by metro works on Bilston Road. This Council requests the Metro Mayor and Combined Authority to re-visit the decision not to provide hardship

assistance to small businesses which can demonstrate the impact of the works on their trade.

Councillor Andrew Johnson outlined the rationale for the proposed amendment. Councillor John Reynolds seconded the motion.

The amended motion was debated by Council.

Resolved:

That the amended motion on financial package be agreed.

9 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Councillor Udey Singh asked the Cabinet Member for City Environment the following question:

Does the cabinet member agree that it is time to review the bus lane restrictions that were currently in place?

Councillor Steve Evans responded that the restrictions were regularly reviewed and as part of the process professional advice was sought and traffic flow was monitored on a daily basis. The Council had made some recent changes in relation to middle cross.

Councillor Udey Singh thanked Councillor Steve Evans for his response and then asked the following supplementary question

Can the Cabinet Member for City Environment advice why he was not acting on the advice of his fellow Cabinet Member for City Economy and a property director to bring more people into the city by reviewing restrictions.

Councillor Steve Evans responded that the Council needed to ensure the approach adopted by the Council was fair for all commuters and not just drivers. Of the 450 miles of roads, less than 3 miles was used for bus lanes. He re-emphasised that the Council had recently reviewed the bus lanes and had made changes following the review. He added that emergency services also benefitted from the bus lanes as emergency vehicles were able to bypass traffic.

Councillor Paul Singh asked the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing the following question:

Can the Cabinet Member please advise Council of the percentage of children in the City of Wolverhampton who are classed as obese or overweight?

Councillor Paul Sweet responded that National Child Measurement Programme captured data on overweight and obese children. In Wolverhampton 14.3 % of reception children were classified as overweight and 13.5% as obese. For Year 6 children 16.5% were classified overweight and 26.7% as obese.

Councillor Paul Singh thanked Councillor Paul Sweet for his response and then asked the following supplementary question.

Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing confirm the take-up rate for a support programme which provides assistance to tackle obesity.

The Cabinet Member responded that he was unable to provide specific data in relation to that programme at the meeting however he would ensure it was provided to all Councillors following the meeting. He highlighted that several strategies such as 'Towards an Active City', 'Beat the Streets', 'West Midlands on the Move' with the West Midlands Combined Authority and a review of planning policies relating to licensing fast food outlets had been adopted by the Council to ensure there was a whole system approach to tackling obesity.

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Meeting of the City Council 13 December 2017
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Report title	Capital programme 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 quarter two review	
Referring body	Cabinet, 29 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
Accountable director	Keith Ireland, Managing Director	
Originating service	Strategic Finance	
Accountable employee	Claire Nye	Director of Finance
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Report to be/has been considered by	Strategic Executive Board	7 November 2017
	Cabinet	29 November 2017

Recommendation(s) for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the revised medium term General Fund capital programme of £339.3 million, an increase of £9.2 million from the previously approved programme, reflecting the latest projected expenditure for the medium term.
2. Approve the net additional General Fund resources of £9.2 million identified for;
 - i. forty new projects totalling £26.3 million;
 - ii. thirty three existing projects net reduction totalling £17.1 million.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with an update on the 2017-2018 financial performance of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programmes and the revised forecast for 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 as at quarter two of 2017-2018.
- 1.2 To recommend revisions to the current approved General Fund and HRA capital programmes covering the period 2018-2019 to 2021-2022.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 29 November 2017 Cabinet considered a report on 'Capital Programme 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 Quarter Two Review'.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website.

[Click here to access the report.](#)

- 2.3 Cabinet recommended to Council that it approves:

- 1. the revised medium term General Fund capital programme of £339.3 million, an increase of £9.2 million from the previously approved programme, reflecting the latest projected expenditure for the medium term.
- 2. the net additional General Fund resources of £9.2 million identified for;
 - i. forty new projects totalling £26.3 million;
 - ii. thirty three existing projects net reduction totalling £17.1 million.

- 2.4 The complete General Fund and HRA capital programmes for the period 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 can be viewed online on the Council's website by following the link:

[Click here to access the report.](#)

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 29 November 2017.

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 29 November 2017.

5.1 Equalities implications

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 29 November 2017.

6.1 Environmental implications

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7.0 Human resources implications

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8.0 Corporate Landlord implications

8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 29 November 2017.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 29 November 2017 Cabinet report – Capital Programme 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 Quarter Two Review.

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Report title	Treasury Management Activity Monitoring – Mid Year Review 2017-2018	
Referring body	Cabinet, 29 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
Accountable director	Claire Nye, Director of Finance	
Originating service	Strategic Finance	
Accountable employee	Michelle Howell	Finance Business Partner
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	Email	Michelle.Howell@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Strategic Executive Board	7 November 2017
	Cabinet	29 November 2017
	Confident Capable Council	18 April 2017
	Scrutiny Panel	

Recommendations for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

1. That a mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement has been undertaken and the Council has operated within the limits and requirements approved in March 2017.
2. That savings of £1.1 million for the General Fund and £643,000 for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) are forecast from treasury management activities in 2017-2018.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with a monitoring and progress report on treasury management activity for the second quarter of 2017-2018 as part of the mid-year review, in line with the Prudential Indicators approved by Council in March 2017.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 29 November 2017 Cabinet considered a report on 'Treasury Management Activity Monitoring – Mid Year Review 2017-2018'.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. Click [here](#) to access the report.
- 2.3 Cabinet recommended to Council that it notes:
1. That a mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement has been undertaken and the Council has operated within the limits and requirements approved in March 2017.
 2. That savings of £1.1 million for the General Fund and £643,000 for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) are forecast from treasury management activities in 2017-2018.

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8.0 Corporate Landlord implications

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9.0 Schedule of background papers

- 9.1 29 November 2017 Cabinet report – Treasury Management Activity Monitoring – Mid Year Review 2017-2018.

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Report title	Polling Stations	
Referring body	Special Advisory Group, 24 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
Accountable director	Kevin O'Keefe, Governance	
Originating service	Democratic Services	
Accountable employee(s)	Martyn Sargeant Tel Email	Head of Democratic Services 01902 555045 Martyn.Sargeant@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Special Advisory Group	24 November 2017

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve that:
 - a. Two polling stations in Wednesfield North ward should be merged to be one double station.
 - b. The number of polling stations in Graiseley ward should be reduced from seven to six.
2. Delegate authority to the Returning Officer to make such changes to polling stations arrangements as may be operationally necessary to ensure the smooth and efficient delivery of the elections in 2018.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that Full Council approve minor changes to the Council's polling station arrangements in two wards, in advance of the elections to be held in 2018.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On the 24 November 2017 Special Advisory Group agreed to recommend the report on Polling Stations to Full Council for approval.

- 2.2 Copies of the report were circulated to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. [Click here to access the report.](#)

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations from the Special Advisory Group.

- 2.3 Special Advisory Group recommended that:

1. The Council be recommended to approve that:
 - a. Two polling stations in Wednesfield North ward should be merged to be one double station.
 - c. The number of polling stations in Graiseley ward should be reduced from seven to six.
3. That the Council be recommended to delegate to the Returning Officer to make such changes to polling stations arrangements as may be operationally necessary to ensure the smooth and efficient delivery of the elections in 2018.
4. That the Head of Democratic Services be requested to run a campaign in the Wednesfield ward to increase the take up of postal votes.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

5.0 Equalities implications

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6.0 Environmental implications

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7.0 Human resources implications

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8.0 Corporate Landlord implications

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9.0 Schedule of background papers

Special Advisory Group report - 24 November 2017.

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Report title	Changes to the Constitution	
Referring body	Special Advisory Group, 24 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Milkinder Jaspal Governance	
Accountable director	Kevin O'Keefe, Governance	
Originating service	Governance	
Accountable employee(s)	Colin Parr Tel Email	Head of Governance 01902 550105 Colin.Parr@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Special Advisory Group	24 November 2017

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Adopt the new format of the Council's Constitution.
2. Adopt the changes to the current content as summarised in the Special Advisory Group report and detailed in Appendix 1 to that report subject to:
 - a. The proposed change to Part 4 – Financial Procedure Rules, to enable timely decisions in relation to new external funding received by the Council being amended by the inclusion of the words 'or Cabinet (Resources) Panel' between the words 'Cabinet' and 'and' to read as follows:

“Where all of the following apply, an overall increase or decrease in the Council's total budget may be approved Cabinet **or Cabinet (Resources) Panel** and not require the approval by Council.”

and at the end of clause (iv) to read as follows:

- “(iv) The Section 151 Officer agrees that approval may be granted by Cabinet **or Cabinet (Resources) Panel.**”
- b. The proposed change to Part 4 - Contract Procedure Rules (Section 3.10) being amended to require the Cabinet Member for Governance to approve the engagement of agency staff above a day rate of £500 and for the Human Resources Business Partner to approve engagements with a day rate below £500; and

That quarterly report on the use of Agency Staff also be submitted to Cabinet (Resources) Panel for information.

3. Authorise the Director of Governance to implement the new format and the changes set out in Appendix 1 as now with immediate effect.
4. Notes that further amendments to the Constitution will be presented in May 2018.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that Full Council agrees and adopts the revised Council's Constitution to ensure continuing lawfulness and effectiveness and that further amendments to the Constitution will be presented to Council in due course.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On the 24 November 2017 Special Advisory Group agreed to recommend the report on Changes to the Constitution to Full Council for approval.

- 2.2 Copies of the report were circulated to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. [Click here to access the report.](#)

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations from the Special Advisory Group.

- 2.3 Special Advisory Group recommended that Council:

- 1 Adopts the new format of the Council's Constitution.
2. Adopts the changes to the current content as summarised in the report and detailed in Appendix 1 to the report subject to:

- a. The proposed change to Part 4 – Financial Procedure Rules, to enable timely decisions in relation to new external funding received by the Council being amended by the inclusion of the words 'or Cabinet (Resources) Panel' between the words 'Cabinet' and 'and' to read as follows:

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- "(iv) The Section 151 Officer agrees that approval may be granted by Cabinet **or Cabinet (Resources) Panel.**"

- b. The proposed change to Part 4 - Contract Procedure Rules (Section 3.10) being amended to require the Cabinet Member for Governance to approve the engagement of agency staff above a day rate of £500 and for the Human Resources Business Partner to approve engagements with a day rate below £500; and

That quarterly report on the use of Agency Staff also be submitted to Cabinet (Resources) Panel for information.

3. Authorises the Director of Governance to implement the new format and the changes set out in Appendix 1, as now amended, with immediate effect.
4. Notes that further amendments to the Constitution will be presented in May 2018.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

5.0 Equalities implications

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9.0 Schedule of background papers

Special Advisory Group report - 24 November 2017.

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Report title	Calendar of Meetings 2018-2019	
Referring body	Special Advisory Group, 24 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
Accountable director	Kevin O'Keefe, Governance	
Originating service	Governance	
Accountable employee(s)	Colin Parr Tel Email	Head of Governance 01902 550105 Colin.Parr@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Special Advisory Group	24 November 2017

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Endorse the City of Wolverhampton Council Calendar of Meetings for 2018-2019 for recommendation to Full Council on the 13 December 2017 attached at Appendix 1.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that Full Council approves a proposed timetable for Council and committee meetings for the next Council Year (2018-2019).

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On the 24 November 2017 Special Advisory Group agreed to recommend the report on Calendar of Meetings 2018-2019 to Full Council for approval.

- 2.2 Copies of the report were circulated to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. [Click here to access the report.](#)

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations from the Special Advisory Group.

- 2.3 Special Advisory Group recommended that:

1. The Council be recommended to endorse the City of Wolverhampton Council Calendar of Meetings for 2018-2019 for recommendation to Full Council on the 13 December 2017.
2. Approve consultation with the political groups on the City of Wolverhampton Council Calendar of Meetings for 2018-2019.
3. Delegate any amendments to the City of Wolverhampton Council Calendar of Meetings for 2018-2019 to the Chair of Special Advisory Group in consultation with the Director of Governance following consultation with political groups.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

5.0 Equalities implications

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

6.0 Environmental implications

- 6.1 The environmental implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

7.0 Human resources implications

- 7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

8.0 Corporate Landlord implications

- 8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

Special Advisory Group report - 24 November 2017.

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Municipal Calendar 2018 - 2019

		No. of meetings	Usual day and time	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019
Bank Holidays																
Council and Executive	Council	9	Wed (5:45pm)	16a		18		19		7	5	30		6b	3	15a
	Cabinet	10	Wed (5:00pm)		6	11		12	17	21	12	23	20d	20	10	
	Cabinet (Resources) Panel	11	Tues (5:00pm)	22	19	24		4	2	6		15	5	5	2	21
	Cabinet (Performance Management) Panel	4	Mon (5:00pm)		25			24			17			25		
	Executive Team (if required)	9	Mon (5:00pm)		4	9		10	15	26		21	11	18	8	
Scrutiny	Scrutiny Board	8	Tues (6:00pm)		5	3		11	9		11 c	8		12	9	
	Adults and Safer City	5	Tues (6:00pm)		12			25		27c		29		26		
	Children, Young People and Families	5	Wed (6:00pm)		20			5		14c		16		27		
	Confident, Capable Council	5	Wed (6:00pm)		13			26		28c			6		10	
	Health	6	Thurs (1:30pm)	24		19		20		15 c		24		21		
	Stronger City Economy	5	Tues (6:00pm)		26			18		20c			12		2	
	Vibrant and Sustainable City	5	Thurs (6:00pm)			12			4		6c		28		11	
Pensions	Pensions Committee	4	Wed (10:00am)		20			5			12			27		
	Pensions Board	2	Tues (2:00pm)			3						22				

a Annual Council, 6pm

b Budget setting

c Scrutiny of the budget

d During school holidays

			No. of meetings	Usual day and time	May 2018	Jun 2018	July 2018	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019
Regulatory and oversight	Bank Holidays																
	Audit and Risk Committee	5	Mon (2:00pm)		11	23			17			10			11		
	Health and Wellbeing Board	4	Wed (12:30pm or 2:00pm)			11				17			23			10	
	Safeguarding Children Board	4	Wed (2:00pm)		20				19			19			20		
	Safeguarding Adults Board	5	Thurs (11:00am)		14				13			13			14		2
	Children's Trust Board	4	Thurs (9:30am)		14				20			13			14		
	Planning Committee	6	Tues (2:00pm) (site visits 10:00am)	22		10			11		13		15		19		
	Licensing Committee	6	Wed (10:00am)		6	18			26		28		16		20		
	Licensing Sub-Committee (if required)	5	Tues (10:00am)		26					16		11		26		9	
	Standards Committee (as required)		Thurs (1:30pm) as required														
Advisory Groups																	
	Corporate Parenting Board	6	Thurs (5:30pm)	24		19			27		22		24		28		
	Community Cohesion Forum	3	Wed (6:00pm)		27					24				27			
	Equalities Advisory Group	4	Tue (10:00am)		26				18			4			5		
	Councillor Development and IT Advisory Group	4	Fri (9:30am)		15				28			14			29		
	Special Advisory Group (if required)	7	Fri (9:00am)			6			14	19	16		11	15	15		
	Sustainability Advisory Group (if required)	3	Thurs (5:30pm)			5				25			31				

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Meeting of the City Council 13 December 2017
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Report title	Executive Business	
Referring body	Cabinet, 29 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Paul Sweet	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paul Sweet Public Health and Wellbeing	
Accountable director	Mark Taylor, People	
Originating service	Community Safety	
Accountable employee(s)	Jaswinder Kaur Tel Email	Democratic Services Manager 01902 550320 jaswinder.kaur@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	29 November 2017

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 Paul Sweet, Public Health and Wellbeing

- **Faith Covenant**

- Cabinet agreed the adoption of the Covenant and the proposals for implementation.
- A Faith Covenant provides a framework for local authorities (and partners) and the faith sector to better understand how they can cooperate. This cooperation could cover commissioning for services, supporting social actions and providing greater coordination during consultations. The Covenant has also been timely, given the increasing financial pressures across the statutory sector, for service delivery contributions within the faith sector to be formally recognised.
- There are four guiding principles for the Covenant covering freedoms to practise; equalities act adherence; recognition of the role of faith communities within the larger community; and confirmation on the importance of multiple funding streams.
- Work has been conducted with the City's interfaith organisation, InterFaith Wolverhampton. The faith sector has been positive to the idea of adopting the Faith Covenant, due to the collaborative approach to working between the statutory sector and the faith sector.
- It is planned that a working group would be established to progress practical areas of implementation. The working group would be made up of key signatories, including a number of faith representatives, who would meet periodically to coordinate activity under the auspices of the Covenant.