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<b>Title</b>	Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2018-2022
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the City of Wolverhampton Homelessness Prevention Strategy for 2018-2022 be approved.
<b>Options Considered</b>	The strategy is requirement under current legislation and must be developed and set in line with the Government framework.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>There is statutory requirement for the City to have a strategy therefore approval must be sought prior to circulation.</p> <p>Even though the current strategy has not finished its tenure the change in legislation means that there is need to refresh the document.</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>	18 September 2018

<b>Title</b>	Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy under the Regulatory Reform Order 2002 be approved.
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>Failure to consider this issue and to ensure that policy in this area is current would lead to weaker operation of the Better Care Fund and joint working between housing, health and social care.</p> <p>It would also hamper the day to day delivery of the programme by our partners at Wolverhampton</p>

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	Homes.  It may also lead to the view that the Council is not delivering disabled adaptations effectively and prejudice any future central allocation of funds.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The proposed policy is deemed to be the most effective and efficient method to deliver our statutory function under the Regulatory Reform Order 2002.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Houses in Multiple Occupancy Mandatory Licensing
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the implementation of changes, in line with updated legislation around the licensing and management of Houses in Multiple Occupation, be approved.
<b>Options Considered</b>	The alternative option would be to remain as we are and not administer the new licensing regime, however the Council would then be in breach of its statutory duty under the Housing Act 2004 and potential vulnerable occupants of HMOs unlicensed and at risk.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	To ensure vulnerable occupants in HMOs are safeguarded through licensing and ensuring their property conditions are safe and managed.  To ensure the Council is protected from legal and reputational risk by complying with the Housing Act 2004.
<b>Record of Conflicts of</b>	None

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<b>Interest</b>	
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement (Pooled Budget 2018-2019)
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That that the Section 75 Agreement (Pooled Budget) with the NHS Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group be approved to continue for 2018-2019.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Members for Adults, Public Health and Wellbeing and Resources, in consultation with the Director of Adult Social Service, Director of Public Health and the Director of Finance, to approve the revised Section 75 Agreement (Pooled Budget) for 2018-2019.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	Section 75 of the National Health Service 2006 Act gives powers to local authorities and health bodies to establish and maintain pooled funds out of which payments may be made towards expenditure incurred in the exercise of prescribed Local Authority functions and prescribed National Health Service functions. In order to operate a pooled budget the partners are required to have in place a Section 75 Agreement. If the Section 75 Agreement with the NHS WCCG was not continued, the partners would fail to comply with the requirements of NHS England under the BCF Pooled Fund arrangements. If this were the case, relevant funding would not be received.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	A Section 75 Agreement is a fundamental requirement of the BCF and must be finalised and signed by both organisations in order for the pooled fund to be set up and the relevant funding to be received.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Councillor Louise Miles declared a personal interest as a family member was employed by the Clinical Commissioning Group.

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<b>Title</b>	Local Offer for Care Leavers
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That the Local Offer for Care Leavers be endorsed.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, to consider and agree any variation to the current Local Offer within the annual review period.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	Production and publication of a Local Offer for care leavers is a statutory requirement. The City of Wolverhampton Council has worked closely with partner agencies within the City to maximise the support available to care leavers.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Production and publication of a Local Offer is a statutory requirement. Publication of the offer will ensure that care leavers up to the age of 25 are made aware of the services available to them.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Annual Report 2017-2018
<b>Status</b>	For Determination

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<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Annual Report 2017-2018 be endorsed and identified areas for development be supported.
<b>Options Considered</b>	Production of an annual report is a statutory requirement for the Community Safety Partnership.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The annual summary of performance is used to inform future planning and delivery around crime and community safety for the City.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Apprenticeship Pay Scale
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the new pay scales created for apprentices that are recruited into the Council be approved.
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>Using the NJC pay grades: there are not enough pay grades on the NJC pay grade scale to accommodate five levels of apprenticeships, without compromising existing roles that have been evaluated within the Council's structure.</p> <p>Paying apprentices at National Minimum According to age, this would discriminate against a younger Apprentice.</p> <p>Managers would struggle to identify accurate budget if the Apprentice was paid at minimum wage according to age until the Apprentice had been appointed.</p>

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<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>The proposed pay scale will not discriminate against the Apprentices who are younger but carrying out the same level of apprenticeship.</p> <p>The proposed pay scale will be more than the benefits that can be claimed by the care leavers, so will be an attractive career option. This has always been a block to attracting care leavers into apprenticeships.</p> <p>The pay scale is straight forward and will allow managers to budget for the apprentice they are recruiting in advance of the recruitment process.</p> <p>The pay scale offers a reasonable wage for Apprentices with progression and a career pathway, which should make it attractive and encourage quality applicants who might otherwise only have considered going to university.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	The Vision for School Organisation 2018-2020: City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That 'The Vision for School Organisation 2018-2020: City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning' be approved.</li> <li>2. That the outcome of external consultation in relation to 'The Vision for School Organisation 2018-2020: City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning' be noted.</li> <li>3. That the summary of discussion from the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel on 20 June 2018 regarding 'The Vision for School Organisation 2018-2020: City of</li> </ol>

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	<p>Wolverhampton Education Place Planning’ be noted.</p> <p>4. That the reduction in the recommended primary and secondary surplus be noted (currently 5% and 6% respectively). The aspirational level of surplus has been reduced towards the Department for Education funding surplus figure (2%).</p> <p>5. That the need to introduce additional Secondary School places for September 2019 be noted.</p> <p>6. That it be noted that projected levels of demand suggest that further significant investment in additional school places will be required in the future to ensure that supply can meet demand. This will be over and above the existing capital programme.</p> <p>7. That it be noted that a further report will be brought to Cabinet with details of proposed individual schemes to be considered for inclusion in the Secondary Expansion Programme 2019 - 2020.</p> <p>8. That it be noted that the Regional Schools Commissioner is responsible for determining if academies can expand. The Council is not in full control of all the factors relating to the effective and timely supply of school places.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>Option 1: no strategy document in place. This would mean that the Local Authority would not have a framework for school organisation and related decision making regarding primary and secondary school places across the City of Wolverhampton.</p> <p>Option 2: use existing primary and secondary sufficiency strategies with an updated date. Historically these separate strategies have been revised every two years in order to take account of changeable factors such as new legislation, demographic trends and the landscape of the autonomous school system.</p> <p>Option 3: Approve ‘The Vision for School Organisation 2018-2020: City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning’. This will be adopted as the framework for school organisation and related decision making regarding primary and secondary school places across</p>

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<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>If 'The Vision for School Organisation 2018-2020: City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning' is approved by Cabinet, this framework will be adopted and used to inform school organisation in Wolverhampton. Due to the significant demand for secondary pupil places in the short to medium term, the Vision will be particularly important in exploring solutions and decisions when introducing additional capacity into the City.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, the Regional Schools Commissioner is responsible for determining if academies can expand. The Council is not in full control of all the factors relating to the effective and timely supply of school places.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Exclusion of press and public
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	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 the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
<b>Options Considered</b>	N/A



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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>	Wolverhampton Homes Management Agreement Update
<b>Status</b>	For Determination
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the recommendations be approved as detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Options Considered</b>	As outlined in the exempt report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	As outlined in the exempt report.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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