

Meeting of the City Council

13 December 2017

Report title	Executive Business	
Referring body	Cabinet, 29 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Paul Sweet	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paul Sweet Public Health and Wellbeing	
Accountable director	Mark Taylor, People	
Originating service	Community Safety	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	29 November 2017

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Receive the summary of executive business and for Cabinet Members to answer any questions thereon.

**Executive business including
Policy development/operational issues**

Councillor Paul Sweet, Public Health and Wellbeing

- **Faith Covenant**

- Cabinet agreed the adoption of the Covenant and the proposals for implementation.
- A Faith Covenant provides a framework for local authorities (and partners) and the faith sector to better understand how they can cooperate. This cooperation could cover commissioning for services, supporting social actions and providing greater coordination during consultations. The Covenant has also been timely, given the increasing financial pressures across the statutory sector, for service delivery contributions within the faith sector to be formally recognised.
- There are four guiding principles for the Covenant covering freedoms to practise; equalities act adherence; recognition of the role of faith communities within the larger community; and confirmation on the importance of multiple funding streams.
- Work has been conducted with the City's interfaith organisation, InterFaith Wolverhampton. The faith sector has been positive to the idea of adopting the Faith Covenant, due to the collaborative approach to working between the statutory sector and the faith sector.
- It is planned that a working group would be established to progress practical areas of implementation. The working group would be made up of key signatories, including a number of faith representatives, who would meet periodically to coordinate activity under the auspices of the Covenant.