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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON C O U N C I L

# **Meeting of the City Council**

29 March 2023

Report title Written Questions by Councillors

**Referring person** Councillor Gillian Wildman, Councillor Lovinyer Daley,

Councillor Simon Bennett, Councillor Jonathan Crofts, Councillor Adam Collinge, Councillor Stephanie Haynes, Councillor Andy Randle, Councillor Sohail Khan, Councillor

Wendy Dalton

Wards affected All Wards

**Cabinet Member with lead** 

responsibility

Councillor Stephen Simkins, Deputy Leader: Inclusive City

**Economy** 

Councillor Beverley Momenabadi, Cabinet Member for Children

and Young People

Councillor Jasbir Jaspal, Cabinet Member for Health and

Wellbeing

Councillor Chris Burden, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills

and Work

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#### Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

That the relevant Executive Members respond to the questions received in accordance with Council's procedure rules for a maximum of 30 minutes.

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### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 For the Cabinet Members to respond to the questions received:

## a. Levelling Up in Bilston

Councillor Gillian Wildman to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

After initially declaring that our transformative Levelling Up Round 2 Bilston Health & Regeneration Programme (HaRP) bid was unsuccessful in January this year, the Government has back tracked and performed another U-turn, confirming in the Spring Budget that Wolverhampton will receive £20million towards the delivery of this programme.

Can the Cabinet Member for City Economy outline what this means for levelling up in Bilston and the wider city?

#### b. WV Active Leisure Centres

Councillor Lovinyer Daley to ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:

Can the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People outline further details about the £2 million that this Council will be investing to provide free access to all of our WV Active Leisure Centres by our young people, as announced at Budget Council earlier this month?

### c. Light House

Councillor Simon Bennett to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

Can the Cabinet Member for Inclusive City Economy please provide an update on developments with the Light House?

#### d. Green Belt Land

Councillor Jonathan Crofts to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

Will the Cabinet Member agree to protect our green belt sites, such as the WEC, to ensure they are never put forward for development again?

#### e. WV Active

Councillor Adam Collinge to ask the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing:

Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether they envisage WV Active, particularly WV Active Central, will benefit from the Government's recently announced £63 million support fund for leisure centres nationally, and will they be seeking to apply for this support?

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#### f. Educational Attainment

Councillor Stephanie Haynes to ask the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work:

Could the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills, and Work provide insight into what is being done to tackle the fall in educational attainment from key stage 4 to key stage 5?

#### g. Wednesfield Police Base

Councillor Andy Randle to ask the Lead Member on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel:

Would the Council representative on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel support a future police base in Wednesfield near its current strategic location, and will plans be made to support the police to find a new home once the existing building closes?

#### h. RSM Review

Councillor Sohail Khan to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

Would the Cabinet Member for Inclusive City Economy be able to outline the key findings from the RSM review for business support provided to businesses in the city centre that have been affected by the recent roadworks?

### i. Bilston Health and Wellbeing Hub

Councillor Wendy Dalton to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

Will the Cabinet Member join us in congratulating Andy Street, the Mayor of the West Midlands, on securing £20 million for the Health and Wellbeing Hub in Bilston to ensure improved health outcomes for all Bilston residents?