

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Council on Wednesday, 31 January 2018**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (including 2018 - 2019 budget rents and service charges)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the 1% reduction in social housing rents be implemented in accordance with the Welfare Reform and Work Act and give 28 days' notice be given to all secure and introductory tenants of the rent reduction from 2 April 2018.</li>   <li>2. That the business plan be adopted as set out at Appendix A (to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel report) as the approved Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan including;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The revenue budget for 2018-2019 at Appendix A3.</li> <li>b. The capital programme for 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 at Appendix A4 including provision for retrofitting of sprinklers in high-rise blocks and building of new council housing.</li> <li>c. The increase in the management allowance for Wolverhampton Homes for the transfer of Homelessness and Housing Options services.</li> </ol> </li>   <li>3. That the rates for garage rents and service charges be agreed as set out in appendices B1-B3 and tenants be formally notified.</li>   <li>4. That it be agreed, the Council positions itself to take advantage of any flexibility in HRA borrowing by gearing up to develop more council housing on suitable sites.</li> </ol>
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7	Civic Halls Improvements and Full Restoration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the scope of construction and associated works for the comprehensive restoration of both Wulfrun and Civic Halls (appendix 1 to the report) be approved.</li> <li>2. That the additional capital budget and resources of £23.7 million required to deliver the Civic Halls project (as detailed in section 9 of the report) be approved.</li> <li>3. That the development of a ticket levy to support the proposed scheme be approved, and authority be delegated to the Cabinet Members for City Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place and Director of Finance, to approve the scheme detail.</li> <li>4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to agree the contract variation with Shaylor Group when the negotiation process is complete.</li> </ol>
8	Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel be approved;</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> That for the municipal years 2018/19 – 2021/22 the Basic Allowance be increased each year by any percentage increase in pay agreed for local government employees.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> That no change should be made to the current Special Responsibility Allowances.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> That no change should be made to the current Dependant Carers' Allowance.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 4:</b> That no change should be made to the current Travelling</p>

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		<p>and Subsistence Allowances.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 5:</b> That no change be made to the current Co-optees Allowances.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. That the section on Membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme be removed from the Councillor Allowances scheme.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to amend the Scheme of Councillor Allowances according to the decisions taken by Council for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.</li> </ol>