

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 25 April 2018**

<b>Title</b>	West Midlands Joint Committee
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>That Cabinet recommends that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree to the dissolution of the West Midlands Joint Committee, for the reasons set out in this report.</li> <li>2. Agree to set up a Joint Executive Committee with the other six Councils within the West Midlands for the purpose of airport decisions known as West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee in accordance within the terms of reference set out at Appendix 4 to this report.</li> <li>3. Agree to the proposals for managing the remaining residual business of the West Midlands Joint Committee once it is dissolved as set out in Appendix 3 to this report.</li> <li>4. Note that the Monitoring Officer will set out all relevant changes to the Council's Constitution at a future meeting of Full Council in order to enact recommendations 1 and 2.</li> <li>5. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to negotiate, execute and complete all legal documents necessary to support and deliver the above recommendation.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>When developing proposals, consideration has been given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The nature and frequency of occurrence of each area of WMJC business;</li> <li>b. Existing formal and informal regional meetings;</li> <li>c. Arrangements in other regions.</li> </ol> <p>Having taken into account the above, the proposals outlined were deemed to be the most practicable by both the Metropolitan Chief Executives and Metropolitan Group Leaders at their respective meetings as referred to at paragraph 2.5 of the report.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	To approve the unifying resolution to dissolve WMJC. The unifying resolution, if agreed by all seven MBCs, will be taken to the next WMJC meeting on 22 June 2018 for final approval.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	N/A

<b>Title</b>	Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018-2021
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>That Cabinet recommends that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the Corporate Parenting Strategy for three years from April 2018 to March 2021.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services, to make any final amendments before publication.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it be noted that the Corporate Parenting Strategy will be presented at the Corporate Parenting Board on 24 May 2018.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	Responses to the new act and its implementation by other authorities have been researched, but currently no other council has amended their Corporate Parenting Strategy in line with the new duties.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>Approving the Corporate Parenting ensures compliance with the new Children and Social Work Act 2017 and endorses the Council's commitment to its children and young people in or leaving care. The strategy's purpose is to ensure the council is confident in delivering its corporate parenting responsibilities and is able to scrutinise services and support ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is this good enough for my child?</li> <li>• Would this have been good enough for me as a child?</li> <li>• Is this the best that we can achieve?</li> </ul>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A

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<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Youth Council Annual Report 2017
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That the Youth Council's future aims for 2018 be endorsed.</p> <p>2. That the work of the City's Youth Council throughout 2017 as outlined in their annual report attached as Appendix 1 to the report be acknowledged.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	This an annual report and is to share with Councillors the activities of the City's Youth Council throughout 2017.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Endorsing the Youth Council Annual Report 2017 and acknowledging the work completed gives relevance and support to the Youth Council and their continued work.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	2 May 2018

<b>Title</b>	No Recourse to Public Funds
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That the policy and procedure regarding the support to be provided to families and adults with no recourse to public funds be approved.</p> <p>2. That the financial support provided to families and adults with no recourse to public fund be approved to ensure that statutory responsibilities are met.</p>

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	<p>Subject to the following amendment to the report:</p> <p>That paragraph 2.1 be removed and replaced with ‘Over the past few years there has been an increase in NRPF families locating in the City of Wolverhampton. Some have been placed by London Boroughs due to the cost of private, rented accommodation. The majority of these families continue to be supported (including financially) by the originating London Borough. Some are assessed within Wolverhampton and require support directly. Where families choose to locate here themselves, the original London Borough will be contacted.’</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>The options that have been considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option one – continue as we are</li> <li>• Option two – adopt a different methodology to determine financial support rates</li> <li>• Option three – to adopt the financial support figures outlined within this paper and endorse the NRPF Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>Continuing without a policy as outlined in option one would place the Council at risk of judicial review and would result in families receiving inconsistent rates of support which would not be right or fair.</p> <p>The proposed financial support framework is the only approach that reflects Government figures on the minimum amount of money a person with NRPF can live on. The proposed model has been designed around the Government's Asylum Support rate. A financial framework with no legitimate base would place the Council at risk of judicial review.</p> <p>Having a clear procedure in place that is aligned with a Government support rate minimises the risk of judicial review and will ensure families experience a fair level of support across the City.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	2 May 2018

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<b>Title</b>	Early Help Strategy 2018 - 2022
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That the Early Help Strategy 2018 – 2022 be approved.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children &amp; Young People, in consultation with the Director of Children Services, to make any minor changes to the Early Help Strategy arising from wider consultation.</p> <p>3. That it be noted that the Early Help Strategy 2018 – 2022 is a partnership approach and the final strategy will be endorsed by partners at the next Children's Trust Board meeting on 14 June 2018.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The alternative option to the proposed early help strategy is to continue with the current arrangements. However this is not recommended as it does not maximise or coordinate early help. There is a need to build on current early help activity and provide a clearer approach across the partnership that will improve effectiveness to ensure where appropriate, children and families access support at an earlier stage of need; and contribute to reducing pressure on the statutory child protection system.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The current Early Help Strategy is due to expire. The provision of early help is a nationally recognised, cost effective use of resources and an appropriate way to organise and manage the delivery of services. Wolverhampton City Council is the lead agency for early help through a partnership approach and joint responsibility under section 10 of the Children Act (2004) and restated in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015). Whilst there are a number of national models, the proposed strategy aims to focus the early help arrangements in communities across the City and maximise the collective approach in all agencies.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	2 May 2018

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<b>Title</b>	Governance of West Midlands Fire Service Public Consultation Outcomes
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the submission of the Governance Scheme with the results of the public consultation to the Secretary of State for the Home Office, be agreed so as to enable the transfer of governance of West Midlands Fire Service from West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, to the Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Managing Director, to approve the draft order received from Government to be laid before parliament, to enable the changes for West Midlands Combined Authority to assume governance of West Midlands Fire Service.</li> <li>3. That the outcomes of the formal public consultation be noted.</li> <li>4. That the changes to the indicative timeline presented to Cabinet on 18 October 2017 be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>The WMFRA commissioned an appraisal panel in April 2016 following Government calls for reform of the fire sector. The panel sought to understand the potential for the delivery of further collaborative services, and appraise possible governance structures that met specified criteria as outlined in the Governance Review.</p> <p>The Governance Review, presented to Cabinet on 18 October 2017, provided a review of existing governance arrangements and functions, and included the proposed new model and its benefits under the Mayoral WMCA.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Unanimous support for the proposed scheme was received from all seven constituent councils in October and November 2017, along with approval to proceed to a public consultation. This report seeks approval to submit the Governance Scheme with the results of the public consultation to the Secretary of State for the Home Office for review.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	2 May 2018

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<b>Title</b>	Delivery of Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Management
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That the Council entering into a Collaboration Agreement with West Midlands Fire Service be approved, whereby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The overall day to day management and delivery of City of Wolverhampton Council's emergency planning and business continuity management service is delegated to the West Midlands Fire Service;</li> <li>b. The City of Wolverhampton Council remains the principal authority as regards its statutory obligations for civil contingencies;</li> <li>c. The Council Cabinet portfolio holders retain overall responsibility for the strategic direction, budget setting and performance monitoring of the civil protection and emergency management service;</li> <li>d. The Council's Resilience Board oversees WMFS delivery of the service.</li> </ul> <p>2. That the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (TUPE) of City of Wolverhampton Council employees to West Midlands Fire Service be approved.</p> <p>3. That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Managing Director and Director of Public Health, to proceed with the implementation of the proposal.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>Four options have been considered for the future delivery of civil contingencies and business continuity management services. A full options appraisal is detailed in Appendix 1 to this report with a summary provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1: Delegate Civil Contingencies to WMFS and CWC retains Public Health emergency planning, business continuity management and the Prepare (counterterrorism).</li> <li>• Option 2: Delegate Civil Contingencies and Public Health emergency planning, business continuity management and the Prepare (counter-terrorism) coordination role to WMFS.</li> <li>• Option 3: Another category 1 responder delivers CWC's Civil Contingencies and Public Health emergency planning, business continuity management and the Prepare (counter-terrorism) coordination role.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option 4: Retain the status quo and continue to manage Civil Contingencies and Public Health emergency planning, business continuity management and the Prepare (counter-terrorism) in house.</li> </ul> <p>The preferred option, which has been developed in response to feedback from CWC stakeholders, is Option 2.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>Transferring the management and delivery of emergency planning and business continuity management to WMFS will achieve a more resilient, co-ordinated inter-agency and effective service by joining the capability of the CWC's Resilience Team with the West Midlands Fire Service Emergency Planning Team.</p> <p>A joint team of 5 FTE (plus management) would be created (from CWC 2 FTE currently) supported by WMFS' 24/7 incident control room staff out of hours. As such, CWC would benefit from additional resources and a wider pool of subject matter expertise from the WMFS but within the existing budget.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Transportation Capital Programme, 2018-2019 and future years
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the list of projects for development and implementation as part of the Transportation Capital Programme 2018-2019 and future years, be agreed as set out in appendices 2 and 3 to the report.</li> <li>2. That the Head of City Transport be authorised to proceed with development work for each project on the list including surveying, site investigation, options appraisal, feasibility analysis, traffic modelling, detailed design, statutory advertising and public consultation, as appropriate.</li> <li>3. That the projects marked 'Approve' in the 'Approval' column of appendix 2 to the report be approved for implementation, subject to the availability of funding.</li> </ol>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. That the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Service Director for City Environment be authorised to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice, implementation of the projects on the list marked 'IEDN' in the 'Approval' column of appendix 2 to the report, subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation, availability of funding and any other relevant considerations.</li><li>5. That the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Service Director for City Environment be authorised to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice, the bringing forward of projects from appendix 3 to appendix 2 to the report and thereafter to approve them for implementation during 2018-2019 subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation, availability of funding and any other relevant considerations.</li><li>6. That it be agreed to receive further reports at the appropriate times in order to obtain the necessary authority to construct the projects marked 'Cabinet' in the 'Approval' column of appendix 2 to the report.</li><li>7. That the Director of Governance be authorised to serve all necessary notices in respect of the projects listed in appendix 2 to the report and, subject to there being no unresolved objections, make traffic regulation orders as required.</li><li>8. That the Director of Finance be authorised to enter into funding agreements with the various funding bodies to receive grant funding in respect of the projects included in the report.</li><li>9. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place and Director of Finance to approve capital budgets for transport projects upon receipt of a grant offer letter.</li><li>10. That the expenditure and progress made in delivering the projects in the Transportation Capital Programme during 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, be noted as set out in appendix 1 to the report.</li><li>11. That the Council's continuing success in bidding for additional funding and delivering new projects through the Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund, the Local Pinch Point Fund, the Access to Growth Fund, the Managing Short Trips programme and more recently the National Productivity Investment Fund be noted.</li></ol>
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<b>Options Considered</b>	Options appraisals form part of each individual project development and prioritisation and are not discussed in detail in this report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The decision to approve the recommendations of this report is necessary to enable delivery of the Capital programme in 2018-2019.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Councillor Roger Lawrence declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Canal and River Trust Council.
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Yes
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<b>Title</b>	Allocations Policy and the Homelessness Reduction Act
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the amendments to the Allocations Policy in line with the Homelessness Reduction Act be approved, including the ability to discharge homeless duty into the private rented sector.</li> <li>2. That the amendment to the data protection statement within the Allocations Policy be approved in readiness for the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The alternative option would be to not amend the Council's Allocations Policy in line with the Homelessness Reduction Act which would mean that the Council would not be compliant with the new regulations and therefore not providing the best possible assistance to people who find themselves in need of support.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act requires amendments to the Council's Allocations Policy to ensure that it is focussed on prevention, supporting officers working with homeless applicants to identify solutions which prevent them from becoming homeless and having to enter temporary accommodation. The changes to the Policy ensure that the move is supported through strategy, policy and operational activity.

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<b>Title</b>	Implementation of the Devolution Agreement for the Adult Education Budget
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the making of a draft Devolution Order that will transfer powers to the West Midlands Combined Authority for Adult Education Budget functions and funding from the 2019-2020 academic year be approved.</li> <li>2. That the delegation of necessary powers to the West Midlands Combined Authority to approve the final draft Devolution Order be approved.</li> <li>3. That the Managing Director, following consultation with the Leader, be authorised to give any necessary consent on behalf of the Council to the making of the Order and to take any necessary or consequential action to approve the final draft Order.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	An alternative option is not to provide consent to the WMCA for the Order to be made or to delegate final sign-off of the Order. The impact of this option would be to potentially derail the devolution of the Adult Education Budget and delay the process for a further year.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>The recommendation is for the Cabinet to give consent to both the making of the Order and the delegation of authority to sign-off the draft final Order. Giving consent will provide the Department for Education with the authority it needs to meet the challenging timelines to ensure the Adult Education Budget is fully devolved by the 2019-2020 academic year</p> <p>It is not recommended that the consent is withheld as this may prevent the WMCA from achieving full devolution for the 2019-2020 academic year. There is a risk of reputational damage to the WMCA and its constituent members if the process slips a further year.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A

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