

## Attendance

### Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Louise Miles (Chair)  
Cllr Ian Brookfield (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Harman Banger  
Cllr Peter Bilson  
Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre  
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE

### Employees

Tim Johnson	Managing Director
Emma Bennett	Director of Children's Services
Tracey Christie	Head of Legal Services
Dereck Francis	Democratic Services Officer
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
Mark Taylor	Deputy Managing Director
Meredith Teasdale	Director of Education
David Watts	Director of Adult Services

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## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

*Item No. Title*

- 1 **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Steve Evans and Linda Leach.
- 2 **Declarations of interests**  
Councillor Louise Miles declared a non pecuniary interest in item 5 (Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2019 – 2020) in so far as she has relatives who are in receipt of the service.
- 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting - 2 April 2019**  
Resolved:  
That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 April 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4 **Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

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**Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2019 - 2020**

Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE presented for approval proposed increases to the fee levels for the care and support provider service. The proposal would ensure sufficiency with the external social care provider market to meet the social care needs of residents in Wolverhampton.

Councillor Ian Brookfield welcomed the piece of work on the review of fees. The proposals demonstrated the Council's commitment to supporting the city's elderly community. He noted that it was not proposed to increase the fee level for Direct Payments Personal Assistants but that the recipients of the support would benefit as a result of better insurance rates that had been negotiated. David Watts, Director of Adults elaborated on how recipients would benefit in real terms from negotiated improved insurance rates.

Resolved:

1. That the following proposed increase in fee levels for 2019-2020 to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage (NLW), pension contribution and where applicable increases to sustain the care market be approved:

Type of provision	Recommendation	Current £	Proposed £
Domiciliary Care	Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage	14.52 (hourly rate)	15.04 (hourly rate)
Home Based Respite	Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage	13.80 (hourly rate)	14.32 (hourly rate)
Direct Payments Domiciliary Care Agency Rate	Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee only) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage.	13.72 (hourly rate)	14.10 (hourly rate)
Direct Payments for Personal Assistants	Do nothing do not increase fee levels	10.76 (hourly rate)	10.76 (hourly rate)
All Residential and Nursing Care Agreements for Older People	Uplift all agreements with a current rate of less than £433.30 to £433.30	Less than £433.30 (weekly rate)	433.30 (weekly rate)

All Residential and Nursing Care Agreements for Older People	Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the NLW	More than £433.30 (weekly rate)	Current rate plus additional NLW related costs
Extra Care	Increase fees by 3%	N/A part of block contract	Increase to all contracts total £71,000
Supported Living	Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the NLW	13.80 (hourly rate)	14.32 (hourly rate)

2. That any increase in fees be backdated to 1 April 2019 to reflect when the increase to NLW came into effect.
3. That it be noted that engagement had been undertaken with current care and support providers as part of the fee review to listen to feedback, however due to current financial restraints the recommendations are not solely based on provider requests.
4. That it be noted that work would be undertaken over the next nine months to work with providers in developing the social care market to ensure a shared approach based on high quality demand management to address the ongoing financial challenge faced by all stakeholders in Adult Social Care.

## 6 **Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Property by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 50 Crowther Street, Wolverhampton WV10 9AG**

Councillor Peter Bilson presented the report on a proposal to authorise the acquisition of 50 Crowther Street, Wolverhampton by negotiation or through compulsory purchase. The proposal would support the Council's Empty Properties Strategy which aimed to bring long term empty properties back into use.

Resolved:

1. That the Director of City Housing be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property 50 Crowther Street, Wolverhampton WV10 9AG, and, in default of that acquisition, authority be given for a compulsory purchase order (CPO) to be made under Part II Section 17 Housing Act 1985 in respect of the property.
2. That expenditure for the potential acquisition of the property be approved, with subsequent capital receipts being recycled within the Empty Property Strategy programme.
3. That in the event that the property is improved and re-occupied to the satisfaction of the Director of City Housing, withdrawal of the property from the CPO be authorised.

4. That following any acquisition, the Director of City Housing be authorised to dispose of the property on the open market on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied within six or 12 months (as appropriate to the scale of the works).
5. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to:
  - a. Take all reasonable steps as soon as it is reasonably practical to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO including the publication and service of all Notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry.
  - b. Approve agreements with the owners of the property setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the CPO, and/or making arrangements for re-housing or relocation of any occupiers.
  - c. Approve the making of a General Vesting Declaration (the property is brought into Council ownership via this process).
  - d. Approve the disposal of the whole and/ or parts of the property by auction, tender or private treaty.

**7 Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Property by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 17 Haggar Street, Wolverhampton WV2 3ET**

Councillor Peter Bilson presented the report on a proposal to authorise the acquisition of 17 Haggar Street, Wolverhampton by negotiation or through compulsory purchase. The proposal would support the Council's Empty Properties Strategy which aimed to bring long term empty properties back into use.

**Resolved:**

1. That the Director of City Housing be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property 17 Haggar Street, Wolverhampton WV2 3ET, and, in default of that acquisition, to give authority for a compulsory purchase order (CPO) to be made under Part II Section 17 Housing Act 1985 in respect of the property.
2. That expenditure for the potential acquisition of the property be approved, with subsequent capital receipts being recycled within the Empty Property Strategy programme.
3. That in the event that the property is improved and re-occupied to the satisfaction of the Director of City Housing, the withdrawal of the property from the CPO be authorised.
4. That following any acquisition, the Director of City Housing be authorised to dispose of the property on the open market on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied within six or 12 months (as appropriate to the scale of the works).

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  - c. Approve the making of a General Vesting Declaration (the property is brought into Council ownership via this process).
  - d. Approve the disposal of the whole and/ or parts of the property by auction, tender or private treaty.

**8      Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices**

Resolved:

That the summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees be noted.

**9      Exclusion of press and public**

Resolved:

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 falling within Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

## **Part 2 - exempt items, closed to the press and public**

**10      21 May 2019 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services**

The Panel considered proposals for the award of contracts for works, goods and services.

Resolved:

1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Deputy Managing Director, to approve the award of a contract for Provision of Transport Services when the evaluation process is complete.
2. That the contract for Tettenhall Park Paddling Pool refurbishment be awarded to William Gough and Sons Limited, of Tudor House, Moseley Road, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 6JD as main contractor with Ustigate Waterplay of 11 Masthead, Capstan Court, Crossways Business Park, Dartford, DA2 6QG as sub-contractor for a duration of three months enabling completion in Summer 2019.

3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Director for Regeneration, to approve the award of a contract for Civic Halls Project Management and Design when the scope and pricing is complete.
4. That the Director of Governance and staff with appropriate delegated authority be authorised to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.

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**External Funding - Grants from Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership for sites at Daisy Bank, Ash Street, Bilston and Wolverhampton Environment Centre, Wolverhampton**

Councillor Peter Bilson presented the report that sought approval to the acceptance of external funding from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (BC LEP) and the conditions attached, to undertake site investigations at two brownfield sites in the city. The bids would lever additional monies into the city to support bringing derelict and brownfield sites back into use, preserving the green belt and bringing sites forward for housing.

Resolved:

1. That the acceptance of grant from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (BC LEP) to undertake site investigations at the site of the former Daisy Bank Community Centre, Ash Street Bilston and the site of glasshouses, ancillary buildings and bungalow at the former Wolverhampton Environment Centre, Wolverhampton, be approved, the grant to be 70% of the lowest quotation provided to the BC LEP.
2. That the difference in cost be covered by City of Wolverhampton Council but passed on to WV Living as the purchaser of the land as part of the purchase price.