

## Meeting of the City Council

### 19 September 2018

<b>Report title</b>	Executive Business	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet, 12 September 2018	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Peter Bilson, City Assets and Housing Councillor Paul Sweet, Children and Young People	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Peter Bilson, City Assets and Housing Councillor Paul Sweet, Children and Young People	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Kate Martin, Service Director, City Housing Emma Bennett, Director of Children's Services	
<b>Originating service</b>	City Housing and Children and Young People	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Cabinet	12 September 2018

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#### Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

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

**Cabinet, 12 September 2018**

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

**Councillor Peter Bilson, City Assets and Housing**

- **Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2018 – 2022**
  - Cabinet approved the City of Wolverhampton Homelessness Strategy for 2018 – 2022.
  - The introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act earlier in the year required local authorities to refresh their strategies in line with the new duties.
  - The Strategy focussed on four key areas: homelessness prevention, tackling rough sleeping, vulnerability and health and responding to the local housing market. These themes would form a strategic foundation for an action plan to reduce homelessness and assist those who found themselves in housing need.
- **Houses in Multiple Occupancy Mandatory Licensing**
  - Cabinet approved the implementation of changes in line with updated legislation around the licensing and management of Houses in Multiple Occupation.
  - The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Mandatory Conditions of Licences) (England) Regulations 2018 extended mandatory licencing to houses in multiple occupation. This would include all properties with five or more unrelated occupants, sharing amenities, taking out the three or more storeys requirement.
  - It was estimated that there would be an additional 500 properties that would fall under the new definition, in addition to the existing 127 houses in multiple occupation in Wolverhampton.

**Councillor Paul Sweet, Children and Young People**

- **Local Offer for Care Leavers**
  - Cabinet endorsed the Local Offer for Care Leavers and delegated authority 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.
  - The Local Offer included information about services that the Council offered that could assist care leavers in, or in preparing for, adulthood and independent living.
  - City of Wolverhampton Council was one of six champion local authorities working with Spectre to develop a national initiative to enhance opportunities for care leavers on a national level. This would also enable the Council to showcase the work that was being undertaken to ensure the social value aspect of contracts and to benefit the needs of care leavers.