

# Meeting of the City Council

## 7 November 2018

<b>Report title</b>	Executive Business	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet, 17 October 2018	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Roger Lawrence, Leader of the Council Councillor Peter Bilson, City Assets and Housing Councillor Lynne Moran, Education and Skills	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Jen Brake, Service Director of Strategy and Change Kate Martin, Service Director of Housing Andy Moran, Director of Commercial Services Meredith Teasdale, Director of Education	
<b>Originating service</b>	Strategy and Change, Private Sector Housing, Corporate Landlord, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Cabinet	17 October 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, 17 October 2018

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

**Councillor Roger Lawrence, Leader of the Council**

- **Governance Review and Scheme for the Transfer of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**
  - Cabinet agreed the prepared Governance Review and Scheme outlining the proposed model for Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority governance of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner functions, and delegated authority to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Managing Director to make minor amendments prior to public consultation.
  - All constituent authorities were being consulted on the proposed Governance Review and Scheme. The proposal detailed that the West Midlands Combined Authority Mayor would exercise all Police and Crime Commissioner functions in the Combined Authority area.
  - The detail of the Governance Review and Scheme outlined that the roles would be separated with functions relating to finance, assets, borrowing and contracts ring-fenced and distinct from wider Combined Authority activities. A Deputy Mayor for Policy and Crime would be appointed to support the Mayor in discharging Police and Crime Commissioner functions.

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

- **Amendment to Housing Enforcement and Charging Policy**
  - Cabinet approved an amendment to the Council's Housing Enforcement and Charging Policy, the adoption of a new scheme of discounts, changes to the duration of Houses in Multiple Occupation Licenses, penalties for late submissions of applications and a revised discount structure for the early payment of penalties.
  - Key changes to the law had provided an opportunity to refresh and amend the existing policy to maximise the positive effect on the quality of private sector housing and ensure that it contributed towards the 2030 City Vision and Public Health Vision.
  - The new powers would be used to penalise criminal landlords within the City and to incentivise and promote the work of good landlords.
- **Strategic Asset Plan**
  - Cabinet approved the implementation and adoption of a revised City of Wolverhampton Council Strategic Asset Plan and associated Action Plan.
  - The revised Strategic Asset Plan would provide direction in the future management of Council land and property portfolio. It would also clarify the Council's approach to the management of its land and buildings portfolio, alongside its aspirational future aims, over the next five years.
  - The structure of the Asset Plan would ensure that aspects of the Council's approach to asset management would remain constant for several years.

## **Councillor Lynne Moran, Education and Skills**

- **School Accessibility Strategy**

- Cabinet approved the School Accessibility Strategy for implementation.
- The Council was required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an Accessibility Strategy to promote better access in schools for pupils with disabilities. The Strategy would be used by schools to inform their Disability Equality Scheme and Accessibility Plan. These would illustrate how access to education for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities would be improved.
- The aims of the Strategy were to increase the extent to which pupils with special educational needs and disabilities could participate in the school curriculum and ensure that they would gain maximum benefit from their time in education. The Strategy would also aim to improve the delivery of information to pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.