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Title	Treasury Management Activity Monitoring – Mid Year Review 2017-2018
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>That Council be recommended to note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Options Considered	As this is a monitoring report of treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy 2017-2018, there are no alternative options available.
Reasons for Decision	This report provides an update on treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy 2017-2018.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable

Title	Capital programme 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 quarter two review
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>That Council be recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (paragraph 2.4 of the report),

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	<p>reflecting the latest projected expenditure for the medium term.</p> <p>2. Approve the net additional General Fund resources of £9.2 million identified for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. forty new projects totalling £26.3 million (paragraph 4.1 of the report);b. thirty-three existing projects net reduction totalling £17.1 million (paragraph 3.24 of the report) <p>1. That the General Fund virements totalling £20.5 million detailed at Appendix C to the report be approved for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. existing projects totalling £2.1 million (paragraph 3.25 of the report);b. new projects totalling £18.4 million (paragraph 4.2 of the report). <p>2. That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) virements totalling £14.6 million detailed at Appendix C to the report be approved for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. existing projects totalling £9.8 million (paragraph 3.25 of the report);b. new project totalling £4.8 million (paragraph 4.2 of the report). <p>3. That the updated schedules of works be approved for the capital projects under the following directorate (paragraph 3.26 of the report);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Corporate: ICTS and in relation to Education; Building Schools for the Future (BSF), Primary School Expansion Programme and Schools Capital Maintenance (Appendix D1 to the report).b. People: Sports Investment Strategy, Co-location Programme, Children in Need - Aiming High for Disabled Children and Early Education - Two Year Education Pilot (Appendix D2 to
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	<p>the report).</p> <p>c. Place: Corporate Asset Management Programme, Urban Parks Refurbishment Programme, Disposals Programme, Accessing Growth Fund, Southside Programme, Maintenance of unclassified roads, Non - Highway Structures, Highway Improvement Programme, Safety Programme, Maintenance of classified roads, Lighting up the City and Local Growth Funding (LGF)</p> <p>Feasibility (Appendix D3 to the report).</p> <p>4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Head of Corporate Landlord to approve the allocation of the Energy Efficiency measures provision for future programmes budget, to individual capital projects suitably meeting set criteria, in order that they may be progressed in a timely manner (paragraph 3.27 of the report).</p> <p>5. That the joint integrated funding approach with the West Midlands Combined Authority be approved with regards the Wolverhampton Interchange Programme (paragraph 3.30 of the report).</p> <p>1. That it be noted that the General Fund expenditure position at quarter two of 2017-2018 for existing projects stands at 83.9% of the profiled projected budget (paragraph 3.3 of the report).</p> <p>2. That it be noted that the General Fund forecast outturn for existing projects for 2017-2018 stands at 86.1% of the approved capital budget (paragraph 3.1 of the report).</p> <p>3. That it be noted that the HRA expenditure position at quarter two of 2017-2018 for existing projects stands at 97.6% of the profiled projected budget (paragraph 3.4 of the report).</p> <p>4. That it be noted that the HRA forecast outturn position for existing projects for 2017-2018 stands at 73.0% of the approved capital budget (paragraph 3.1 of the report).</p>
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	<p>5. That it be noted that there are three new projects requiring internal resources for Primary School Expansion Programme included in this report but which are subject to a separate detailed project report ‘School Expansion Schemes’ on this agenda. The inclusion of these projects is for budget approval purposes and is on the assumption that the approval to progress with each project is given today. As their progression is dependent on that decision, if the projects are not approved, the capital programme will be reduced accordingly. The names of the projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loxdale Primary; • Spring Vale Primary; • Stowlawn Primary.
Options Considered	This report provides an update on progress of capital projects during 2017-2018 and anticipated budget requirements for future years. The evaluation of alternative project options are detailed in individual investment proposals.
Reasons for Decision	To seek Cabinet’s recommendation to Council to approve the revised capital budgets. This will ensure that the capital programme budget reflects the latest forecasts and requirements.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable

Title	Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Two 2017-2018
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>1. That it be noted that, as a result of proactive financial management across the Council, all services have completed recovery plans which have identified efficiencies and mitigating actions to recover part of the overspend that was forecast as at quarter one of 2017-2018. The</p>

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	<p>overall projected outturn for the General Fund for 2017-2018 is now forecast to be an overspend in the region of £1.0 million.</p> <p>2. That it be noted that projected redundancy costs, including the cost of pension strain, totalling £2.9 million are included in the forecast outturn. The projected costs are subject to change dependent upon the actual redundancies approved by year end. It is anticipated that Capital Receipts flexibility announced by the Secretary of State, will offset the cost of redundancies.</p> <p>3. That it be noted that 575 council tax accounts totalling £256,683.42, as detailed in paragraph 8.4.1 of the report, have been approved by for write off by Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.</p> <p>4. That it be noted that 50 Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £157,549.98, as detailed in paragraph 8.4.2 of the report, have been approved by for write off by Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.</p> <p>5. That it be noted that 156 sundry debt accounts totalling £151,758.48, as detailed in paragraph 8.3 of the report, have been approved by for write off by Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.</p> <p>6. That it be noted that 43 housing benefit overpayments totalling £6,321.11, as detailed in paragraph 8.7 of the report, have been approved for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.</p> <p>7. That it be noted that a £17.0 million surplus on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projected compared with a budgeted surplus of £16.8 million as shown at Table 10 of the report and in detail at Appendix I to the report. The projected increased surplus of £177,000 will be used to redeem debt in line with the HRA Business Plan.</p> <p>1. That the use of £1.2 million from the Regeneration Reserve be approved to fund various development works and schemes as detailed at paragraph 5.2.2 of the report.</p>
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	<p>2. That the repayment of pump priming allocation totalling £485,000 back into the Regeneration Reserve which was previously drawn down for the Housing Development Company be approved as detailed at paragraph 5.2.2.</p> <p>3. That the use of £406,000 from the Transformation Reserve to fund various development works and schemes be approved as detailed at paragraph 5.2.3 of the report, in the event that capital receipts are not available in-year to support transformation.</p> <p>4. That the use of £320,000 from the Budget Contingency Reserve to cover expert and barrister costs incurred as a result of Storm Doris inquest and back filling of three Environmental Health Officer posts be approved as detailed at paragraph 5.2.4 of the report. There is the potential for recovery of all or part of this sum in the event that a prosecution may arise.</p> <p>5. That the use of £70,000 from the Regional Work Reserve as contribution towards Black Country Growth company be approved as detailed at paragraph 5.2.5 of the report, in the event that this cost could not be met from underspends within Corporate Budgets.</p> <p>6. That the reinvestment of £14,000 to the Victoria Square Sinking Reserve as annual planned contribution to sinking fund from tenant contributions be approved as detailed at paragraph 5.2.6 of the report.</p> <p>7. That the use of the Budget Contingency Reserve to fund the anticipated deficit balances arising upon directed academy conversion by the Department for Education (DfE) in 2017-2018 be approved as detailed at paragraph 7.4.1 of the report.</p> <p>8. That the write off of one Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £5,616.04 be approved as detailed in Appendix F to the report.</p> <p>9. That the write off of seven sundry debts totalling £94,860.39 be approved as detailed in Appendix G to the report.</p> <p>10. That forty-six virements totalling £11.8 million, for transfers within directorates, be approved</p>
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	<p>as detailed in Appendix H to the report.</p> <p>11. That the setting up of supplementary expenditure budgets within the 2017-2018 approved budget be approved as detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report for grant funded expenditure.</p> <p>12. That the delegation of authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Education be approved, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Director of Education to approve proposed changes to the local funding formula including method, principles and rules adopted as detailed in paragraph 7.5 of the report.</p>
Options Considered	The write-offs, virements and use of reserve requests requiring the approval of Cabinet are all considered to be prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Resources.
Reasons for Decision	In accordance with the Council's financial procedures rules, all virements in excess of £50,000, or those that result in a transfer between Employees and Other Controllable Expenditure headings, require the approval of Cabinet (Resources) Panel. Contribution to and from reserves also requires the approval from Cabinet (Resources) Panel. The write-offs, virements and use of reserve requests detailed in this report which seek the approval of Cabinet are all considered to be prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Resources.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	5 December 2017

Title	Delegations to Cabinet (Resources) Panel
Status	Recommendations Approved

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Record of Decision	That the delegation of any Cabinet business to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 16 January 2017 be approved.
Options Considered	The alternative option would be to not delegate Cabinet business to this meeting of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel. This would mean that time sensitive deadlines would be missed, which could have a detrimental effect on the work of the Council that could otherwise be avoided.
Reasons for Decision	The delegation of Cabinet business to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel ensures the efficient and proper running of the Council can continue and that key business is duly considered.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	5 December 2017

Title	Homelessness Reduction Bill and Rough Sleepers
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the actions by which the City implements the Homeless Reduction Act be endorsed.
Options Considered	<p>The only other option would be for the service to remain unchanged which would not be an option given the potential increase to expenditure highlighted in point 3.6 of the report.</p> <p>The reconfiguration has also been a model that has had input from both the Leader of the Council at a local level and the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority Andy Street, who have developed task groups to address the increase in rough sleeping and homelessness.</p>

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Reasons for Decision	<p>The Local Authority will have new legal duties under the Homelessness Reduction Act and therefore will be required to deliver services differently and to more residents.</p> <p>The reconfiguration of what is currently provided as well as the introduction of new provision will offer an effective service to those who are already homeless and prevent homelessness for those at risk will allow us to meet this new duty.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	5 December 2017

Title	Adult Social Care Annual Report: The Local Account 2016-2017
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the Adult Social Care Local Account for 2016–2017 be approved for publication.
Options Considered	<p>The option of not producing a Local Account has been considered. However, this annual report is a key way of ensuring accountability to local taxpayers and wider communities, and can be used to describe both the risks for people needing care and support, and the steps being taken to mitigate them. Consultation and co-production are key parts of the Local Account process. The impact of not producing a Local Account could therefore result in adult social care making decisions without the involvement of people who it directly affects. There would also be a reputational risk if the report was not produced as it is considered good practice for Local Authorities to produce one annually.</p>
Reasons for Decision	<p>With the continuing budget pressures, Local Accounts are a way of explaining to local stakeholders and residents the difficult decisions that need to be made. In such unprecedented times, it is more important than ever that Local Authorities are open and honest with residents</p>

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	about the challenges being faced and the successes that have been achieved despite this. The risk of not publishing a Local Account is that the realities of such challenges go unnoticed and local people with care and support needs are not involved in decisions about the priorities for the coming year. This is a key part of the consultation process for the Local Account.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	5 December 2017

Title	Faith Covenant
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the adoption of the Covenant and proposals for implementation be agreed.
Options Considered	The possibility of a pan Black Country Covenant was explored, however, after consulting with the other authorities, it was deemed that there were sufficient differences within the faith makeup of each area to make this logistically and practically difficult to create and implement.
Reasons for Decision	CWC will be in a stronger position to work alongside its faith sector, and can utilise the Covenant as a vehicle for further faith engagement in the city. It will also provide a clear signal of the commitment the city has toward its faith sector, and acknowledges the positive contribution the sector has to the city as a whole.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
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Title	Wolverhampton Safeguarding Boards Annual Reports
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the content of the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adult (WSAB) Annual Report be endorsed. 2. That the content of the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) Annual Report be endorsed.
Options Considered	Safeguarding of both children and adults is a priority for the Council and partner organisations.
Reasons for Decision	Cabinet is requested to endorse the content of the Annual Reports to ensure the continuation of safeguarding priorities.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
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Title	Merger of Springdale Infant School and Springdale Junior School
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That, in accordance with statutory guidance, the outcomes of Informal Consultation and Formal Consultation (Representation) on the proposed merger of Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School be formally noted. 2. That the discontinuance of Springdale Infant School be approved with effect from 31 December 2017 in accordance with Section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to facilitate the merger of Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1

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	<p>January 2018; and</p> <p>3. That both the lowering of the age range from 7 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years and the enlargement of the school premises of Springdale Junior School (to include the physical capacity of Springdale Infant School's buildings) be approved in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to facilitate the merger of Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School with effect from 1 January 2018.</p> <p>1. That it be noted that the recommendations detailed in 2 and 3 are related proposals which are interdependent and cannot be considered in isolation of one another.</p>
Options Considered	<p>Alternative options have been considered, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amalgamation – The closure of both schools and the establishment of a new primary school. Whilst this option would ultimately result in the establishment of a primary school and offer the corresponding benefits, it would also result in a new school number being issued. As such, both establishments' existing Ofsted judgements would no longer be recognised. • Maintaining two separate schools – Continuing with the current organisation of provision. This option would not offer the anticipated benefits detailed in paragraph In addition, should the two schools remain separate, alternative leadership arrangements would need to be explored to ensure that there is robust leadership at Springdale Infant School due to vacancies within the Infant's Senior Leadership Team. The Infant School has benefited from stable, successful leaders from the Junior School who have taken on the challenge to raise standards. Should this support cease, the current rate of improvement could be jeopardised.
Reasons for Decision	<p>This proposal is in line with the Council's strategic policy as detailed within the Primary School Organisation Strategy 2016-2018 and would maximise the opportunity for the benefits detailed in paragraph 2.3 of the report to be realised.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	<p>None</p>

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Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable

Title	Exclusion of press and public
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	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 any individual, information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual and/or information relating to the business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
Options Considered	Not applicable.
Reasons for Decision	Not applicable.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	Not applicable
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable

Title	WV Living Detailed Business Plan Update
Status	Recommendations Approved

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Record of Decision	That the recommendations be approved as detailed in the exempt report.
Options Considered	As outlined in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As outlined in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	Tim Johnson, Strategic Director, Place (non-pecuniary) and Mark Taylor, Strategic Director, People (non-pecuniary)
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	5 December 2017

Title	Public Health Commissioning Proposals for 2018-2019 onwards
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the recommendations be approved as detailed in the exempt report.
Options Considered	As outlined in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As outlined in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None

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Title	School Expansion Schemes
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the recommendations be approved as detailed in the exempt report.
Options Considered	As outlined in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As outlined in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	None
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	5 December 2017