

### Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Time 5.00pm Public meeting? YES Type of meeting Executive

Venue Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

**Room** Committee Room 4 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

A pre-meeting for members of the Panel will be held in meeting room 4 at 4.30pm.

### Membership

Chair Cllr Andrew Johnson (Lab)

Labour Conservative Liberal Democrat

Cllr Peter Bilson Cllr Steve Evans Cllr Roger Lawrence Cllr Phil Page Cllr John Reynolds Cllr Paul Sweet

Quorum for this meeting is two Councillors.

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### **Agenda**

### Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

#### **MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. **Declarations of interest**
- 3. **Minutes of the previous meeting (11 February 2014)** [For approval]
- 4. Matters arising

[To consider any matters arising from the minutes]

#### **DECISION ITEMS (Amber – delegated to the Cabinet (Resources ) Panel)**

5. **2014/15 Council fees and charges** 

[To approve the recommended Council fees and charges for 2014/15 to take effect from 31 March 2014.]

6. Quarter Three Revenue Budget Monitoring

[To approve the recommendations in respect of the Council's budget as detailed in the Quarter Three Revenue Budget Monitoring report.]

7. Discretionary Rate Relief for 2014/2015

[To approve the extension of the Scheme for Discretionary Rate Relief for charitable and voluntary organisations for 2014/15.]

8. City and Town Centre Management

[To approve and authorise the approval of grants to City and Town Centre Management.]

9. External Funding

[To provide authority to incur expenditure on externally funded projects in accordance with bids submitted and any changes subsequently agreed with external funding providers as set out in the grant determination.]

10. Police & Crime Commissioner Community Safety Fund Allocation 2014/15

[To approve delegation of the 2014/15 ring-fenced allocation from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) for

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the purposes of delivering the Community Safety programme.]

#### 11. Queen Street Gateway Enhancement Townscape Heritage

[To approve the allocation of £10,000 from the revenue budget to match fund the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund in order to support the preparation of the second round submission for the Queen Street Gateway Enhancement Townscape Heritage scheme.]

#### 12. Human Resources Policies phase four

[To approve in principle the new probation policy and revised capability policy, subject to the outcomes of on-going consultation.]

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 13. Schedule of Green Decisions

[To note the schedule of open and exempt decisions approved by Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees.]

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### 14. Exclusion of press and public

[To pass the following resolution:

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 on the grounds shown below.]

### Part 2 – exempt items, closed to the press and public

Item No.	Title	Grounds for exemption	Applicable paragraph
15.	Corporate Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services [To agree the acceptance of the award and extension of Council contracts as required by the Council's Contract Procedure Rules]	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information)	3
16.	Revenues and Ratings Matters [To approve the recommendations for discretionary rate relief applications.]	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information)	3
17.	Changes to Leave Policy [To approve in principle the proposed changes to leave policies with an implementation date of 1 Page 3 of 233	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated	4 Agenda

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consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

18. Changes to Employee Establishment (exempt)
[To note the schedule of changes approved by
Cabinet Members and Directors.]

Information relating to any individuals

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### **Cabinet (Resources) Panel**

### Minutes - 11 February 2014

#### **Attendance**

#### **Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel**

Cllr Andrew Johnson (Chair)

**Cllr Roger Lawrence** 

Cllr Peter Bilson

Cllr Steve Evans

Cllr Phillip Page

Cllr John Reynolds

Cllr Paul Sweet

#### **Employees**

Keith Ireland Strategic Director - Delivery

Mark Taylor Assistant Director Finance - Delivery

Nick Edwards Assistant Director Regeneration – Education and Enterprise

Martyn Sargeant Head of Democratic Services - Delivery

Wendy Trainor Head of Service Legal - Delivery

Cheryl Powell Project Manager - Delivery

Sam Axtell Communication Involvement Officer – Office of the Chief Executive

Matthew Vins Graduate Management Trainee - Delivery

There were no apologies for absence.

### Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

#### **MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### 2. Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (28 January 2014)

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 28 January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### **DECISION ITEMS (Amber – delegated to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel)**

#### 5. **Budget Consultation**

Cllr Johnson presented the report about the Budget Consultation, and apologised for its late circulation. He explained the report contained the initial response of the Cabinet to the views of those consulted during the process. He referred to paragraph 2, and noted the very detailed consultations which took place. He highlighted that the key findings were presented in paragraph 4. He expressed his gratitude towards the people who offered to help in their communities and explained that some very interesting ways to save money were put forward. He confirmed that the Cabinet would explore in depth certain issues such as the neighbourhood wardens and the accessibility of the new youth zone.

Cllr Johnson indicated that there was widespread support for the approach to economic regeneration, improving housing opportunities and exploring business revenue. He indicated the Council was working with partners to explore ways to make Central Baths more commercially viable, and suggested this approach would be taken across the cities leisure and cultural services. He noted that helpful comments had been voiced around prevention of issues, such as Looked After Children. He advised the group that overall it had been a good consultation process in difficult circumstances, and he paid tribute to the people who came to protest in a measured way at the consultations.

#### Resolved:

- 1. That the responses to the consultation undertaken for the Five Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 as detailed in the report be received.
- 2. To agree that the initial response of Cabinet to the consultation, taking into account the final budget Cabinet will recommend to Council for approval on 5 March 2014.
- 3. To note that the final response be fed back to those that participated in the consultation.

#### 6. Quarter Three Treasury Management Activity Monitoring

Cllr Johnson presented the report. He indicated that the actual projected savings for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account were up from the previous quarter's report by £200,000. He explained that the Council was exploring a fundamental review of its treasury management.

#### Resolved:

To note the contents of the report and in particular that the Council is continuing to operate within the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators approved by Council, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury Management Policy Statement.

#### 7. National Empty Homes Loan Fund

Cllr Bilson presented the report which looked at Wolverhampton City Council joining the National Empty Homes Loan Fund. He explained that quite a number of authorities in the country were joining the scheme, and it complimented the Council's

aim of getting empty houses back into use. He indicated that the terms of the scheme were listed in paragraph 2.4, and highlighted that the maximum loan term would be five years, with a drawdown of between £5000 and £15,000. He advised that the scheme assisted owners to secure and advance resources to allow them to rent property, and the scheme provided a good opportunity to enhance the Council's already good performance in this area with no major financial risk.

#### Resolved:

To approve that Wolverhampton City Council join the National Empty Homes Loan Fund scheme.

#### 8. City centre Transport and Movement Project

Cllr Bilson presented the report and noted that the proposal addressed the significant financial challenges the authority faced due to cuts from Central Government, but also would help stimulate the local economy and encourage growth and investment in the city centre. He highlighted the successful bid by the Council for £600,000 of funding for the scheme, but indicated that the plan for larger scale refurbishment of the public realm would take time due to Government cuts, and the change in funding from £5 million to £1.6 million reflected this.

Cllr Johnson agreed with the approach, and noted that the £600,000 from the Department for Transport.

#### Resolved:

- 1. That the revised delivery strategy for the City Centre Transport and Movement Project be approved.
- 2. That the funding of £1.6 million, provided by £600,000 of Department for Transport grant and £1 million from the Capital Programme Allocation be approved.

#### 9. Revision to the Private Sector Housing Policy

Cllr Bilson presented the report which looked at offering small grants of up to £500 for vulnerable people within Wolverhampton. He explained that the Council would not necessarily insist on repayment, and the financial implications would be modest. He highlighted that this would help ensure that vulnerable people could continue to live in their homes and not worry about not being able to afford to carry out work on their property. He indicated this would mean the authority would not have to rehouse people or deal with property challenges.

Cllr Johnson suggested that the report did not need to be brought back to the panel if the cost to the housing capital budget reached £4,000. This was agreed.

#### Resolved

1. To approve the amendments to the existing Private Sector Housing, Small Works Assistance Grants policy under the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistant) (England and Wales) Order 2002 to remove the repayment requirements for grants up to a value of £500.

#### 10. Discretionary Rate Relief – Amendments to Local Scheme

Cllr Johnson presented the report. He explained that a temporary Government grant for the next 18 months would provide a discount of £1,000 per year, which could positively affect 1,200 businesses in Wolverhampton. He highlighted the potential boost to the local economy could be over £1 million. He indicated the other aspects of the grant were not as easily quantifiable, but noted the business rate relief for 18 months and that the scheme was fully Government funded.

#### Resolved:

- 1. To approve the following additions to the local scheme for Business Rate Discretionary Relief:
  - a. A discount of up to £1,000 per year in 2014/15 and 2015/16 for any occupied retail premises with a rateable value below £50,000.
  - b. A 50 per cent business rates relief for 18 months, between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2016, for businesses that move into retail premises which have been empty for a year or more.
  - c. An exemption for newly built commercial property completed between 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2016 from empty property rates for the first 18 months.
- 2. To approve delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Delivery, to finalise the policy detail on receipt of Government Guidance.
- 3. To approve delegated authority to the Head of Revenues and Benefits to award of relief in respect of these new additions to the scheme, and to note that updates on the number and value of such awards will be reported to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel for information on a quarterly basis.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 11 Changes to Employee Establishment

Resolved:

That the employee establishment changes be noted.

#### 12. Schedule of Green Decisions

Resolved:

That the summary of open and exempt green decisions approved by Cabinet Members, following consultation with the appropriate employee, be noted.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### 13. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved:

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 item(s) of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Act set out below:

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### Part 2 – exempt items, closed to the press and public

### 14. Corporate Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services

Cllr Johnson presented the report and suggested that delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Members for Resources and Economic Regeneration and Prosperity with regard to the supply, installation and fully comprehensive maintenance of the CCTV site based systems contract.

#### Resolved:

- 1. To authorise the award of a contract for the supply and delivery of office supplies to Staples advantage of Birmingham.
- 2. To authorise the award of a contract for the accommodation and floating support to ex-offenders to Home Group Ltd. of Birmingham.
- 3. To authorise the award of the contract for urgent remedial repairs to Spring Valley Flat to Metric Building Services Ltd. of Tipton.
- 4. To authorise a contract for supply of pre-prepared sandwiches, rolls and salad packs to Tasties of Chester.
- 5. To authorise the extension of the existing Supported Living Accredited framework.
- 6. To authorise delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Services, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise, to award the contract for the supply of Dog Collection and Kennelling services.
- 7. To authorise the delegation of authority to the Cabinet Member for City Services, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Delivery, to use Birmingham City Council's framework agreement for the supply of cleaning materials, catering disposables and polythene sacks.

8. That the contract for the supply, installation and maintenance of the CCTV site based systems be delegated to the Cabinet Members for Resources and Economic Regeneration and Prosperity, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Delivery.

#### 15. Revenues and Ratings Matters

#### Resolved:

That the recommendations for discretionary rate relief applications be approved.

#### 16. Surplus Properties and Disposal Methods

#### Resolved:

- 1. To approve the grant of Leases, to declare land and property surplus to requirements and to agree the freehold disposal of these assets in accordance with the strategy set out in the report, specifically:
  - a. That the recommendations for the disposal of properties on the open market by auction, tender or private treaty for an appropriate use be approved.
  - b. That the recommendations to grant leases of land and buildings be approved, and also that the surrender of those leases detailed in the recommendations be approved.
  - c. To approve the inclusion of conditional options to purchase within the Lease agreements on terms to be agreed with regard to the properties listed in recommendation three of the report.
  - d. To approve the recommendation outlining the disposal of the relevant offices at the point that the service vacates and the premises become surplus to requirements and to enter into early negotiations with interested parties.
  - e. To approve any agreed terms for the disposal and/or leasing of the sites identified in recommendations 1-4 of the report, through an independent decision delegated to the Cabinet Member Economic Regeneration and Prosperity, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise.

#### 17. Low Hill Pods

#### Resolved:

- To approve the proposed options for consultation with private owners of properties conjoined to Council pod properties, supported by existing Housing budgets within General Fund capital, to support for the delivery of this programme.
- 2. That the recommendation with regards to the pods works be agreed.
- 3. That the recommendation with regards to the use of the existing Housing Revenue Account pods programme budget, to assist in the delivery of the overall project as detailed, be agreed.
- 4. That the recommendation with regard to the proposed approach to void Council properties, be agreed.

- 5. To agree to receive a further report on the details and costs of the proposed programme, after an initial consultation on the options has been undertaken with owners.
- 6. That the recommendation with regard to properties unaffected by the Council's work be agreed.
- 18. Consideration of a request for a discretionary Disabled Facilities Grant Cllr Evans presented a report and referred to paragraph 2.3 which set out plans for an all-encompassing policy to deal with a wider range of discretionary grants.

#### Resolved:

- 1. To approve the request of Mr and Mrs R for a discretionary Disabled Facilities Grant to top up expenditure in excess of the maximum mandatory grant of £30,000, in order to provide suitable facilities for their daughter to remain safe in the family home.
- 2. To determine that the full amount of any discretionary grant paid will become repayable to the Council if the property is sold within 10 years of the completion of the work.
- 3. That an all-encompassing policy report to deal with a range of discretionary grant issues be presented to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel in due course.

#### 19. Wolverhampton Youth Zone

Cllr Johnson recommended that decision on this item be deferred to the Cabinet Members for Resources, Economic Regeneration and Prosperity and Children and Families, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise and the Assistant Director, Finance.

#### Resolved:

 That decision with regard to the Wolverhampton Youth Zone report be deferred to the Cabinet Members for Resources, Economic Regeneration and Prosperity and Children and Families, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise and the Assistant Director, Finance.

#### 20. Civic Halls

Cllr Johnson presented the report and noted that the figures had improved since the report was published.

#### Resolved:

That the update to the Civic Halls Box Office Provision originally approved on 12 February 2013 be noted.

### 21. Changes to Employee Establishment

Resolved:

That the employee establishment changes be noted.

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### Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Report title Fees and Charges Review 2014/15

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

ΑII

**Key decision** Yes In forward plan Yes Wards affected ΑII

Accountable director Simon Warren, Chief Executive

> Sarah Norman, Community Keith Ireland, Delivery

Tim Johnson, Education and Enterprise

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Report to be/has been Strategic Executive Board

26 February 2014 considered by **Budget Working Party** 3 March 2014

#### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the fees and charges as set out in Appendices A to D, to take effect from 31 March 2014.
- 2. Approve in the following instances that authority be delegated to the responsible Head of Service to vary fees and charges during the financial year:
  - a. Where the cost of food and drink procured for resale increases, fees and charges can be increased in proportion with the increased costs, after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.

- b. Where an opportunity arises to secure an act or event at short notice and the projected net cost of the act or event is to break even or better, after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
- c. Where an opportunity arises to secure an act or event at short notice and there is a projected net cost of the act or event, after consulting with the responsible Assistant Director and the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
- d. Where Strategic Executive Board agree to a short-term change in fees and charges to ensure that a business opportunity can be pursued or secured; if the change is for a period or more than two months then the change to be referred to Cabinet (Resources) Panel for decision during the two month period.
- e. Where an opportunity arises to secure a sale by matching the price to that of an organisation the Council is in competition with, after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative, ensuring that satisfactory 'price match' documentation is maintained to evidence the one-off fee amendment.
- f. Where the Council wishes to subsidise a charitable event that may not breakeven that this be considered via an Individual Executive Decision Notice to be approved by the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Communities, the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Assistant Director Finance, using a standard template.
- g. Where market conditions dictate, leisure membership will be varied after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative, ensuring that satisfactory market information is maintained.
- h. Leisure Centre activities prices can be varied in line with market conditions after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative, ensuring that satisfactory market information is maintained.
- i. Charges to partner organisations for support services after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
- j. Court summons costs charged to council tax and business rates payers following default on payments after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
- 3. Approve that, should any amendment be made to the VAT treatment of specific fees and charges, authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources together with the responsible Cabinet Member in consultation with the Assistant Director Finance and the responsible Strategic Director.
- 4. Approve that any variation to fees and charges made under delegated authority must be recorded in order to ensure that there is a robust audit trail.

- 5. Approve that authority be delegated to the responsible Cabinet Member in consultation with the responsible Strategic Director and Assistant Director Finance to vary charges for bars and catering.
- 6. Approve that authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Communities and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Education and Enterprise and the Assistant Director Finance to approve the 2014/15 charges for Cultural services.
- 7. Approve that, in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Procedure Rules, any other variation to fees and charges during the financial year must be approved in advance at Cabinet (Resources) Panel, using the standard report template.

#### Recommendations for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

- 1. That the fees and charges detailed in paragraph 4.1, have been approved separately and are therefore not subject to review as part of this report.
- 2. That fees and charges related to all Youth Centres are not included in this report as they are to remain unchanged from 2013/14 whilst a review and/or reorganisation of the service provision is undertaken.

#### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present recommended levels for the majority of fees and charges receivable by the Council, to take effect from 1 April 2014.

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The council makes a wide range of fees and charges for many of its services. Some are at its discretion, and others are either specified, or heavily restricted, by legislation or Government policy.
- 2.2 The requirements of the financial procedure rules with regard to fees and charges are quoted in full below (Appendix 2, page 77):
  - a. All fees and charges within the Council's control, influenced by or associated with the Council, shall be approved by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
  - b. The Section 151 Officer shall prepare, not less than once in any twelve month period, a comprehensive fees and charges report to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel, which shall include recommendations on revisions to all fees and charges within the Council's control, influenced by or associated with the Council (with the exception of fees and charges relating solely to the Housing Revenue Account). This shall include reference to all relevant fees and charges for which no change is proposed.
  - c. All fees and charges shall take into account the full costs of the service in question, including recharges for support services and capital charges, subject to any approvals under paragraph 6.
  - d. All fees and charges shall be fully reviewed at least once in any twelve month period.
  - e. At the point of review, all fees and charges shall take into account the increase (expressed in percentage terms) in the estimated costs of the service in question (taken over the forthcoming twelve months), subject to any approvals under paragraph 6.
  - f. Any deviation from paragraphs 3 or 5 shall in itself require the approval, on an individual fee or charge basis, of Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
  - g. In considering whether to grant an approval, the Cabinet (Resources) Panel shall consider the following factors: underlying cost and the extent of cost recovery and or subsidy, comparison with other providers of similar or equivalent services, affordability and effect on demand, as well as any other relevant considerations.
  - h. All fees and charges shall be approved on a VAT-exclusive basis.

- i. The Section 151 Officer (or his/her delegate) shall maintain a register of all fees and charges currently receivable by, influenced by or associated with the Council.
- 2.3 Although all fees and charges set or influenced by the council would ordinarily fall within the scope of this report, a number have been excluded for various reasons which are set out at paragraph 4.1.
- 2.4 A full review of the VAT treatment of all fees and charges is currently being undertaken to ensure that the effect of all applicable legislation and guidance changes are taken into account. Delegated authority is requested for the Cabinet Member for Resources together with the responsible Cabinet Member in consultation with the Assistant Director, Finance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources together with the Cabinet Member and the responsible Strategic Director responsible for the service to which it relates. to adjust any fees and charges as appropriate where as a result of any changes to the VAT treatment

#### 3.0 Recommended Fees and Charges

- 3.1 Appendices A to C provide a detailed listing of all of the council's fees and charges presented for approval by Cabinet (Resources) Panel, including percentage increases where appropriate.
- 3.2 The fees and charges presented for approval in this report have been subject to detailed review in recent months. Focus has been paid to assessing the level of cost recovery of each fee or charge, and the market limits.
- 3.3 Schedule One of the Building Act 1984 identifies the Regulations which Local Authorities have a duty to enforce in relation to the setting of Building Control Charges. Therefore these charges have been set in accordance with the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulation 2010, as required by the Building Act 1984. The Scheme for recovery of Building Regulation Charges and Associated Matters for Wolverhampton City Council is included in Appendix D.

#### 4.0 Other Fees and Charges

- 4.1 The council also levies other fees and charges that are not included in Appendix A to C, which would normally be approved by the Panel as part of this report but for which no recommendation is being made on this occasion. This includes the following, for which the reasons that a recommendation is not being made in this report are set out below:
  - a. The charges relating to Adult Social Care Contributions to Care were approved by Cabinet on 25 February 2014.
  - The charges relating to Street Trading, Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing and General Licensing were approved by the Licensing Committee on 26 February 2014.

- c. Fees and charges relating to food and drink are not included in this report; any changes will be dealt with through delegations set out as part of the new fees and charges protocol, which is set out below and for which approval is sought within this report.
- d. A full review of the Council's Youth Centres is currently underway in relation to savings proposals put forward in the 2014/15 budget. Whilst the service provision is being evaluated fees and charges in these centres are to remain at 2013/14 levels.
- e. A review of fees and charges for Cultural services in 2014/15 is being undertaken and will be approved by the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Communities and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Education and Enterprise and the Assistant Director, Finance.
- 4.2 In the following instances authority will be delegated to the responsible Head of Service to vary fees and charges during the financial year:
  - a. Where the cost of food and drink procured for resale increases, fees and charges can be increased in proportion with the increased costs, after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
  - b. Where an opportunity arises to secure an act or event at short notice and the projected net cost of the act or event is to break even or better, after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
  - c. Where an opportunity arises to secure an act or event at short notice and there is a projected net cost of the act or event, after consulting with the responsible Assistant Director and the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
  - d. Where Strategic Executive Board agree to a short-term change in fees and charges to ensure that a business opportunity can be pursued or secured; if the change is for a period or more than two months then the change to be referred to Cabinet (Resources) Panel for decision during the two month period.
  - e. Where an opportunity arises to secure a sale by matching the price to that of an organisation the Council is in competition with, after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative, ensuring that satisfactory 'price match' documentation is maintained to evidence the one-off fee amendment.
  - f. Where the Council wishes to subsidise a charitable event that may not breakeven that this be considered via an Individual Executive Decision Notice to be approved by the Cabinet Member for Leisure & Communities, the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Assistant Director Finance, using a standard template.

- g. Where market conditions dictate, leisure membership will be varied after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative, ensuring that satisfactory market information is maintained.
- h. Leisure Centre activities prices can be varied in line with market conditions after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative, ensuring that satisfactory market information is maintained.
- i. Charges to partner organisations for support services after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
- j. Court summons costs charged to council tax and business rates payers following default on payment after consulting with the Assistant Director Finance or their representative.
- 4.3 It is planned that amendments will be proposed to change the Council's constitution in order to incorporate delegations in line with those above in order to remove the necessity for the annual approval in the fees and charges report.

#### 5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 Increases in fees and charges will contribute to reducing the council's medium term budget deficit, which is projected to be £59.2 million by 2018/19 as stated in the 5 Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 report presented to Cabinet on 25 February 2014.
- 5.2 Some of these increases in fees and charges have already been taken into account in the 2014/15 budget, whilst others have not, therefore any additional income arising from these increases will be reflected in the revised budget to be reported to Council in July 2014.
- 5.3 It is important to be aware that additional income from increases in fees and charges is uncertain, as the resulting impact upon demand that will arise from changes in fees and charges cannot be predicted with certainty.
- 5.4 The impact of these adjustments to fees and charges will therefore be monitored closely throughout 2014/15 and if appropriate further reports will be presented to Councillors.

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#### 6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 The Council is under a duty to review its fees and charges at least annually and to maintain a register of such charges.

[AS/27022014/Y]

#### 7.0 Equalities Implications

- 7.1 The Council operates an open and consultative approach to the development of its budget and consultation on the general financial position of the Council has been the subject of detailed public consultation. This report and the fees and charges it describes have been based on a series of contributing equality analyses. These analyses vary in complexity in relation relevance of the fees and charges under consideration to the requirements of the Equality Act and Public Sector Equality Duty. Managers developing new sets of fees and charges have been aware of the equality impact of these changes and will monitor and report back in due course.
- 7.2 Councillors should also be aware that they must have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) created by Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when making budget decisions. What this means in practice is that Councillors must consciously think about the aims of the PSED as part of the decision making process.

#### 8.0 Environmental Implications

8.1 This report has no environmental implications.

#### 9.0 Schedule of Background Papers

5 Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19, Cabinet, 25 February 2014

Increase in Adult Social Care non-residential contribution rates, Cabinet, 25 February 2014

Review of Fees and Charges for Street Trading Consents for 2014/15, Licensing Committee, 26 February 2014

Review Prior to Renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence, Licensing Committee, 26 February 2014

Review of Fees and Charges for General Licensing and Miscellaneous Matters for 2014/15, Licensing Committee, 26 February 2014

Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT	Current charge excl VAT	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	Change
		£	£		£	£	£
CS1	Bereavement						
	Cremation Charges						
	Child 16 years and under	0.00	0.00	ZR	0.00	0.00	0.00
	A person 17 years and over	605.00	605.00	ZR	667.00	667.00	62.00
	Additional Service Time (half hour)	71.50	71.50	ZR	79.00	79.00	7.50
	NVF, organs and other body parts removed during post mortem	55.00	55.00	ZR	61.00	61.00	6.00
	Cremation Disposals Certificate	22.00	22.00	ZR	25.00	25.00	3.00
	Burial Charges						
	Exclusive right of burial for 75 years(persons 17 yrs and over)	1,587.30	1,587.30	NB	1746.00	1746.00	158.70
	Interment fee for 1st and subsequent burials	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00
	Exclusive right of burial for 75 yrs (persons 16 yrs and under)	0.00	0.00	NB	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Interment fee (persons 16 yrs and under)	154.00	154.00	NB	170.00	170.00	16.00
	Interment fee (NVF)	71.50	71.50	NB	79.00	79.00	7.50
	Renewal of exclusive right for burial for further 25 yrs if burial space remains	529.00	529.00	EX	582.00	582.00	53.00
	Renewal of exclusive right for no burial for further 25 yrs if burial space remains	107.80	107.80	EX	119.00	119.00	11.20
	Reservation fee	110.00	110.00	EX	121.00	121.00	11.00

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	Evaluative visibit for succession particular upon for 75 year (47 year	£	£		£	£	£
	Exclusive right for grave in natural area for 75 yrs (17 yrs and over)	825.00	825.00	NB	908.00	908.00	83.00
	Interment fee for natural burial area	550.00	550.00	NB	605.00	605.00	55.00
	Public Graves						
	Burial of persons who have died after reaching 17 yrs	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00
	Burial of cremated remains						
	Exclusive right of burial for cremated remains for 75 yrs (persons 17 yrs and over)	902.00	902.00	EX	993.00	993.00	91.00
	Exclusive right of burial for cremated remains for 75 yrs (persons 16 years and under)	0.00	0.00	NB	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Interment fee for 1st and subsequent burials (not witnessed)	274.00	274.00	NB	302.00	302.00	28.00
	Witness fee (cremated remains also woodland garden only)	30.00	30.00	NB	33.00	33.00	3.00
	Interment fee for burial of 2 sets of cremated remains at the same time in one container	274.00	274.00	NB	302.00	302.00	28.00
	As above in two containers	328.00	328.00	NB	361.00	361.00	33.00
	Interment fee for cremated remains when burial takes place at 5' depth	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00
	Interment fee for cremated remains when burial takes place at 6.6' depth	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00

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	Strewing of cremated remains when cremation took place						
	other than at Bushbury Crematorium (charge for GOR and	55.00	55.00		61.00	61.00	6.00
	WG only)			EX			
	Interment fee for burial of cremated remains of child 17 yrs and under.	154.00	154.00	NB	170.00	170.00	16.00
	Renewal of exclusive right of burial for further 25 years If burial space remains	302.50	302.50	EX	333.00	333.00	30.50
	Renewal of exclusive right of burial for further 25 years If no space remains	107.80	107.80	EX	119.00	119.00	11.20
	Reservation fee	55.00	55.00	EX	61.00	61.00	6.00
	Vaults						
	Interment fee for any burial in vault	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00
	Exclusive right of burial for beacon hill chambers	1974.50	1974.50	EX	2172.00	2172.00	197.50
	Interment fee for beacon hill chambers	500.00	500.00	NB	550.00	550.00	50.00
	Brick Graves (single & double walled chamber)						
	Exclusive right of burial	1587.30	1587.30	EX	1746.00	1746.00	158.70
	Interment fees(brick graves):						
	1 coffin depth 1 <sup>st</sup> interment fee	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00
	2 coffin depth interment fee	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00
	Subsequent interments	880.00	880.00	NB	968.00	968.00	88.00

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	Memorial Charges						
	Permission to erect the following memorials						
	Replacement memorial	22.00	22.00	NB	28.00	28.00	6.00
	Headstone kerbing or horizontal tablets	176.00	176.00	NB	182.00	182.00	6.00
	Vase or scroll	22.00	22.00	NB	28.00	28.00	6.00
	Additional inscriptions	81.40	81.40	NB	90.00	90.00	8.60
	Ceramic photographs	22.00	22.00	NB	28.00	28.00	6.00
	Protective frames	22.00	22.00	NB	22.00	22.00	0.00
	Babies	81.40	81.40	NB	90.00	90.00	8.60
	Refurbishment	22.00	22.00	NB	28.00	28.00	6.00
	Memorials						
	Memorial benches (including scroll)	825.00	825.00	NB	908.00	908.00	83.00
	Additional scroll	165.00	137.50	SR	182.00	151.67	14.17
	Granite cross – new (with choice of coloured lettering)	330.00	275.00	SR	363.00	302.50	27.50
	Granite cross – replacement (with choice of coloured lettering)	275.00	229.17	SR	303.00	252.50	23.33
	Granite cross – 2 lines additional inscription	132.00	110.00	SR	146.00	121.67	11.67
	Granite cross – 3 lines additional inscription	143.00	119.17	SR	158.00	131.67	12.50
	Bronze plaque - 9" x 12" (with one inscribed scroll)	495.00	412.50	SR	545.00	454.17	41.67
	Bronze plaque – 9" x 12" (with two inscribed scrolls)	528.00	440.00	SR	581.00	484.17	44.17
	Bronze plaque – 9" x 12" or 18" x 24" refurbishment	209.00	174.17	SR	245.00	204.17	30.00
	Plastic posy vase	1.10	0.92	SR	1.50	1.25	0.33

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	Scrolls - inscribed.	165.00	137.50	SR	182.00	151.67	14.17
	Scrolls – blank	99.00	82.50	SR	110.00	91.67	9.17
	Arboria indoor plaques Bushbury (10 year lease)						
	Text only	198.00	165.00	SR	218.00	181.67	16.67
	Text with engraved motif	209.00	174.17	SR	230.00	191.67	17.50
	Text with engraved /hand painted motif	231.00	192.50	SR	255.00	212.50	20.00
	Text with ceramic portrait	253.00	210.83	SR	279.00	232.50	21.67
	Replacement plaque with text	165.00	137.50	SR	182.00	151.67	14.17
	Replacement plaque with text and photo	198.00	165.00	SR	218.00	181.67	16.67
	Extended lease 5 years - new fee			SR	110.00	91.67	
	Extended lease 10 years	165.00	137.50	SR	185.00	154.17	16.67
	Kerbstones - with 1 line of inscription.	187.00	187.00	EX	206.00	206.00	19.00
	Kerbstones - with 2 lines of inscription.	242.00	242.00	EX	267.00	267.00	25.00
	Kerbstones - additional 1 line of inscription.	88.00	88.00	EX	97.00	97.00	9.00
	Kerbstones - additional 2 lines of inscription.	121.00	121.00	EX	134.00	134.00	13.00
	External Wall Plaques (200 x 80) small Bushbury & Bilston						
	New Memorial (10 year lease)	198.00	165.00	SR	218.00	181.67	16.67
	Replacement	99.00	82.50	SR	110.00	91.67	9.17
	Motif	45.00	37.50	SR	50.00	41.67	4.17
	Photo	104.50	87.08	SR	125.00	104.17	17.08

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	External Wall Plaques (200 x 160) large Bushbury &						
	Bilston						
	New Memorial (10 year lease)	297.00	247.50	SR	327.00	272.50	25.00
	Replacement	148.50	123.75	SR	164.00	136.67	12.92
	Motif	45.00	37.50	SR	50.00	41.67	4.17
	Photo	104.50	87.08	SR	125.00	104.17	17.08
	Vaults (Bushbury & Bilston)						
	New (20 year lease)	935.00	935.00	EX	1030.00	1030.00	95.00
	Replacement Plaque	231.00	192.50	SR	255.00	212.50	20.00
	Ceramic Photograph (Bushbury) (new charge)			SR	125.00	104.17	
	Memorial Vase Blocks (Sandstone) Bushbury						
	New (10 year lease)	258.50	258.50	EX	284.00	284.00	25.50
	Replacement	126.50	105.42	SR	139.00	115.83	10.42
	Motif	45.00	37.50	SR	50.00	41.67	4.17
	Photo	110.00	91.67	SR	125.00	104.17	12.50
	Memorial Vase Blocks (Marble) & (Granite) Bushbury						
	New (10 year lease)	302.50	302.50	EX	333.00	333.00	30.50
	Replacement	154.00	128.33	SR	170.00	141.67	13.33
	Ceramic Photograph (Bushbury) new fee			SR	125.00	104.17	

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144.00	144.00	EX	144.00	144.00	0.00
126.00	105.00	SR	126.00	105.00	0.00
55.00	55.00	EX	61.00	61.00	6.00
65.00	65.00	EX	72.00	72.00	7.00
77.00	77.00	EX	85.00	85.00	8.00
132.00	132.00	EX	132.00	132.00	0.00
95.00	95.00	EX	95.00	95.00	0.00
93.00	93.00	EX	93.00	93.00	0.00
44.00	44.00	EX	49.00	49.00	5.00
93.50	93.50	EX	94.00	94.00	0.50
75.00	75.00	EX	83.00	83.00	8.00
75.00	75.00	EX	83.00	83.00	8.00
44.00	44.00	EX	49.00	49.00	5.00
6.60	6.60	EX	8.00	8.00	1.40
66.00	66.00	EX	73.00	73.00	7.00
88.00	88.00	EX	97.00	97.00	9.00
181.50	181.50	EX	185.00	185.00	3.50
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	Book of Remembrance						
	- 2 line entry.	88.00	73.33	SR	97.00	80.83	7.50
	- 5 line entry.	132.00	110.00	SR	146.00	121.67	11.67
	- 8 line entry.	165.00	137.50	SR	182.00	151.67	14.17
	- Badge, Crest etc standard	77.00	64.17	SR	85.00	70.83	6.67
	- Badge, Crest etc special order				Quotation		
	Memorial Cards						
	- 2 line entry.	30.00	25.00	SR	33.00	27.50	2.50
	- each additional line.	8.80	7.33	SR	10.00	8.33	1.00
	- Badge, Crest etc standard	77.00	64.17	SR	85.00	70.83	6.67
	- Badge, Crest etc special order				Quotation		
	Miscellaneous Charges						
	Exhumations of coffin from grave - adult	1320.00	1320.00	EX	1452.00	1452.00	132.00
	Child 5 - 16 yrs	540.00	540.00	EX	594.00	594.00	54.00
	Child under 5 yrs of age	165.00	165.00	EX	182.00	182.00	17.00
	Exhumations of cremated remains.	275.00	275.00	EX	303.00	303.00	28.00
	Exhumation of cremated remains from full grave	594.00	594.00	EX	654.00	654.00	60.00
	Exhumation of NVF	66.00	66.00	EX	78.00	78.00	12.00
	Use of Chapel for burial service.	110.00	110.00	EX	121.00	121.00	11.00
	*Excess charge for late arrival at crematorium or cemetery	110.00	110.00	NB	110.00	110.00	0.00
	Excess charge for late notice re coffin size (burial)	110.00	110.00	NB	110.00	110.00	0.00

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	Additional charge for incorrect information supplied by	110.00	110.00		110.00	110.00	0.00
	funeral directors eg, coffin sizes	110.00	110.00	NB	110.00	110.00	0.00
	Additional charge for services over-running allotted time	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
	at crematorium	100.00	100.00	NB	100.00	100.00	0.00
	Additional organist fee	15.00	12.50	SR	20.00	16.67	4.17
	*(Waiving of any of above charges is at the discretion of						
	the Bereavement Services Manager)						
	Transfer grave ownership	22.00	18.33	SR	25.00	20.83	2.50
	Transfer reserved grave to different site or location	50.00	41.67	SR	55.00	45.83	4.17
	Fee for search of registers	22.00	18.33	SR	25.00	20.83	2.50
CS2	Registrars						
	Nationality Checking Service						
	Single person fee	50.00	41.67	SR	55.00	45.83	4.17
	Couple	88.00	73.33	SR	97.00	80.83	7.50
	Husband Wife & up to 2 children	110.00	91.67	SR	120.00	100.00	8.33
	Additional children on family application	35.00	29.17	SR	38.00	31.67	2.50
	Under 18 on own application	35.00	29.17	SR	38.00	31.67	2.50
	Licensing Fees	1210.00	1210.00	EX	1330.00	1330.00	120.00
	Licensed Venue Fees (Marriages & Civil Partnerships):						
	Monday-Friday	270.00	270.00	EX	300.00	300.00	30.00
	Saturday	352.00	352.00	EX	388.00	388.00	36.00

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	Sunday/Public Holiday	396.00	396.00	EX	435.00	435.00	39.00	
	Booking fee	110.00	110.00	EX	0.00	0.00	-110.00	
	Same day certificate issue	16.50	16.50	EX	17.00	17.00	0.50	
	Lady Wulfruna Suite							
	Monday to Friday			EX	165.00	165.00		
	Saturday am			EX	220.00	220.00		
	Saturday pm			EX	360.00	360.00		
	Sunday / Bank Holiday (Subject to accessibility)				360.00	360.00		
	Mayor's Parlour			EX	300	300		
	Renewal of Vows & Baby Naming Ceremonies							
	Saturdays All Day			EX	300.00	300.00		
	Sunday/Bank Holiday			EX	360.00	360.00		
	Commemorative Certificates							
	12 x 8 unmounted certificate			EX	3.00	3.00		
	12 x 8 mounted certificate			EX	5.00	5.00		
	Booking Fee for All Approved Premises			EX	50.00	50.00		
	Cancellation Fee for all Ceremonies			EX	40.00	40.00		
	Amendment fee for bookings			EX	20.00	20.00		
	NCS Application Forms			EX	1.00	1.00		

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CS3	Markets -						
	Wolverhampton Market						
	Indoor Market – (individual fees depend upon size,						
	Zone A	156.14	156.14	EX	163.95	163.95	7.82
	Zone B	153.25	153.25	EX	160.90	160.90	7.65
	Zone C	184.33	184.33	EX	193.55	193.55	9.22
	Zone D	139.65	139.65	EX	146.65	146.65	7.00
	Zone E	152.57	152.57	EX	160.20	160.20	7.63
	Storerooms (Including Basement Storerooms)	52.71	52.71	EX	55.35	55.35	2.64
	Antiques Centre	31.50	31.50	EX	33.10	33.10	1.60
	Food Hall	177.61	177.61	EX	186.50	186.50	8.89
	Car Parking (Main Area)	20.60	17.17	SR	21.65	18.00	0.83
	Car Parking (Ramp Area)	10.33	8.61	SR	10.80	9.05	0.44
	Wolverhampton Market – Miscellaneous Fees and						
	Charges (maximum)						
	Open Market Spaces (Daily)	21.11	21.11	EX	22.15	22.15	1.05
	Children's Rides (weekly)	47.36	47.36	EX	49.70	49.70	2.35
	Indoor Market Exhibition Space (weekly)	47.36	47.36	EX	49.70	49.70	2.35
	Open Market extension fee per metre	2.15	2.15	EX	2.25	2.25	0.10

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	Wolverhampton Open Market						
	Per Day (Licenced Trader)						
	Monday (Pre-owned Goods)	13.13	13.13	EX	13.80	13.80	0.68
	Monday (New Goods)	17.75	17.75	EX	18.65	18.65	0.91
	Tuesday	28.61	28.61	EX	30.05	30.05	1.44
	Wednesday	18.27	18.27	EX	19.15	19.15	0.88
	Friday	28.61	28.61	EX	30.05	30.05	1.44
	Saturday	28.61	28.61	EX	30.05	30.05	1.44
	Per Day (Casual Trader)						
	Monday (Bric-a-Brac)	13.13	13.13	EX	13.80	13.80	0.68
	Monday (New Goods)	17.75	17.75	EX	18.65	18.65	0.91
	Tuesday	31.97	31.97	EX	33.55	33.55	1.58
	Wednesday	21.63	21.63	EX	22.75	22.75	1.12
	Friday	31.97	31.97	EX	33.55	33.55	1.58
	Saturday	31.97	31.97	EX	33.55	33.55	1.58
	Bilston Market						
	Indoor Market – (individual fees depend upon size,						
	Zone 1	132.20	132.20	EX	138.80	138.80	6.61
	Zone 3	122.64	122.64	EX	128.80	128.80	6.16
	Zone 4	102.90	102.90	EX	108.05	108.05	5.15
	Storerooms (maximum)	30.77	30.77	EX	32.30	32.30	1.54

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	Car Parking	10.96	9.14	SR	11.55	9.60	0.47
	Car Parking	4.73	3.94	SR	4.95	4.15	0.21
	Bilston Market - Miscellaneous Fees and Charges						
	Indoor Spaces (per week)	60.85	60.85	EX	63.90	63.90	3.05
	Indoor Spaces (daily)	15.23	15.23	EX	16.00	16.00	0.78
	Children's Rides	60.85	60.85	EX	63.90	63.90	3.05
	Bilston Open Market Stall Fee Middle - Licenced Trader						
	Monday	13.60	13.60	EX	14.30	14.30	0.70
	Thursday	26.88	26.88	EX	28.25	28.25	1.37
	Friday	13.60	13.60	EX	14.30	14.30	0.70
	Saturday	28.67	28.67	EX	30.10	30.10	1.44
	Stall Fee Middle - Casual Trader						
	Monday	16.96	16.96	EX	17.80	17.80	0.84
	Thursday	30.24	30.24	EX	31.75	31.75	1.51
	Friday	16.96	16.96	EX	17.80	17.80	0.84
	Saturday	31.97	31.97	EX	33.55	33.55	1.58
	Stall Fee Corner - Licenced Trader						
	Monday	22.68	22.68	EX	23.85	23.85	1.17
	Thursday	30.82	30.82	EX	32.35	32.35	1.53

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	Friday	22.68	22.68	EX	23.85	23.85	1.17
	Saturday	34.81	34.81	EX	36.55	36.55	1.74
	Stall Fee Corner -Casual Trader						
	Monday	26.09	26.09	EX	27.40	27.40	1.31
	Thursday	34.23	34.23	EX	35.95	35.95	1.72
	Friday	26.09	26.09	EX	27.40	27.40	1.31
	Saturday	38.22	38.22	EX	40.10	40.10	1.88
	Loading Bay Fee (Per Day)						
	Monday - Small Vehicle	20.32	20.32	EX	21.30	21.30	0.98
	Monday - Large Vehicle	33.97	33.97	EX	35.65	35.65	1.68
	Thursday - Small Vehicle	33.97	33.97	EX	35.65	35.65	1.68
	Thursday - Large Vehicle	55.91	55.91	EX	58.70	58.70	2.79
	Friday - Small Vehicle	20.32	20.32	EX	21.30	21.30	0.98
	Friday - Large Vehicle	33.97	33.97	EX	35.65	35.65	1.68
	Saturday - Small Vehicle	33.97	33.97	EX	35.65	35.65	1.68
	Saturday - Large Vehicle	55.91	55.91	EX	58.70	58.70	2.79
	Patio Area (Licenced Trader)						
	Monday	22.68	22.68	EX	23.85	23.85	1.17
	Thursday	33.29	33.29	EX	34.95	34.95	1.67
	Friday	22.68	22.68	EX	23.85	23.85	1.17
	Saturday	33.29	33.29	EX	34.95	34.95	1.67

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		£	£		£	£	£
	Patio Area (Casual Trader)						
	Monday	26.09	26.09	EX	27.40	27.40	1.31
	Thursday	36.70	36.70	EX	38.55	38.55	1.85
	Friday	26.09	26.09	EX	27.40	27.40	1.31
	Saturday	36.70	36.70	EX	38.55	38.55	1.85
	Extension Space Fee						
	Monday	12.92	12.92	EX	13.55	13.55	0.64
	Thursday	12.92	12.92	EX	13.55	13.55	0.64
	Friday	12.92	12.92	EX	13.55	13.55	0.64
	Saturday	12.92	12.92	EX	13.55	13.55	0.64
	Demonstration Area / Space Fee						
	Monday	17.22	17.22	EX	18.05	18.05	0.83
	Thursday	30.35	30.35	EX	31.85	31.85	1.51
	Friday	17.22	17.22	EX	18.05	18.05	0.83
	Saturday	32.29	32.29	EX	33.90	33.90	1.61
	Wednesfield Market						
	Stall Fee (Licenced Trader)						
	Tuesday	20.16	20.16	EX	21.15	21.15	0.99
	Wednesday (Pre Owned Goods)	13.34	13.34	EX	14.00	14.00	0.67

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Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT	Current charge excl VAT	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	Change
		£	£		£	£	£
	Wednesday (New Goods)	18.01	18.01	EX	18.90	18.90	0.89
	Friday	20.16	20.16	EX	21.15	21.15	0.99
	Saturday	20.16	20.16	EX	21.15	21.15	0.99
	Stall Fee (Casual Trader)						
	Tuesday	23.57	23.57	EX	24.75	24.75	1.18
	Wednesday (Pre Owned Goods)	13.34	13.34	EX	14.00	14.00	0.67
	Wednesday (New Goods)	18.01	18.01	EX	18.90	18.90	0.89
	Friday	23.57	23.57	EX	24.75	24.75	1.18
	Saturday	23.57	23.57	EX	24.75	24.75	1.18
	Wholesale Market						
	Weekly vehicle Parking Fee (applicable to non-tenants only)	31.50	26.25	SR	33.10	27.58	1.33
	Miscellaneous Fees and Charges						
	Occasional Market/Craft Fair						
	25 traders or less	157.50	157.50	EX	165.40	165.40	7.90
	26 – 74 traders	315.00	315.00	EX	330.75	330.75	15.75
	75 + traders	525.00	525.00	EX	551.25	551.25	26.25
	Charity /Fundraising Groups (Admin Fee Only)	18.85	18.85	EX	19.80	19.80	0.95
	Car Boot Sale (Charity/Fundraising Groups Only)	18.85	18.85	EX	19.80	19.80	0.95

Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15 £	Change £
	Miscellaneous Fee Amendment to Tradeline Transfer of Goodwill	157.50	157.50	EX 8×	165.40 weekly rent	165.40	7.90
	Transfer of goodwill to immediate family member. (Mother, father, son, daughter, brother and sister)	FREE	FREE		FREE	FREE	
	Additional Market Days (Pre-Booked) all markets i.e. Christmas )per stall)	15.75	15.75	EX	16.55	16.55	0.80
	Additional Market Days (Not Pre-Booked) all markets i.e. Christmas )per stall)	21.00	21.00	EX	22.05	22.05	1.05
	Out of Core Hours (traders who have paid and traded all day) per stall	15.75	15.75	EX	16.55	16.55	0.80
	Out of Core Hours Trading (traders who have <b>NOT</b> paid or traded all day ) per stall	21.00	21.00	EX	22.05	22.05	1.05
	One charity stall at each site once a week.	FREE	FREE		FREE	FREE	
	Businesses not selling, giving out information only	FREE	FREE		FREE	FREE	

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#### Incentives

A current licensed indoor / outdoor trader cannot terminate an existing stall licence and then re-apply for a stall which qualifies for an incentive package until a period of 26 weeks has elapsed between termination of their existing licence and re-allocation of the new licence.

**Bilston and Wolverhampton Indoor** - vacant stall (6 weeks and over) - 50% reduced licence fee for 24 weeks - new tradeline

Vacant stall (6 weeks and over) - 50% reduced licence fee for 6 weeks - existing tradeline

#### **Wolverhampton Indoor**

Stall W19 - 26 weeks free

Vacant stall (6 weeks and over) - existing traders offered temporary licence at a fee of £25.00 per week.

Existing trader introduces a friend who takes on a stall for 13 weeks gets 20% licence fee reduction for 4 weeks

Proposed

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#### Wolverhampton / Bilston / Wednesfield Outdoor

Casual trader converts to licensed get 50% licence fee reduction for 4 weeks after 13 weeks on licence.

Licence holder takes on an additional stall on licence gets 50% licence fee reduction for 13 weeks.

Licensed trader introduces a friend get 10% licence fee reduction for 4 weeks if friend taken on stall for 13 weeks.

Existing trader takes on vacant stall on casual basis after 9.00am gets 50% licence fee reduction. (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday - Wolverhampton), (Thursday and Saturday - Bilston).

Offer existing licenced and casual traders an additional stall at a flat rate of £5.00 a day at Wolverhampton (Wednesday only) and £10 a day at Bilston (Monday and Fridays only).

Open Market licensed trader offered 20% discount for payment made one month in advance during Kipper season.

#### Wednesfield

Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15 £	Change £
	Stalls 1 - 6 £5.00 a day fee on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays only.						
CS4	Fleet Services						
	MOT Testing Fees	54.85	54.85	EX	50.00	50.00	-4.85
CS5	Pest Control  wishes to reserve the right to increase the charges due to unavoida  Treatment of Rats/Mice/Cockroaches/Bedbugs (includes 1		.,	curred by		52.50	0.00
	revisits) (Domestic)	63.00	52.50	SR	63.00	52.50	0.00
	Treatment of Rats/Mice/Cockroaches/Bedbugs further						
	revisits (Domestic)	38.40	32.00	SR	38.40	32.00	0.00
	Treatment of Fleas (includes 1 revisit) (Domestic)	63.00	48.13	SR	63.00	52.50	4.37
	Treatment of Fleas further revisits (Domestic)	38.40	32.00	SR	38.40	32.00	0.00
	Treatment of Wasps with one revisit (Domestic)	63.00	48.13	SR	63.00	52.50	4.37
	Treatment of Ants (includes 1 revisit) (Domestic)	63.00	48.13	SR	63.00	52.50	4.37
	Treatment of Ants further visits (Domestic)	19.20	16.00	SR	19.20	16.00	0.00
	Treatment of wasps/ants/fleas (Commercial)	69.30	57.75	SR	75.60	63.00	5.25
	Treatment of Rodents and first revisit(Commercial)	69.30	57.75	SR	75.60	63.00	5.25
	Treatment of Rodents further revisit(Commercial)	42.24	35.20	SR	46.08	38.40	3.20

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		£	£		£	£	£
	Treatment of Insects per visit(Commercial)	69.30	57.75	SR	75.60	63.00	5.25
	Treatment of Ants and first revisit(Commercial)	69.30	57.75	SR	75.60	63.00	5.25
	Treatment of Ants further revisit(Commercial)	21.12	17.60	SR	23.04	19.20	1.60
	Treatment of Insects one off treatment (Commercial)	21.12	17.60	SR	23.04	19.20	1.60
	Large scale work: cost recovery basis - charge per hour	69.30	57.75	SR	75.60	63.00	5.25
	Most Commercial work done on an annual contract basis with a b	espoke quotation					
CS6	Shopmobility						
	Friends Annual Membership Fee	15.00	12.50	SR	16.00	13.33	0.83
	Friends Hire Fee - Powered - 1 hr	1.05	0.88	SR	1.10	0.92	0.04
	Friends Hire Fee - Powered - 2 hr	1.60	1.33	SR	1.70	1.42	0.08
	Friends Hire Fee - Powered - 3 hr	2.10	1.75	SR	2.20	1.83	0.08
	Friends Hire Fee - Powered - 4 hr	2.60	2.17	SR	2.75	2.29	0.13
	Friends Hire Fee - Powered - 5 hr	3.15	2.63	SR	3.30	2.75	0.13
	Friends Hire Fee - Powered - 6 hr	3.70	3.08	SR	3.90	3.25	0.17
	Friends Hire Fee - Manual - per Loan	1.05	0.88	SR	1.10	0.92	0.04
	Visitor Registration fee	3.15	2.63	SR	3.50	2.92	0.29
	Visitors Rental Charges per hr-Powered	2.10	1.75	SR	2.30	1.92	0.17
	Visitors Rental Charges per day-Manual	3.15	2.63	SR	3.50	2.92	0.29

		Current Charge incl	Current charge excl	VAT	Proposed Charge incl	Proposed Charge excl VAT	
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		£	£		£	£	£
	Holiday Loan manual only - per day	4.00	3.33	SR	4.50	3.75	0.42
	- per week	15.00	12.50	SR	16.5	13.75	11.46
	Delivered Meals Service						
	Price per Delivered Hot Meal	4.15	3.46	SR	£4.25	3.54	0.09
	Price per Delivered Frozen Meal			SR	£2.85	2.38	2.38
	Trade Waste						
	Special collections						
	Clinical waste (per bag)	5.81	4.84	SR	6.10	5.08	0.24
	Bulky items (up to 5 items)	20.13	20.13	NB	21.14	21.14	1.01
	White goods (per item)	20.90	20.90	NB	21.95	21.95	1.05
	Asbestos (per 10 bags)	67.56	56.30	SR	70.94	59.12	2.82
	City Centre Car Parking						
	Off Street - Short Stay (Sundays and Bank Holidays are now chargea	ıble)					
	School St & Market - up to 1 hr	0.50	0.42	SR	0.60	0.50	0.08
	- up to 2 hr	1.00	0.83	SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
	- up to 3 hr	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00
	- up to 4 hr	4.00	3.33	SR	4.00	3.33	0.00
	- up to 5hrs	5.50	4.58	SR	5.50	4.58	0.00
	- over 5 hrs	8.00	6.67	SR	8.00	6.67	0.00
	- Evening	Free	0.00	SR	1.00	0.83	0.83

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			£	£		£	£	£
	Fold St	- up to 1 hr	0.50	0.42	SR	0.60	0.50	0.08
		- up to 2 hr	1.00	0.83	SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
		- up to 3 hr	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00
		- up to 4 hr	4.00	3.33	SR	4.00	3.33	0.00
		- up to 5hrs	5.50	4.58	SR	5.50	4.58	0.00
		- over 5 hrs	8.00	6.67	SR	8.00	6.67	0.00
		- Evening	Free	0.00	SR	1.00	0.83	0.83
	Cleveland St	- up to 1 hr	0.50	0.42	SR	0.60	0.50	0.08
		- up to 2 hr	1.00	0.83	SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
		- up to 3 hr	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00
		- up to 4 hr	4.00	3.33	SR	4.00	3.33	0.00
		- up to 5hrs	5.50	4.58	SR	5.50	4.58	0.00
		- over 5 hrs	8.00	6.67	SR	8.00	6.67	0.00
		- Evening	2.00	1.67	SR	1.00	0.83	-0.83
	Temple St	- up to 1 hr	0.50		SR	0.60	0.50	0.08
		- up to 2 hr	1.00		SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
		- up to 3 hr	2.00		SR	2.00	1.67	0.00
		- up to 4 hr	4.00		SR	4.00	3.33	0.00
		- up to 5hrs	5.50		SR	5.50	4.58	0.00
		- over 5 hrs	8.00	6.67	SR	8.00	6.67	0.00

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			£	£		£	£	£
		- Evening	2.00	1.67	SR	1.00	0.83	-0.83
	Civic Centre	- up to 2 hrs	1.70	1.42	SR	1.70	1.42	0.00
		- up to 3 hrs	2.70	2.25	SR	2.70	2.25	0.00
		- up to 4 hrs	4.20	3.50	SR	4.20	3.50	0.00
		- up to 5 hrs	5.50	4.58	SR	5.50	4.58	0.00
		- up to 6 hrs	8.50	7.08	SR	8.50	7.08	0.00
		- over 6 hrs	10.00	8.33	SR	10.00	8.33	0.00
		- Evening	3.00	2.50	SR	3.00	2.50	0.00
	St Peter's	- Weekdays after 5pm	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00
		- Saturdays - up to 2 hrs	1.70	1.42	SR	1.70	1.42	0.00
		- up to 3 hrs	2.70	2.25	SR	2.70	2.25	0.00
		- up to 4 hrs	4.20	3.50	SR	4.20	3.50	0.00
		- up to 5 hrs	5.50	4.58	SR	5.50	4.58	0.00
		- up to 6 hrs	8.50	7.08	SR	8.50	7.08	0.00
		- over 6 hrs	10.00	8.33	SR	10.00	8.33	0.00
		- Evenings	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00

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	Off Street Lo	ng Stay (Sundays and Bank Halidays are now	£	£		£	£	£
		ng Stay (Sundays and Bank Holidays are now	chargeable)					
	Outside Ring F All day / pe							
	Oxford St		2.00	1.67	SR	1.50	1.25	-0.42
	Church Lane		2.00	1.67	SR	1.50	1.25	-0.42
	Faulkland St	to 4hrs	2.50	2.08	SR	2.50	2.08	0.00
		over 4 hrs	4.50	3.75	SR	4.50	3.75	0.00
	Faulkland Stre	et Coach Parking						
		up to 15 mins	Free	Free	SR	Free	Free	0.00
		up to 4 hrs	5.00	4.17	SR	5.00	4.17	0.00
		over 4 hrs	8.00	6.67	SR	8.00	6.67	0.00
	Inside Ring Ro	ad						
	Peel St	Mon - Fri - to 4hrs	2.50	2.08	SR	2.50	2.08	0.00
		Mon - Fri over 4 hrs	4.50	3.75	SR	4.50	3.75	0.00
		weekdays After 5pm	Free		SR	1.00	0.83	0.42
		Saturday	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00
	Broad St	to 4hrs	2.50	2.08	SR	2.50	2.08	0.00
		over 4 hrs	4.50		SR	4.50	3.75	0.00
		after 5pm	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00

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	Contract / Seasonal Parking	_	_		_	_	_
	-per quarter - 10% additional discount for annual permit arrange	ements					
	Oxford St	80.00	66.67	SR	70.00	58.33	-8.33
	Church Lane	80.00	66.67	SR	70.00	58.33	-8.33
	School Street	125.00	104.17	SR	125.00	104.17	0.00
	Peel St	180.00	150.00	SR	180.00	150.00	0.00
	Faulkland St	180.00	150.00	SR	180.00	150.00	0.00
	Market St	not available	not available		not available	not available	0.00
	Broad St	195.00	162.50	SR	195.00	162.50	0.00
	Fold St	195.00	162.50	SR	195.00	162.50	0.00
	Civic Centre	not prev avail	not prev availa	SR	210.00	175.00	175.00
	St Peters	not prev avail	not prev availa	SR	210.00	175.00	175.00
	Civic Centre						
	Incentive Scheme for new business use - weekly ticket (a						
	maximum of four week offer, non recurring)			SR	20.00	16.67	
	Other (applies to all car parks)						
	Motor Cycles	Free	Free	SR	Free	Free	0.00
	Bicycles	Free	Free	SR	Free	Free	0.00

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		£	£		£	£	£
	On Street Parking						
	Pay & Display - Zone A - 20 mins	0.50	0.50	NB	0.60	0.60	0.10
	Pay & Display - Zone B - 40 mins	0.50	0.50	NB	0.60	0.60	0.10
	Summons costs for non-payment of council tax and business rates						
	Council tax balances up to £100	3.00	3.00	EX			
	Council tax balances up to £200			EX	15.00	15.00	
	Council tax balances over £200	76.00	76	EX	83.00	83.00	7.00
	Business Rates	102.00	102	EX	112.00	112.00	10.00
P	ARKS						
	Football Pitch Hire						
	PITCH ONLY – ADULT	40.00	33.34	SR	40.00	33.34	0.00
	CHANGING AND SHOWERS – ADULT	26.00	21.67	SR	26.00	21.67	0.00
	PITCH ONLY - UNDER 16S	25.00	20.83	SR	25.00	20.83	0.00
	CHANGING AND SHOWERS – UNDER 16S	13.00	10.83	SR	13.00	10.83	0.00
	MINI-SOCCER	21.50	17.92	SR	21.50	17.92	0.00

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		£	£		£	£	£
	Cricket						
	EVENING MATCH – ADULT	61.50	51.25	SR	61.50	51.25	0.00
	EVENING MATCH – UNDER 16S	31.50	26.25	SR	31.50	26.25	0.00
	DAY MATCH – ADULT	73.00	60.83	SR	73.00	60.83	0.00
	DAY MATCH - UNDER 16S	37.50	31.25	SR	37.50	31.25	0.00
	ROOM HIRE (PER HOUR) – CLAREGATE PARK						
	WEEKEND	18.15	18.15	ZR	18.15	18.15	0.00
	WEEKDAY	16.00	16.00	ZR	16.00	16.00	0.00
	TENNIS (PER HOUR)						
	COURT FEE (ADULTS)	FREE	FREE		FREE	FREE	
	COURT FEE (UNDER 16S)	FREE	FREE		FREE	FREE	
	PITCH & PUTT (BANTOCK PARK)						
	ROUND FEE (ADULTS)	4.53	3.78	SR	4.65	3.88	0.10
	ROUND FEE (U16'S)	2.83	2.36	SR	2.90	2.42	0.06
	FAMILY TICKET (2XADULTS & 2XU16'S)	9.12	7.6	SR	9.40	7.83	0.23
	CLUB DEPOSIT (ADULTS)	9.12	7.6	SR	9.40	7.83	0.23
	CLUB DEPOSIT (U16'S)	3.76	3.13	SR	3.85	3.21	0.08
	LOST BALL	3.45	2.88	SR	3.55	2.96	0.08
	BOATING (PER HOUR)						
	ADULTS	4.53	3.78	SR	4.65	3.88	0.10
	U16'S	2.83	2.36	SR	2.90	2.42	0.06
	FAMILY TICKET (2XADULTS & 2XU16'S)	8.55	7.12	SR	8.80	7.33	0.21
	OUTDOOR BOWLS (PER HOUR)						
	PER PERSON (ADULTS)	3.45	2.88	SR	3.55	2.96	0.08

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		£	£		£	£	£
	PER PERSON (U16'S)	1.70	1.42	SR	1.75	1.46	0.04
	SEASON TICKET (ADULT)	36.98	30.81	SR	38.10	31.75	0.94
	SEASON TICKET (U16'S)	13.08	10.9	SR	13.50	11.25	0.35
	LEISURE SERVICES - Proposed Fees and Charges						
	CASUAL SWIMMING						
	i) SWIM ( A )	3.95	3.29	SR	3.95	3.29	0.00
	ii) SWIM - OFF PEAK	2.05	1.71	SR	2.05	1.71	0.00
	iii) SWIM (J)	2.05	1.71	SR	2.05	1.71	0.00
	iv) SWIM ( Under 8's )	0.00	0.00	SR	0.00	0.00	0.00
	v) GROUP SWIM	10.80	9.00	SR	10.80	9.00	0.00
	vi) HIRE OF ARMBANDS/RING/FLOAT	1.10	0.92	SR	1.10	0.92	0.00
	SWIMMING INSTRUCTION						
	i) JUNIOR LESSON (1/2 HR)	3.30	3.30	ZR	3.50	3.50	0.20
	ii) SECOND CHILD LESSON (1/2 HR)	2.05	2.05	ZR			
	iii) ADULT LESSON (1 HR)	4.60	4.60	ZR	4.90	4.90	0.30
	iv) ADULT LESSON ( 60+ ) (1 HR)	2.05	2.05	ZR	2.15	2.15	0.10
	v) PARENT & TODDLER LESSON	3.55	3.55	ZR	3.75	3.75	0.20
	vi) AQUA CLASSES	4.60	4.60	ZR	4.80	4.80	0.20
	vii) ONE-TO-ONE INSTRUCTION (1/2 HR)	12.00	12.00	ZR	12.60	12.60	0.60
	SPECTATORS						
	i) SINGLE SPECTATOR	1.10	1.10	ZR	1.20	1.20	0.10
	ii) SECOND SPECTATOR	0.55	0.55	ZR	0.60	0.60	0.05

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	SCHOOLS SWIMMING INSTRUCTION (per ½ hour)						
	i) INSTRUCTOR	12.00	12.00	ZR	12.60	12.60	0.60
	SWIM SHOPS						
	i) DAILY HIRE	70.00	58.33	SR	100.00	83.33	25.00
	POOL HIRE ( PER HR )						
	i) CENTRAL BATHS / BERT WILLIAMS L C (25M)	115.50	96.25	SR	127.00	105.83	9.58
	ii) BERT WILLIAMS L C (STUDIO POOL)	34.10	28.42	SR	50.00	41.67	13.25
	GALAS						
	i) SET UP & BREAK DOWN ( 6HRS )	245.00	204.17	SR	270.00	225.00	20.83
	ii) CENTRAL BATHS / BERT WILLIAMS L C	115.50	96.25	SR	127.00	105.83	9.58
	ELECTRONIC TIMING ( PER HR )						
	i) CENTRAL BATHS	40.00	33.33	SR	44.00	36.67	3.34
	ADMINISTRATION COST						
	i) CHARGE FOR CASH HANDLING & RECHARGING OF						
	UTILITIES	37.50	31.25	SR	41.25	34.38	3.13
	EXERCISE CLASSES						
	i) INSTRUCTED SESSION	4.60	4.60	ZR	4.80	4.80	0.20
	ii) YOUTH DANCE MATS	1.10	1.10	ZR	1.10	1.10	0.00
	SQUASH (40 MINS)						
	i) COURT HIRE ( A )	6.05	5.04	SR	6.60	5.50	0.46
	ii) COURT HIRE - OFF PEAK	3.30	2.75	SR	3.60	3.00	0.25

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	iii) COURT HIRE (J)	3.30	2.75	SR	3.60	3.00	0.25
	iv) RACQUET HIRE	2.00	1.67	SR	2.20	1.83	0.16
	FITNESS SUITE						
	i) INDUCTION (A)	9.65	9.65	ZR	10.60	10.60	0.95
	ii) INDUCTION (J)	4.80	4.80	ZR	5.30	5.30	0.50
	iii) IFI GROUP INDUCTION (A)	20.90	20.90	ZR	20.90	20.90	0.00
	iv) IFI GROUP INDUCTION (J)	13.75	13.75	ZR	13.75	13.75	0.00
	v) TRAINING SESSION(A)	6.00	5.00	SR	6.00	5.00	0.00
	vi) TRAINING SESSION ( J )	1.10	0.92	SR	1.10	0.92	0.00
	vii) TRAINING SESSION - OFF PEAK (A)	3.30	2.75	SR			
	viii) SCHOOLS TRAINING	1.10	0.92	SR	1.10	0.92	0.00
	ix) YOUTH GYM	1.10	0.92	SR	1.10	0.92	0.00
	x) WELLNESS KEY & SUPPORT	30.00	25.00	SR	10.00	8.33	-16.67
	xi) REPLACEMENT WELLNESS KEY	10.00	8.33	SR			
	TABLE TENNIS (PER TABLE)						
	i) TABLE HIRE ( A ) PER HR	4.20	3.50	SR	4.40	3.67	0.17
	ii) TABLE HIRE (J) PER HR	2.10	1.75	SR	2.20	1.83	0.08
	iii) HIRE OF BAT	1.10	0.92	SR	1.15	0.96	0.04
	SPORTS HALL ( PER HR )						
	i) SPORTS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS	39.90	33.25	SR	43.90	36.58	3.33
	ii) SPORTS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS (J)	21.35	17.79	SR			
	iii) BALL HIRE	2.65	2.21	SR	3.00	2.50	0.29
	iv) NON SPORTS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS	76.75	76.75	ZR	85.00	85.00	8.25

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	TENNIS (PER HR)						
	i) COURT FEE ( A )	5.30	4.42	SR	5.80	4.83	0.41
	ii) COURT FEE (J)	2.65	2.21	SR	2.90	2.42	0.21
	iii) FLOODLIGHTS	4.00	3.33	SR	5.00	4.17	0.84
	iv) RACQUET HIRE	2.00	1.67	SR	2.20	1.83	0.16
	BADMINTON/SHORT TENNIS (HR)						
	i) COURT HIRE ( A )	8.70	7.25	SR	9.20	7.67	0.42
	ii) COURT HIRE – OFF PEAK	4.35	3.63	SR			
	iii) COURT HIRE ( J )	4.35	3.63	SR	4.60	3.83	0.20
	iv) RACQUET HIRE	2.00	1.67	SR	2.20	1.83	0.16
	INDOOR BOWLS						
	i) PER PERSON ( A )	2.05	1.71	SR	2.20	1.83	0.12
	ii) PER PERSON (J)	2.05	1.71	SR	2.20	1.83	0.12
	iii) PER PERSON ( A )	1.55	1.29	SR			
	iv) PER PERSON (J)	1.55	1.29	SR			
	FOOTBALL PITCH HIRE						
	i) ALDERSLEY CENTRE PITCH	92.40	77	SR	97.00	80.83	3.83
	ii) FLOODLIGHTS ( CENTRE PITCH )	22.00	18.33	SR	24.20	20.17	1.84
	iii) PITCH ( A )	44.00	36.67	SR	44.00	36.67	0.00
	iv) CHANGING & SHOWERS (A)	28.60	23.83	SR	28.60	23.83	0.00
	v) PITCH ONLY ( J )	27.50	22.92	SR	27.50	22.92	0.00
	vi) CHANGING & SHOWERS (J)	14.30	11.92	SR	14.30	11.92	0.00
	vii) HIRE OF FOOTBALL NETS	13.20	11	SR	13.20	11.00	0.00

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	viii) HIRE OF OUTDOOR BALL	4.95	4.13	SR	5.45	4.54	0.41
	SYNTHETIC PITCH HIRE ( PER HR )						
	i) PITCH HIRE (A)*	56.00	46.67	SR	61.60	51.33	4.66
	ii) FLOODLIGHTS ( LEVEL 1 )	16.25	13.54	SR	17.90	14.92	1.38
	iii) FLOODLIGHTS ( LEVEL 2 )	22.00	18.33	SR	24.20	20.17	1.84
	iv) PITCH HIRE ( J ) *	27.80	23.17	SR	30.60	25.50	2.33
	v) PITCH HIRE (J) – OFF PEAK *	20.90	17.42	SR			
	NETBALL (PER HR)						
	i) 3 COURTS ( A )	81.35	67.79	SR	85.40	71.17	3.38
	ii) 1 COURT ( A )	29.70	24.75	SR	31.20	26.00	1.25
	iii) FLOODLIGHTS	11.00	9.17	SR	12.10	10.08	0.91
	iv) 3 COURTS ( J )	41.55	34.63	SR	43.60	36.33	1.70
	v) 1 COURT ( J )	16.30	13.58	SR	17.10	14.25	0.67
	vi) BALL HIRE	2.65	2.21	SR	2.90	2.42	0.21
	TARGET GROUP SESSIONS						
	i) PER PERSON (A)	2.05	1.71	SR	2.50	2.08	0.37
	HIRE OF ALDERSLEY LEISURE VILLAGE OUTDOOR ARENA (						
	PER HR )						
	i) ATHLETICS / CYCLING / EVENTS	78.65	65.54	SR	86.50	72.08	6.54
	ii) SCHOOL EVENTS	36.50	30.42	SR	40.20	33.50	3.08
	iii) FLOODLIGHTS	22.00	18.33	SR	24.20	20.17	1.84
	ATHLETICS / CYCLING						
	i) TRACK(A)	3.85	3.21	SR	4.00	3.33	0.12
	ii) TRACK – OFF PEAK	1.95	1.63	SR			

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	iii) TRACK (J)	1.95	1.63	SR	2.00	1.67	0.04
	CRECHE (2 hours)						
	i) SINGLE CHILD	2.75	2.29	SR	3.00	2.50	0.21
	ii) SECOND CHILD	1.40	1.17	SR	1.50	1.25	0.08
	SHOWER ONLY						
	i) ADULT	2.75	2.29	SR	3.00	2.50	0.21
	ii) JUNIOR	1.40	1.17	SR	1.50	1.25	0.08
	CAR PARKING AT CENTRAL BATHS						
	i) DAILY RATE	10.45	8.71	SR	11.50	9.58	0.87
	ii) MATCH DAY	5.50	4.58	SR	6.00	5.00	0.42
	HIRE OF WOODLANDS SUITE						
	i) 3 SECTIONS PER DAY - EXT	291.50	291.5	ZR	320.00	320.00	28.50
	ii) 3 SECTIONS PER HR - EXT	39.05	39.05	ZR	43.00	43.00	3.95
	iii) 1 SECTION PER DAY - EXT	112.20	112.2	ZR	123.40	123.40	11.20
	iv) 1 SECTION PER HR - EXT	14.85	14.85	ZR	16.30	16.30	1.45
	v) 3 SECTIONS PER DAY - INT	233.20	233.2	ZR	256.50	256.50	23.30
	vi) 3 SECTIONS PER HR - INT	31.25	31.25	ZR	34.40	34.40	3.15
	vii) 1 SECTION PER DAY - INT	89.80	89.8	ZR	98.80	98.80	9.00
	viii) 1 SECTION PER HR - INT	11.90	11.9	ZR	13.00	13.00	1.10
	ROOM HIRE						
	i) AEROBICS/DANCE STUDIO (PER DAY)	160.00	133.33	SR	176.00	146.67	13.34
	ii) AEROBICS/DANCE STUDIO (PER DAY)	88.70	73.92	SR	97.50	81.25	7.33

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	iii) AEROBICS/DANCE STUDIO (PER HR)	26.95	22.46	SR	29.60	24.67	2.21
	iv) AEROBICS/DANCE STUDIO (PER HR)	14.85	12.38	SR	16.30	13.58	1.20
	v) ALDERSLEY LV - FAMILY ROOM (PER HR)	13.20	13.2	ZR	14.50	14.50	1.30
	vi) BERT WILLIAMS L C MEETING ROOM PER DAY - EXT	112.20	112.2	ZR	123.40	123.40	11.20
	vii) BERT WILLIAMS L C MEETING ROOM PER HR - EXT	14.85	14.85	ZR	16.30	16.30	1.45
	viii) BERT WILLIAMS L C MEETING ROOM PER DAY - INT	89.80	89.8	ZR	98.80	98.80	9.00
	ix) BERT WILLIAMS L C MEETING ROOM PER HR - INT	11.90	11.9	ZR	13.00	13.00	1.10
	x) CENTRAL BATHS ROOM HIRE	7.45	7.45	ZR	8.20	8.20	0.75
	JUNIOR SPORTS COURSES (per hr)						
	i) ROOKIE LIFEGUARD	3.55	3.55	ZR	3.90	3.90	0.35
	FIT CARD						
	i) SWIM & FITNESS (ANNUAL)	335.00	279.17	SR	335.00	279.17	0.00
	ii) SWIM & FITNESS (ANNUAL) OFF PEAK	235.00	195.83	SR	235.00	195.83	0.00
	iii) SWIM & FITNESS (ANNUAL) 60+	167.50	139.59	SR	167.50	139.59	0.00
	iv) FITNESS ONLY (ANNUAL)	240.00	200	SR	240.00	200.00	0.00
	v) FITNESS ONLY (ANNUAL) OFF PEAK	169.90	141.58	SR	169.90	141.58	0.00
The fees and	vi) FITNESS ONLY (ANNUAL) 60+	120.00	100	SR	120.00	100.00	0.00
charges for the	vii) SWIM ONLY (ANNUAL)	150.00	125	SR	150.00	125.00	0.00
new	viii) SWIM ONLY (ANNUAL) OFF PEAK	105.00	87.5	SR	105.00	87.50	0.00
membership	ix) SWIM ONLY (ANNUAL) 60+	75.00	62.5	SR	75.00	62.50	0.00
scheme will be subject to a	x) SWIM & FITNESS (MONTHLY)	33.50	27.92	SR	33.50	27.92	0.00
separate repor	t xi) SWIM & FITNESS (MONTHLY) OFF PEAK	23.50	19.58	SR	23.50	19.58	0.00
to Cabinet	xii) SWIM & FITNESS (MONTHLY) 60+	16.75	13.96	SR	16.75	13.96	0.00
(Resources)	xiii) FITNESS ONLY (MONTHLY)	24.00	20	SR	24.00	20.00	0.00

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	xiv) FITNESS ONLY (MONTHLY) OFF PEAK	16.99		SR	16.99	14.16	0.00
	xv) FITNESS ONLY (MONTHLY) 60+	12.00	10	SR	12.00	10.00	0.00
	xvi) SWIM ONLY (MONTHLY)	15.00	12.5	SR	15.00	12.50	0.00
	xvii) SWIM ONLY (MONTHLY) OFF PEAK	10.50	8.75	SR	10.50	8.75	0.00
	xviii) SWIM ONLY (MONTHLY) 60+	7.50	6.25	SR	7.50	6.25	0.00
	xix) REPLACEMENT CARD	3.50	2.92	SR	3.50	2.92	0.00
	TRAINING COURSES						
	i) NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARD QUALIFICATION	199.00	199	ZR	199.00	199.00	0.00
	ii) NPLQ – RETAKE	52.00	52	ZR	52.00	52.00	0.00
	iii) NATIONAL RESCUE AWARD FOR SWIMMING TEACHERS						
	& COACHES (2 day)	109.00	109	ZR	109.00	109.00	0.00
	iv) NATIONAL RESCUE AWARD FOR SWIMMING TEACHERS						
	& COACHES (1 day)	66.00	66	ZR	66.00	66.00	0.00
	v) FIRST AID AT WORK QUALIFICATION	159.00	159	ZR	159.00	159.00	0.00
	vi) FIRST AID AT WORK REFRESHER COURSE	109.00	109	ZR	109.00	109.00	0.00
	vii) EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK	61.00	61	ZR	61.00	61.00	0.00
	viii) EMERGENCY RESPONSE	33.00	33	ZR	33.00	33.00	0.00
	ix) ONE HOUR FIRST AID TRAINING	11.00	11	ZR	11.00	11.00	0.00
	REGISTERED CARERS						
	i) WHEN ACCOMPANYING PERSON IN THEIR CARE	0.00	0	ZR	0.00	0.00	0.00

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PLAY SERVICES										
OLD FALLINGS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND										
MAIN HALL (NEW BUILDING) PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
PROJECTOR ROOM (NEW BUILDING) PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
CRAFT ROOM (OLD BUILDING) PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
SENSORY ROOM (OLD BUILDING) PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
OUTSIDE PLAY AREA PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
GATIS STREET ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND										
MAIN HALL PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
CRAFT ROOM PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
OUTSIDE PLAY AREA PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
SCOTLANDS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND										
MAIN HALL PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
CRAFT ROOM PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
OUTSIDE PLAY AREA PER HOUR	£	10.00	£	10.00	ZR	£	10.00	£	10.00	0.00
PLAY AUDIT FOR WOLVERHAMPTON SCHOOL	£	110.00	£	110.00	ZR	£	110.00	£	110.00	0.00
PLAY AUDIT FOR SCHOOL OUTSIDE CITY	£	130.00	£	130.00	ZR	£	130.00	£	130.00	0.00
PLAY SESSION FOR WOLVERHAMPTON SCHOOL PER HOUR	£	145.00	£	145.00	ZR	£	145.00	£	145.00	0.00
PLAY SESSION FOR SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF CITY PER HOUR	£	170.00	£	170.00	ZR	£	170.00	£	170.00	0.00
FORREST SCHOOLS IN WOLVERHAMPTON SCHOOL PER HOUF	£	130.00	£	130.00	ZR	£	130.00	£	130.00	0.00
FORREST SCHOOLS OUTSIDE CITY PER HOUR	£	145.00	£	145.00	ZR	£	145.00	£	145.00	0.00

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CHILDREN'S VILLAGE CHILDREN'S CENTRE										
CHILDCARE FEES										
2 SESSIONS 8.30AM-4.30PM NO LUNCH	£	72.00	£	72.00	NB	£	72.00	£	72.00	0.00
2 SESSIONS 8.30AM-4.30PM WITH LUNCH	£	76.00	£	76.00	NB	£	76.00	£	76.00	0.00
SESSION 8.30AM-9.30AM	£	4.50	£	4.50	NB	£	4.50	£	4.50	0.00
SESSION 9.30AM-12.30PM OR 1.30PM-4.30PM	£	13.50	£	13.50	NB	£	13.50	£	13.50	0.00
SESSION 4.30PM-5.30PM	£	5.00	£	5.00	NB	£	5.00	£	5.00	0.00
LUNCH HOUR SESSION WITH OWN LUNCH	£	5.00	£	5.00	NB	£	5.00	£	5.00	0.00
LUNCH HOUR SESSION WITH HOT LUNCH	£	7.00	£	7.00	NB	£	7.00	£	7.00	0.00
COMMUNITY RECREATION  Priory Green Community Hub										
Community Groups (per session)		5.50		4.58	SR/EX*		6.05		5.04	0.46
Charitable Organisations		5.50		4.58	SR/EX*		6.05		5.04	0.46
Private Parties Children		11.00		9.17	SR/EX*		12.10		10.08	0.91
Private Parties Adults		16.50		13.75	SR/EX*		18.15		15.13	1.38
Church Groups		16.50		13.75	SR/EX*		18.15		15.13	1.38
Commercial Groups		33.00		27.50	SR/EX*		36.30		30.25	2.75
Easyline Equipment Rental		0.00		0.00	SR/EX*		1.5		1.25	1.25
St Chads Community Centre										
Sports Hall  I. Community Groups (per session)		0.00		0.25	CD/EV*		10.10		0.42	0.17
II. Charitable Organisations		9.90		8.25	SR/EX*		10.10		8.42	0.17
•		9.90		8.25	SR/EX*		10.10		8.42	0.17
Community Room  III. Community Groups (per session)		3.85		3.21	SR/EX*		3.95		3.29	0.08

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IV.	Charitable Organisations	3.85	3.21	SR/EX*	3.95	3.29	0.08
V.	Private parties children	7.70	6.42	SR/EX*	7.90	6.58	0.16
VI.	Church groups	11.90	9.92	SR/EX*	12.20	10.17	0.25
VII.	COMMERCIAL	23.10	19.25	SR/EX*	23.75	19.79	0.54
Easyl	ine Equipment Rental			·	1.5	1.25	1.25
Heat	n Town Community Centre						
Main	Hall						
I.	COMMUNITY GROUP HIRE (per session)	7.00	5.83	SR/EX*	7.15	5.96	0.13
II.	CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS	7.00	5.83	SR/EX*	7.15	5.96	0.13
III.	PRIVATE PARTIES CHILDREN	14.00	11.67	SR/EX*	14.30	11.92	0.25
	ADULTS	21.00	17.50	SR/EX*	21.45	17.88	0.38
IV.	CHURCH GROUPS	21.00	17.50	SR/EX*	21.45	17.88	0.38
V.	COMMERCIAL GROUPS	41.25	34.38	SR/EX*	42.25	35.21	0.84
Room	11 & 2						
I.	COMMUNITY GROUP HIRE	3.50	2.92	SR/EX*	3.60	3.95	1.03
II.	CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS	3.50	2.92	SR/EX*	3.60	3.00	0.08
III.	PRIVATE PARTIES CHILDREN	7.00	5.83	SR/EX*	7.20	6.00	0.17
	ADULTS	10.50	8.75	SR/EX*	10.80	9.00	0.25
	CHURCH GROUPS	10.50	8.75	SR/EX*	10.80	9.00	0.25
V.	COMMERCIAL GROUPS	31.20	26.00	SR/EX*	32.10	26.75	0.75
All Sa	ints Community Centre						
Main	Hall						
I.	COMMUNITY GROUPS (per 3 hour session)	4.00	3.33	SR/EX*	4.10	3.42	0.09
II.	CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS	4.00	3.33	SR/EX*	4.10	3.42	0.09
III.	PRIVATE PARTIES – CHILDREN	8.00	6.67	SR/EX*	8.20	6.83	0.16
IV.	PRIVATE PARTIES – ADULT	12.00	10.00	SR/EX*	12.30	10.25	0.25
V.	CHURCH GROUPS	12.00	10.00	SR/EX*	12.30	10.25	0.25

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VI. COMMERCIAL GROUPS	16.00	13.33	SR/EX*	16.40	13.67	0.34
Kitchen			•			
I. COMMUNITY GROUPS (per 3 hour session)	4.00	3.33	EX	4.10	4.10	0.77
II. CHARITABLE ORGANISATION	4.00	3.33	EX	4.10	4.10	0.77
III. COMMERCIAL GROUPS	8.00	6.67	EX	8.20	8.20	1.53
Activities Area						
I. COMMUNITY GROUPS (per 3 hour session)	4.00	3.33	SR/EX*	4.10	4.10	0.77
II. CHARITABLE ORGANISATION	4.00	3.33	SR/EX*	4.10	3.42	0.09
III. PRIVATE PARTIES – CHILDREN	8.00	6.67	SR/EX*	8.20	6.83	0.16
IV. PRIVATE PARTIES – ADULT	12.00	10.00	SR/EX*	12.30	10.25	0.25
V. CHURCH GROUPS	12.00	10.00	SR/EX*	12.30	12.30	2.30
VI. COMMERCIAL GROUPS	16.00	13.33	SR/EX*	16.40	16.40	3.07
Weekend letting fees to all Community Centres (City wide)						
i. Community Groups	7.70	6.42	EX	7.90	7.90	1.48
ii. Children's Parties	16.50	13.75	EX	16.90	16.90	3.15
iii. Private Parties	33.00	27.50	EX	33.80	33.80	6.30
iv. Commercial	44.00	36.67	EX	45.10	45.10	8.43
Blakenhall Community & Healthy Living Centre						
Disabilities, 50+, Ladies only	1.84	1.53	SR	1.90	1.58	0.05
Target Group Activity Monthly Pass (badminton included						
providing all have passes or separate charge of above will						
apply)	20.00	0.00				
Fitness Suites / Training						
Inductions	5.72	4.77	EX	5.85	5.85	1.08
TRAINING SESSION ADULT	4.83	4.03	SR			
Concessionary card	2.52	2.10	SR			

				Proposed	Proposed	
	Current Charge	_		Charge incl VAT	Charge excl	
Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	VAT Rate	2014/15	VAT 2014/15	Change
	£	£		£	£	£
Induction school group	10.50	10.50	NB	10.75	10.75	0.25
Induction group	18.90	15.75	EX	19.35	19.35	3.60
One to one induction	10.50	8.75	EX	10.75	10.75	2.00
Training session	2.42	2.02	SR	2.50	2.08	0.06
Training session schools	0.91	0.76	SR	1.90	1.58	0.82
Activity Equipment Hire						
All ages (per hour) Easyline equipment	16.50	13.75	SR	17.00	14.16	0.41
Main gym	52.50	43.75	SR	54.00	45.00	1.25
Dance mats	10.50	8.75	SR	10.80	9.00	0.25
Toning suite	21.00	17.50	SR	21.60	18.00	0.50
SHOWER						
Adult	2.42	2.02	SR			
Adult CONCESSIONARY RATE ONLY	1.30	1.08	SR	1.35	1.13	0.05
REGISTERED CARERS						
When accompanying person in their care	0.95	0.00	SR			
BADMINTON/SHORT TENNIS (PER HOUR)						
COURT HIRE (ADULT)	8.19	6.83	SR			
Court Hire	4.10	3.42	SR	4.20	3.50	0.08
Racquet hire	1.31	1.09	SR	1.35	1.13	0.04
TABLE TENNIS						
Table tennis adult peak	3.68	3.07	SR	3.75		
Table tennis	2.31	1.93	SR	2.40	2.00	0.08
Table tennis bat hire	1.05	0.88	SR	1.10	0.92	0.04
Table tennis - ball purchase	1.05	0.88	SR	1.10	0.92	0.04
INDOOR BOWLS (PER 2 HOUR SESSION)						
Per person	1.89	1.58	SR	1.95	1.63	0.05
PER PERSON (JUNIOR)	1.89	1.58	SR			
TONING SUITE (PER 40 MINUTES SESSION)						
I) ADULT (PEAK)	3.68	3.07	SR			

	Current Charge	Current charge		Proposed Charge incl VAT	Proposed Charge excl	
Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	VAT Rate	2014/15	VAT 2014/15	Change
•	£	£		£	£	£
Adult	2.40	2.00	SR	2.45	2.04	0.04
MONTHLY PASSES (ADULT)						
FITNESS – UNLIMITED	22.37	18.64	SR			
FITNESS & TONING	32.34	26.95	SR			
TONING	13.70	11.42	SR			
COMBI	39.27	32.73	SR			
5 SESSION MONTHLY PASS	12.13	10.11	SR			
3 SESSION MONTHLY PASS	7.51	6.26	SR			
4 sessions	7.50	6.25	SR	7.70	6.42	0.17
7 sessions	12.10	10.08	SR	12.40	10.33	0.25
12 sessions	18.00	15.00	SR	18.50	15.42	0.42
20 sessions	23.40	19.50	SR	24.00	20.00	0.50
50 sessions	50.00	41.67	SR	51.00	42.50	0.83
100 sessions	85.00	70.83	SR	86.00	71.67	0.84
150 sessions	90.00	75.00	SR	91.00	75.83	0.83
Wellness Sessions						
Wellness key lost / stolen (bought individually)	10.50	8.75	SR	10.75	8.96	0.21
One to one session with key	22.26	18.55	SR	22.75	18.96	0.41
One to one session without key	13.07	10.89	SR	13.35	11.13	0.24
Reassessment	7.88	6.57	SR	8.10	6.75	0.18
My Wellness key with one to one	78.65	65.54	SR	80.00	66.67	1.13
Young Peoples Sessions						
EASYLINE GYM 10 WEEK COST	10.00	8.33	SR			
Easyline Gym	1.25	1.04	SR			
Instructed sessions	3.05	2.54	EX			
Dance mats	1.73	1.44	ZR	1.75	1.75	0.31
Active8 10 week course	10.00	8.33	ZR	10.25	10.25	1.92
INSTRUCTED SESSIONS						
Adult per person	3.71	3.09	EX	3.80	3.80	0.71

Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15 £	Change £
General Use						
Main Hall						
Community						
Half Hall - no set up (per hour)			EX	12.00	12.00	12.00
Half Hall - including set up (per hour)			EX	14.00	14.00	14.00
Whole hall no set up (per hour)			EX	20.00	20.00	20.00
Whole hall inc set up (per hour)			EX	25.00	25.00	25.00
Group Bookings (meetings / seminars)						
HALF PEAK (per hour)	25.20	21.00	SR/EX*			
FULL PEAK (per hour)	46.73	38.94	SR/EX*			
HALF OFF PEAK/ JUNIOR (per hour)	16.38	13.65	SR/EX*			
FULL OFF PEAK/JUNIOR (per hour)	28.98	24.15	SR/EX*			
ANY COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION						
HALF PEAK (per hour)	27.30	22.75	SR/EX*			
FULL PEAK (per hour)	49.77	41.48	SR/EX*			
HALF OFF PEAK/ JUNIOR (per hour)	19.64	16.37	SR/EX*			
FULL OFF PEAK/JUNIOR (per hour)	32.76	27.30	SR/EX*			
Half Hall - no set up (per hour)	16.00	13.33	SR	16.40	13.67	0.34
Half Hall - including set up (per hour)	20.00	16.67	SR	20.50	17.08	0.41
Whole hall no set up (per hour)	28.00	23.33	SR	28.70	23.92	0.59
Whole hall inc set up (per hour)	32.00	26.67	SR	32.80	27.33	0.66
COMMUNITY ROOM 1 & 2, MEETING ROOM 1 & 2, WORKS	PACE 1 & 2					
Community	5.46	4.55	EX	5.60	5.60	1.05
COMMUNITY PEAK	10.92	9.10	EX			
Group Bookings (meetings / seminars)						
PEAK	13.13	10.94	SR			
OFF PEAK	7.67	6.39	SR			
ANY COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION						
PEAK	21.84	18.20	SR			

Description	Current Charge incl VAT	Current charge excl VAT	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	Change
Description	£	£	VAIRate	£	£	£
OFF PEAK	10.92	9.10	SR			
Standard Layout (per hour)	10.92	9.10	EX	11.20	11.20	2.10
Alternative layout (per hour)	13.12	10.93	EX	13.50	13.50	2.57
KITCHEN						
COMMUNITY OFF PEAK	5.46	4.55	EX			
COMMUNITY PEAK	8.72	7.27	EX			
Community	5.46	4.55	EX	5.60	5.60	1.05
Group Bookings	10.92	9.10	SR	11.20	9.33	0.23
PEAK	10.92	9.10	EX			
OFF PEAK	8.72	7.27	EX			
ANY COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION						
PEAK	19.64	16.37	SR			
OFF PEAK	13.13	10.94	SR			
Party Packages - Hall						
Main hall per hour (adult)	92.55	77.13	SR	95.00	79.17	2.05
Deposit	250.00	250.00	ZR	250.00	250.00	0.00
MAIN HALL PER HOUR (JUNIOR)	70.60	0.00	SR			
DEPOSIT	105.00	100.00	ZR			
Community / Meeting / Workspace 1 & 2 per hour (Adult)	51.15	0.00	SR	52.50	43.75	43.75
Deposit	105.00	100.00	EX	105.00	105.00	5.00
COMMUNITY/MEETING/WORKSPACE 1 & 2 (JUNIOR)	39.2	0	SR			
DEPOSIT	52.5	50	ZR			
Kitchen	19.64	16.37	SR	20.62	17.19	0.82
INSTRUCTOR NEEDED (PER HOUR)	13.13	10.94	SR	13.50	11.25	0.31
BANK HOLIDAY PARTIES STAFFING (per hour)	26.25	21.88	SR	27.00	22.50	0.63
2015/16 (price)	101.80	84.83	SR	105.00	87.50	2.67
Events Packages - Hall						

**Events Packages - Hall** 

Half Day

Full Day

Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15 £	Change £
PEAK (per half day)	168.00	140.00	SR	-	-	_
OFF PEAK (per half day)	105.00	87.50	SR			
STATUTORY PARTNERS (meetings/seminars)						
PEAK (per half day)	196.35	163.63	EX			
OFF PEAK (per half day)	109.15	90.96	EX			
ANY COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION						
PEAK (per half day)	327.60	273.00	EX			
OFF PEAK (per half day)	185.64	154.70	EX			
Group Bookings (meetings/seminars)						
half day	105.00	87.50	EX	108.00	108.00	20.50
Full day	187.00	155.83	EX	192.00	192.00	36.17
½ DAY TRAINING COURSES, MEETINGS, COMMUNITY, WORK SPACES 1 X ROOM (excluding meeting room 1 & 2)	47.00	39.17	EX			
V) FULL DAY TRAINING COURSES, MEETING,						
COMMUNITY, WORK SPACES 1 X ROOM (excluding meeting	07.00	70.00	<b>5</b> 14			
room 1 & 2)	85.00	70.83	EX		6.04	
Purchase of flipchart paper (20 sheets)	7.25	6.04	SR	7.45	6.21	0.17
Hire of projector	4.15	3.46	SR	4.25	3.54	0.08
Hire of music system per session	4.15	3.46	SR	4.25	3.54	0.08
Photocopying service per sheet (b&w)	0.10	0.08	SR	0.15	0.13	0.05
Photocopying service per sheet (colour)	1.05	0.88	SR	1.05	0.88	0.00
Conference pack to include use of flip chart, flip chart paper						0.42
(20 sheets), flip chart pends x 2, projector and or music						
system (subject to availability)	18.00	15.00	SR	18.50	15.42	
VIII) ADDITIONAL – set ups & pack ups charged per ½ hour						
rooms and additional staff required for main hall events	5.00	4.17	EX			
IX) ADDITIONAL ROOMS COMMUNITY	2.50	2.08	EX			
X) ADDITIONAL ROOMS INTERNAL RATE	5.00	4.17	EX			
XI) ADDITIONAL ROOM COMMERCIAL RATE	7.00	5.83	EX			
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Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15 £	Change £
PARKS STRATEGY						
EVENTS						
Booking Fee	41.00	34.17	SR	50.00	41.67	7.50
Community or Charitable Event (Per Event)	38.00	31.67	SR		0.00	
Commercial Large Scale Event (Weekend - Per Day)	321.00	267.50	SR		0.00	
Commercial Large Scale Event (Weekday - Per Day)	132.00	110.00	SR		0.00	
Groups Using Parks & Green Spaces - Half Day Session	50.00	41.67	SR	60.00	50.00	8.33
Groups Using Parks & Green Spaces - Full Day Session	100.00	83.33	SR	120.00	100.00	16.67
GROUPS USING PARKS AND GREEN SPACES						
HALF DAY SESSION	55.00	50.00	EX	60.00	60.00	10.00
FULL DAY SESSION	110.00	100.00	EX	120.00	120.00	20.00
Large Scale Event (Weekday - Per Day)			EX	200.00	200.00	200.00
Large Scale Event (Weekend - Per Day)			EX	400.00	400.00	400.00
Commercial Events (Per day)			EX	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Fun Fairs (Per Week Day)			EX	150.00	150.00	150.00
Fun Fairs (Per Weekend Day)			EX	355.00	355.00	355.00
Hire of Classroom at Northicote Farm / Smestow Valley (per hour)			EX	8.00	8.00	8.00
Band Stand (per day)			EX	100.00	100.00	100.00
Advertising using A frame boards (per event)			SR	25.00	20.83	20.83
Environmental Consultancy Services (per hour)			SR	50.00	41.67	41.67
Sale of materials - logs/wood chippings (per bag)			LR (5%)	3.00	2.85	2.85
Lease of fishing pools (annual charge)			SR	250.00	208.33	208.33
Farming Day Experience			SR	70.00	58.33	58.33

Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15 £	Change £
Camping / Caravanning (per night)	-	_	SR	10.00	8.33	8.33
Exclusive site hire (for training / camping etc - St Christophers) pe occasion	r		EX	100.00	100.00	100.00
Wildlife photography tuition (per person)			EX	70.00	70.00	70.00
Hire of Van and man for half day			SR	50.00	41.67	41.67
Hire of Van and man for full day			SR	100.00	83.33	83.33
LIBRARIES						
FINES						
Fines Adult (per item per day)	0.15	0.13	SR	0.15	0.13	0.00
Fines DVD (per item per day)	1.50	1.25	SR	1.50	1.25	0.00
HIRE						
CD's (Adult) 14 day loan	1.00	1.00	NB	1.00	1.00	0.00
CD's (Young Adults) 14 day loan	0.50	0.50	NB	0.50	0.50	0.00
DVD (Adults) 7 day loan	1.50	1.50	NB	1.50	1.50	0.00
DVD (Young Adult) 7 day loan	0.75	0.75	NB	0.75	0.75	0.00
Training Room Bilston Library 1/2 day	60.00	50.00	EX	65.00	65.00	15.00
Training Room Bilston Library full day	100.00	83.33	EX	110.00	110.00	26.67
Hire Charge - Training room Bilston Library per hour	20.00	16.67	EX	25.00	25.00	8.33
RESERVATIONS						
Items not in stock (Adults)	2.50	2.50	NB	2.50	2.50	0.00
Items not in stock (Young Adults)	1.25	1.25	NB	1.25	1.25	0.00
Music scores & playsets	5.00	5.00	NB	10.00	10.00	5.00

				Proposed	Proposed	
	<b>Current Charge</b>	Current charge		Charge incl VAT	Charge excl	
Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	VAT Rate	2014/15	VAT 2014/15	Change
	£	£		£	£	£
PHOTOCOPIES						
B&W A4 per copy	0.10	0.08	SR	0.15	0.13	0.05
B&W A3 per copy	0.20	0.17	SR	0.30	0.25	0.08
Colour A4 per copy	1.00	0.83	SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
Colour A3 per copy	1.50	1.25	SR	1.50	1.25	0.00
FAX						
UK	1.00	0.83	SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
Europe	2.00	1.67	SR	2.00	1.67	0.00
North America	3.00	2.50	SR	3.00	2.50	0.00
Other	4.00	3.33	SR	4.00	3.33	0.00
Incoming	1.00	0.83	SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
OTHER						
Replacement Ticket (Adults only)	1.50	1.50	NB	1.50	1.50	0.00
Loss of Items Borrowed from British Library per item	129.50	129.50	NB	129.50	129.50	0.00
Postal enquiries involving reference research	10.00	8.33	SR	10.00	8.33	0.00
Microfilm Reader/Printer copies per sheet	0.25	0.21	SR	0.25	0.21	0.00
Internet						
Use of internet - up to 1 hour per day	0	0	SR	Free	free	0.00
Use of internet - up to 2 hours per day	0	0	SR	1.50	1.25	1.25
Use of internet - up to 3 hours per day	0	0	SR	3.00	2.50	2.50
Use of internet - concessions up to 3 hours	0	0	SR	free	free	0.00

**YOUTH SERVICES** 

**Epic Youth Café** 

Hourly Rate

Description	Current Charge incl VAT	excl VAT	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	Change
Drivete Consumer man have	£	£	FV	£	£	£
Private Groups per hour	30.00	25.00	EX	30.00	30.00	5.00
Partner Organisations per hour	30.00	25.00	EX	30.00	30.00	5.00
Commercial Groups per hour	50.00	41.67	EX	50.00	50.00	8.33
Half Day Rate						
Private Groups per hour	95.00	79.17	EX	95.00	95.00	15.83
Partner Organisations per hour	95.00	79.17	EX	95.00	95.00	15.83
Commercial Groups per hour	150.00	125.00	EX	150.00	150.00	25.00
Day Rate						
Private Groups per hour	180.00	150.00	EX	180.00	180.00	30.00
Partner Organisations per hour	180.00	150.00	EX	180.00	180.00	30.00
Commercial Groups per hour	300.00	250.00	EX	300.00	300.00	50.00
Graisleley Youth Centre						
Dojo						
Private Groups per hour	26.00	21.67	SR	26.00	21.67	0.00
Partner Organisations per hour	26.00	21.67	SR	26.00	21.67	0.00
Commercial Groups per hour	52.00	43.33	SR	52.00	43.33	0.00

<sup>\*</sup> VAT inclusive charged for Sport Users, VAT exclusive charged for All Other Users

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H	Housing						
Regen1	House in Multiple Occupation Licensing Scheme Fees	650.00	650.00	NB	650.00	650.00	0.00
Regen2	All Saints Licensing Scheme fees	525.00	525.00	NB	525.00	525.00	0.00
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Regen3	Disabled Parking Bay	60.00	50.00	SR	60.00	50.00	0.00
Regen4	'H' marking	86.40	72.00	SR	86.40	72.00	0.00
Regen5	Section 50 Licence	410.00	410.00	NB	410.00	410.00	0.00
Regen6	Highway Improvement Lines	45.00	45.00	NB	45.00	45.00	0.00
Regen7	Skip Licence	28.00	28.00	NB	30.00	30.00	2.00
Regen8	S38-S278						
	Minimum Charge	3300.00	3300.00	NB	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00
	charge for works value up to £750k (8.25% per £1000)	82.50	82.50	NB	82.50	82.50	0.00

		Current Charge	Current charge	VAT	Proposed Charge incl VAT	Proposed Charge excl VAT	
Ref	Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	Rate	2014/15	2014/15	Change
	·	£	£		£		£
	charge for works value over £750k (7.15% per £1000)	71.50	71.50	NB	71.50	71.50	0.00
Regen9	Temporary Structure on the highway - mobile crane						
	charge for 1 day	110.00	110.00	NB	110.00	110.00	0.00
	charge for 2 - 28 days	165.00	165.00	NB	165.00	165.00	0.00
Regen10	Permit to dig						
	assess initial request	99.60	83.00	SR	99.60	83.00	0.00
	licence to excavate highway	303.00	303.00	NB	303.00	303.00	0.00
Regen11	Temporary Reg Order-road closure						
	road closure up to 5 days	675.00	675.00	NB	675.00	675.00	0.00
	road closure from 5 days up to 18 months	990.00	990.00	NB	990.00	990.00	0.00
	emergency road closure	485.00	485.00	NB	485.00	485.00	0.00
	Road Closure Extension	275.00	275.00	NB	275.00	275.00	0.00
	Temporary Structure on the highway - tower, hording,						
	fence, cabin, hydraulic platform, welfare cabin or						
Regen12	other temporary structure						
	Initial licence valid for 1 month	105.00	105.00	NB	110.00	110.00	5.00
	Renewal fee for each subsequent month	35.00	35.00	NB	35.00	35.00	0.00
Regen13	Traffic Signal/Pedestrian Crossing switch off/on						
	Signal/pedestrian crossing switched off/on on a						
	weekday.	110.00	110.00	NB	100.00	100.00	-10.00

Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT	Current charge excl VAT	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	Change
		£	£		£		£
	Signal/pedestrian crossing switched off/on on a						
	Saturday.	385.00	385.00	NB	350.00	350.00	-35.00
	Signal/pedestrian crossing switched off/on on a Sunday.	550.00	550.00	NB	500.00	500.00	-50.00
Regen14	Recovery of officer time for out of hours working	36.00	36.00	NB	36.00	36.00	0.00
	Recovery of officer time when out of hours working is required to supervise activities on the highway such as abnormal load movement, road closures associated with events, temporary structure site visits or to process/approve temparary road closure applications under the Police Town Clauses Act 1847 for events,						
Regen 15	parades, processions etc.	36.00	36.00	NB	36.00	36.00	0.00
Regen16	Temporary traffic Signals Temporary Structure on the Highway - Scaffolding for	495.00	495.00	NB	495.00	495.00	0.00
Regen17	EON insulation works						
	Initial licence valid for 1 month	105.00	105.00	NB	105.00	105.00	0.00
	Renewal fee for each subsequent month	35.00	35.00	NB	35.00	35.00	0.00
Regen18	Trading Standards Verification and Testing Fees						
	Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment	84.48	70.40	SR	84.48	70.40	0.00
	Officer Time/On Site	84.48	70.40	SR	84.48	70.40	0.00
	Barr and Grosvenor All Weights	2.77	2.31	SR	2.77	2.31	0.00
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		Current	Current		Proposed Charge incl	Proposed Charge excl	
p-f	Description	Charge	charge	VAT	VAT	VAT	Change
Ref	Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	Rate	2014/15	2014/15	Change
	Mainte autorita de la Othera accurace All autinte	£	£	CD	£	6.03	£
	Weights submitted by Other sources All weights	8.18	6.82	SR	8.18	6.82	0.00
	Measures - Linear not exceeding 3m per scale	10.56	8.80	SR	10.56	8.80	0.00
	Measures - Linear other rate A(1)	84.48	70.40	SR	84.48	70.40	0.00
	Capacity - unsubdivided not exceeding 1L	7.46	6.22	SR	7.46	6.22	0.00
	Capacity - Other rate A(1)	84.48	70.40	SR	84.48	70.40	0.00
	Ballast - Graduated	186.58	155.48	SR	186.58	155.48	0.00
	Ballast - Brim Rate A(1)	84.74	70.62	SR	84.74	70.62	0.00
	Liquid Capacity (AQ Use)	29.51	24.59	SR	29.51	24.59	0.00
	Templets - Per scale - 1st item	51.68	43.07	SR	51.68	43.07	0.00
	Templets - Per scale - subsequent items	20.46	17.05	SR	20.46	17.05	0.00
	Weighing instruments Non EC not exceeding one tonne	67.06	55.88	SR	67.06	55.88	0.00
	Weighing instruments Non EC 1 tonne to 10 tonnes	108.31	90.26	SR	108.31	90.26	0.00
	Weighing instruments Non EC exceeding 10 tonnes Weighing Instruments EC (NAWI) not exceeding one	226.58	188.82	SR	226.58	188.82	0.00
	tonne	111.48	92.90	SR	111.48	92.90	0.00
	Weighing Instruments EC (NAWI) 1 tonne to 10 tonnes	180.05	150.04	SR	180.05	150.04	0.00
	Weighing Instrument EC (NAWI) exceeding 10 tonnes	377.52	314.60	SR	377.52	314.60	0.00

Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT	Current charge excl VAT	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	Change
		£	£		£	•	£
	Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor not						
	exceeding 150ml	18.48	15.40	SR	18.48	15.40	0.00
	Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor other  Measuring instruments for Liquid fuel and Lubricants -	21.25	17.71	SR	21.25	17.71	0.00
	Unsubdivided container	75.64	63.03	SR	75.64	63.03	0.00
	Measuring Instruments for Liquid fuel and Lubricants - Single/Multi Outlets (Nozzles)						
	a) First Nozzle tested	125.68	104.72	SR	125.66	104.72	0.00
	b) Additional Nozzles (each)	77.16	64.30	SR	77.16	64.30	0.00
	Bulk fuel systems (100L +):						
	Meter systems - Wet hose (2 fuels)	134.84	112.37	SR	134.84	112.37	0.00
	Meter systems - Dry hose (2 fuels)	149.76	124.80	SR	149.76	124.80	0.00
	Meter systems - provision of test meter and assistance						
	(in addition to the relevant test fee) Issue of Calibration Certificates:	149.76	124.80	SR	149.76	124.80	0.00
	Weights - any determination of absolute error	84.48	70.40	SR	84.48	70.40	0.00
	Weights - Provision of Calibration Certificate	6.86	5.72	SR	6.86	5.72	0.00
	Other equipment - Provision of Calibration Certificate	6.86	5.72	SR	6.86	5.72	0.00
	Other equipment - retrieval of existing certificate	20.40	17.00	SR	20.40	17.00	0.00
	Equipment Hire - Test weights	84.29	70.24	SR	84.29	70.24	0.00
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### **APPENDIX C**

					Proposed	Proposed	
		Current	Current		Charge incl	Charge excl	
		Charge	charge	VAT	VAT	VAT	
Ref	Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	Rate	2014/15	2014/15	Change
		£	£		£		£
Regen19	Surveyors Fees						
	land and Property enquiries	132.00	110.00	SR	144.00	120.00	10.00

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		Current	Current		Charge incl	Charge excl	
		Charge	charge	VAT	VAT	VAT	
Ref	Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	Rate	2014/15	2014/15	Change
		£	£		£		£

#### **Building Regulations**

Schedule One of the Building Act 1984 identifies the Regulations which Local Authorities have a duty to enforce in relation to the setting of Building Control Charges. These charges have been set in accordance with the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010 (as required by the Building Act 1984). The accounting objective of the regulations requires local authorities to ensure that 'taking one financial year with another' their charges income, as nearly as possible, equates to the costs incurred by the authority in carrying out certain 'chargeable' building control functions and providing chargeable advice. The intention is to breakeven and achieve full cost recovery in relation to the building control functions that the regulations authorise a charge to be made. The overriding principle of the regulations and the proposed charging scheme is that the customer should pay for the level of building control input appropriate to their application.

					Proposed	Proposed	
		Current	Current		Charge incl	Charge excl	
		Charge	charge	VAT	VAT	VAT	
Ref	Description	incl VAT	excl VAT	Rate	2014/15	2014/15	Change
		£	£		£		£
	New Dwellings (Table 1)	53.06	44.22	SR	54.40	45.33	1.11
	Domestic Extensions (Table 2a)	53.06	44.22	SR	54.40	45.33	1.11
	Domestic Alterations ( Table 2b)	53.06	44.22	SR	54.40	45.33	1.11
	Non Domestic New Build and Ext (Table 3a)	53.06	44.22	SR	54.40	45.33	1.11
	Non Domestic Alterations (Table 3b)	53.06	44.22	SR	54.40	45.33	1.11
	Regularisation (Table 1)	44.22	44.22	ZR	45.33	45.33	1.11
	Regularisation (Table 2a)	44.22	44.22	ZR	45.33	45.33	1.11
	Regularisation (Table 2b)	44.22	44.22	ZR	45.33	45.33	1.11
	Regularisation (Table 3a)	44.22	44.22	ZR	45.33	45.33	1.11
	Regularisation (Table 3b)	44.22	44.22	ZR	45.33	45.33	1.11
Regen 21	Contaminated Land/Environmental Information						
	Full Contaminated Land Report	61.20	51.00	SR	62.40	52.00	1.00
	Full Contaminated Land Report - two						0.00
	day expediated service	70.80	59.00	SR	72.00	60.00	1.00
	Information requests - Non residential/multiple						
	properties - 1st hour	61.20	51.00	SR	62.40	52.00	1.00
	Information requests - Non residential/multiple						
	properties - additional hour	20.40	17.00	SR	21.00	17.50	0.50
	Other environmental information requests - 1st hour	61.20	51.00	SR	62.40	52.00	1.00
	Other environmental information requests - additional						
	hour	20.40	17.00	SR	21.00	17.50	0.50

Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	<b>Change</b>
PARTNE	RSHIPS, ECONOMY AND CULTURE	r	r		Ľ		L
	Archives						
PEC4	10 Year Worldwide TV Licence (Per image)	0.00	0.00	SR	600.00	500.00	-500.00
PEC12	Goldthorne Assembly Rooms Hall hire	9.00	9.00	ZR	10.00	10.00	1.00
PEC13	Outdoor Events - selected admission charges Wolverhampton Show - adult admission Wolverhampton Show - child admission Country Music Festival - adult admission Country Music Festival - child admission Country Music Festival - weekend ticket Bonfire events - adult admission Bonfire events - child admission	2.00 1.00 6.00 3.00 10.00 4.00 3.00	1.67 0.84 5.00 2.50 8.34 3.34 2.50	SR SR SR SR SR SR	3.00 2.00 11.00 6.00 18.00 4.50 3.00	2.50 1.67 9.16 5.00 15.00 3.75 2.50	0.83 0.83 4.16 2.50 6.66 0.41 0.00
PEC14	Outdoor Events - Trade Space Steam & Vintage Rally - per metre Wolverhampton Show - per metre Country Music Festival - per metre Bonfire Events - per metre	19.80 28.60 25.30 16.50 Page 78	19.80 28.60 25.30 16.50 8 of 233	EX EX EX	30.00 27.00 17.00	30.00 27.00 17.00	-19.80 1.40 1.70 0.50

Ref	Description	Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT 2014/15 £	Proposed Charge excl VAT 2014/15	Change	
	Diwali -per metre	12.00	10.00	SR	15.00	12.50	£ 2.50	
	Tettenhall Christmas Lights - per metre	12.00	10.00	SR	15.00	12.50	2.50	
PEC15	Tea Dances Admission Charges	2.50	2.08	SR	3.00	2.50	0.42	

### SCHOOLS, SKILLS AND LEARNING

Schools, Skills and Learning - please note that these charges have no impact on the General Fund.

The Adult Education Service is funded by the Skills Funding Agency

#### SSL1 Adult Education Service

Adult Skills Courses (Average 60 hours) Course Fees Community ( Average 30 hours) Course Fees	204.00 102.00	204.00 102.00	ZR ZR	210 105	210 105	6.00 3.00
Full Cost Recovery (Average 5 hours ) Course Fees	103.00	103.00	ZR	106	106	3.00
Club Classes	36.00	36.00	ZR	37	37	1.00

### Appendix A

# SCHEME FOR THE RECOVERY OF BUILDING REGULATION CHARGES AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS FOR WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

To be read in conjunction with The building [local authority charges] regulations 2010

Date this Scheme takes effect: 1 April 2014

### SCHEME FOR THE RECOVERY OF BUILDING REGULATION CHARGES

#### **Definitions**

The following definitions apply to this Charging Scheme and should be read in conjunction with the other clauses and tables which constitute the Charging Scheme:

### 'building'

means any permanent or temporary building but not any other kind of structure or erection, and a reference to a building includes a reference to part of a building.

### 'building notice'

means a notice given in accordance with regulations 12(2)(A)(a) and 13 of the Building Regulations 2000 (as amended).

### 'building work' means:

- a. the erection or extension of a building;
- b. the provision or extension of a controlled service or fitting in or in connection with a building;
- c. the material alteration of a building, or a controlled service or fitting;
- d. work required by building regulation 6 (requirements relating to material change of use);
- e. the insertion of insulating material into the cavity wall of a building;

- f. work involving the underpinning of a building;
- g. work required by building regulation 4A (requirements relating to thermal elements);
- h. work required by building regulation 4B (requirements relating to a change of energy status);
- i. work required by building regulation 17D (consequential improvements to energy performance);

'chargeable function' means a function relating to the following -

- a. the passing or rejection of plans of proposed building work which has been deposited with the council in accordance with section 16 of the Building Act 1984 (as amended).
- b. the inspection of building work for which plans have been deposited with the council in accordance with the Building Regulation 2000 (as amended) and with section 16 of the Building Act 1984 (as amended)
- c. the consideration of a building notice which has been given to the council in accordance with the Building Regulations 2000 (as amended)
- d. the consideration of building work reverting to the council under the Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) Regulations 2000 (as amended)
- e. the consideration of a regularisation application submitted to the council under regulation 21 of the Building Regulations 2000 (as amended).
- 'cost' does not include any professional fees paid to an architect, quantity surveyor or any other person.

'dwelling' includes a dwelling-house and a flat.

'dwelling-house' does not include a flat or a building containing a flat.

- 'flat' means a separate and self-contained premises constructed or adapted for use for residential purposes and forming part of a building from some other part of which it is divided horizontally.
- 'floor area of a building or extension' is the total floor area of all the storeys which comprise that building. It is calculated by reference to the finished internal faces of the walls enclosing the area, or, if at any point there is no enclosing wall, by reference to the outermost edge of the floor.

### 'relevant person' means:

- a. in relation to a plan charge, inspection charge, reversion charge or building notice charge, the person who carries out the building work or on whose behalf the building work is carried out;
- b. in relation to a regularisation charge, the owner of the building; and
- c. in relation to chargeable advice, any person requesting advice for which a charge may be made pursuant to the definition of 'chargeable advice'

### **Principles of this Scheme**

The set charges or method of establishing the charge have been established in this scheme for the functions prescribed in the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010 (referred to as the chargeable functions), namely:

A plan charge, payable when plans of the building work are deposited with the Local Authority.

**An inspection charge**, payable on demand after the authority carry out the first inspection in respect of which the charge is payable.

A building notice charge, payable when the building notice is given to the authority.

A reversion charge, payable for building work in relation to a building: -

- a. Which has been substantially completed before plans are first deposited with the Authority in accordance with Regulation 20(2)(a)(i) of the Approved Inspectors Regulations, or
- b. In respect of which plans for further building work have been deposited with the Authority in accordance with the Regulation 20(3) of the Approved Inspectors Regulations, on the first occasion on which those plans are or have been deposited.

A regularisation charge, payable at the time of the application to the authority in accordance with Regulation 21 of the Building Regulations.

**Chargeable advice,** Local Authorities can make a charge for giving advice in anticipation of the future exercise of their chargeable functions (ie before an application or notice is received for a particular case), which is payable after the first hour of advice, on demand after the authority has given notice required by Regulation 7(7) of the Building (Local Authority) Charges Regulations 2010 (ie the charge has been confirmed in writing following an individual determination). This charge can be discounted from a subsequent application or notice received for the work in question.

The above charges are payable by the relevant person (see page 11 for definition).

Any charge which is payable to the authority may, in a particular case, and with the agreement of the authority, be paid by instalments of such amounts payable on such dates as may be specified by the authority. If the applicant and an authority are agreeable, an inspection charge can be fully or partly paid up front with the plans charge.

The charge for providing a chargeable function or chargeable advice is based on the principle of achieving full cost recovery. The charges will be calculated by using the Council officers' average hourly rate stated in the charging scheme, multiplied by the time taken to carry out the functions/advice, taking the following factors into account, as applicable, in estimating the time required by officers to carry out the function/advice:

- The existing use of a building, or the proposed use of the building after completion of the building work;
- b. The different kinds of building work described in regulation 3(1)(a) to (i) of the Building Regulations;
- c. The floor area of the building or extension;
- d. The nature of the design of the building work and whether innovative or high risk construction techniques are to be used;
- e. The estimated duration of the building work and the anticipated number of inspections to be carried out;
- f. The estimated cost of the building work;
- g. Whether a person who intends to carry out part of the building work is a person mentioned in regulation 12(5) or 20B(4) of the Building Regulations (i.e. related to competent person/self certification schemes);

- h. Whether in respect of the building work a notification will be made in accordance with regulation 20A(4) of the Building Regulations (i.e. where design details approved by Robust Details Ltd have been used);
- Whether an application or building notice is in respect of two or more buildings or building works all of which are substantially the same as each other;
- j. Whether an application or building notice is in respect of building work, which is substantially the same as building work in respect of which plans have previously been deposited or building works inspected by the same local authority;
- k. Whether chargeable advice has been given which is likely to result in less time being taken by a local authority to perform that function;
- Whether it is necessary to engage and incur the costs of a consultant to provide specialist advice in relation to a particular aspect of the building work.

### Principles of the scheme in respect of the erection of domestic buildings, garages, carports and extensions

Where the charge relates to an erection of a dwelling the charge includes for the provision of a detached or attached domestic garage or carport providing it is constructed at the same time as the dwelling.

Where any building work comprises or includes the erection of more than one extension to a building, the total floor areas of all such extensions shall be aggregated to determine the relevant charge payable, providing that the building work for all aggregated extensions is carried out at the same time.

### **Exemption from charges**

The Authority has not fixed by means of its scheme, nor intends to recover a charge in relation to an existing dwelling that is, or is to be, occupied by a disabled person as a permanent residence; and where the whole of the building work in question is solely-

- a. for the purpose of providing means of access for the disabled person by way of entrance or exit to or from the dwelling or any part of it, or
- for the purpose of providing accommodation or facilities designed to secure the greater health, safety, welfare or convenience of the disabled person.

The council has not fixed by means of its scheme, nor intends to recover a charge for the purpose of providing accommodation or facilities designed to secure the greater health, safety, welfare or convenience of a disabled person

in relation to an existing dwelling, which is, or is to be, occupied by that disabled person as a permanent residence where such work consists of-

- a. the adaptation or extension of existing accommodation or an existing facility or the provision of alternative accommodation or an alternative facility where the existing accommodation or facility could not be used by the disabled person or could be used by the disabled person only with assistance; or
- b. the provision of extension of a room which is or will be used solely-
  - (i) for the carrying out for the benefit of the disabled person of medical treatment which cannot reasonably be carried out in any other room in the dwelling, or
  - (ii) for the storage of medical equipment for the use of the disabled person, or
  - (iii) to provide sleeping accommodation for a carer where the disabled person requires 24-hour care.

The council has not fixed by means of its scheme, nor intends to recover a charge in relation to an existing building to which members of the public are admitted (whether on payment or otherwise); and where the whole of the building work in question is solely-

- for the purpose of providing means of access for disabled persons by way of entrance
- b. or exit to or from the building or any part of it; or
- c. for the provision of facilities designed to secure the greater health, safety, welfare or disabled persons.

Note: 'disabled person' means a person who is within any of the descriptions of persons to whom Section 29(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948, as extended by virtue of Section 8(2) of the Mental Health Act 1959, applied but disregarding the amendments made by paragraph 11 of Schedule 13 to the Children Act 1989. The words in section 8(2) of the Mental Health Act 1959 which extend the meaning of disabled person in section 29(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948, are prospectively repealed by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990, section 66(2), Schedule 10, as from a day to be appointed

### Information required to determine charges

If the authority requires additional information to enable it to determine the correct charge the authority can request the information under the provisions of regulation 9 of The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulation 2010.

The standard information required for all applications is detailed on the authority's Building Regulation application forms. This includes the existing and proposed use of the building and a description of the building work.

Additional information may be required in relation to –

- a. The floor area of the building or extension
- b. The estimated duration of the building work and the anticipated number of inspections to be carried out.
- c. The use of competent persons or Robust Details Ltd.
- d. Any accreditations held by the builder or other member of the design team.
- e. The nature of the design of the building work and whether innovative or high-risk construction is to be used.
- f. The estimated cost of the building work. If this is used as one of the factors in establishing a charge the 'estimate' is required to be such reasonable amount as would be charged by a person in business to carry out such building work (excluding the amount of any value added tax chargeable).

### **Establishing the Charge**

The authority has established standard charges using the principles contained within The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulation 2010. Standard charges are detailed in the following tables. In the tables below any reference to number of storeys includes each basement level as one-storey and floor areas are cumulative.

If the building work that you are undertaking is not listed as a standard charge or the standard charge is not considered an accurate reflection of the building control costs the charge will be individually determined in accordance with the principles and relevant factors contained within The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulation 2010. If the authority considers it necessary to engage and incur the costs of a consultant to provide specialist advice or services in relation to a particular aspect of building work, those costs shall also be included in setting the charge.

When the charge is individually determined the authority shall calculate the charge in the same way a standard charge was set by using the average hourly rate of officers' time, multiplied by the estimated time taken to carry out their building regulation functions in relation to that particular piece of building work and taking into account the applicable factors listed in regulation 7(5) of the charges regulations.

Individually determined charges will be confirmed in writing specifying the amount of the charge and the factors that have been taken into account in determining the charge.

The building regulation charges for the following types of building work may be individually determined and the authority will state which factors it has taken into account in establishing a standard or individually determined charge.

- A reversion charge
- The building work is in relation to more than one building
- Building work consisting of alterations to any use of building where the estimated cost exceeds £100,000
- The work consists of a non-domestic extension or new build and the floor area exceeds 200m<sup>2</sup>
- The work consists of a domestic extension and the floor area exceeds 100m<sup>2</sup>
- The work consists of a domestic garage or carport with a floor area over 100m<sup>2</sup>
- Building work consisting of the formation of rooms in an existing roof space with a floor area exceeding 50m<sup>2</sup>
- Building work consisting of the installation of over 20 windows in a property.
- The work consists of the erection or conversion of 6 or more dwellings
- The work consists of the erection or conversion of dwellings where the floor area of each dwelling exceeds 300m<sup>2</sup>
- Any other work when the estimated cost of work exceeds £100.000
- Where more than one standard charge applies to the building work or the standard charge does not reflect the cost of the building control function, with the agreement of the relevant person, the authority may establish the charge by individually determining the charge.

### Other matters relating to calculation of charges

In calculating these charges, refunds or supplementary charges, an officer hourly rate of £45.33 has been used.

Any charge payable to the authority shall be paid with an amount equal to any value added tax payable in respect of that charge.

Charges are not payable for the first hour when calculating an advice charge

The authority may accept payment by instalment. The authority on request will specify the amounts payable and dates on which instalments are to be paid

#### Reductions

Reduced charges are shown in the tables of standard charges and reduced charges may also be made in relation to individually assessed charges when work, or the relevant part of the work, has been, or intends to be carried out by a person mentioned in regulation 12(5) or 20B(4) of the Principal Regulations in respect of that part of the work, (i.e. competent person/self-certification schemes or other defined non-notifiable work).

Any reduced charges that will be made in relation to individually assessed charges when a notification is made in accordance with regulation 20A(4) of the Principal Regulations, (ie where, for the purpose of achieving compliance with Requirement E1 of the Principal Regulations, design details approved by Robust Details Limited have been used) are shown in the tables of standard charges and will also be considered in calculating individually determined charges.

The authority shall make a reduction in a standard or individually determined charge when chargeable advice has been given before receipt of an application or notice for proposed building work, which is likely to result in less time being taken by the local authority to perform the chargeable function for that work.

Where in accordance with Regulation 7(5)(i) of the charges regulations one application or building notice is in respect of two or more buildings or building works all of which are substantially the same as each other a reduction in the standard plan, building notice or inspection charge may be made where a reduction in resource input can be demonstrated.

Where in accordance with Regulation 7(5)(j) of the charges regulations an application or building notice is in respect of building work which is substantially the same as building work in respect of which plans have previously been deposited or building works inspected by the same local authority, a reduction in the standard plan, building notice or inspection charge may be made where a reduction in resource input can be demonstrated.

### Refunds and supplementary charges

If the basis on which the charge has been set or determined changes, the LA will refund or request a supplementary charge and provide a written statement setting out the basis of the refund/supplementary charge and also state how this has been calculated. In the calculation of refunds/supplementary charges no account shall be taken of the first hour of an officer's time.

### Non-Payment of a Charge

Your attention is drawn to Regulation 8(2) of the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010, which explains that plans are not treated as being deposited for the purposes of Section 16 of the Building Act or building notices given unless the Council has received the correct charge. In other words, relevant timescales do not

start until the agreed payment has been made. The debt recovery team of the authority will also pursue any non-payment of a charge.

### **Complaints about Charges**

If you have a complaint about the level of charges you should initially raise your concern with the relevant officer. The council has a comprehensive complaint handling process. If your complaint is not satisfactorily responded to by the officer concerned, details of how to resolve your complaint is available on request and can be viewed on the council's web site:

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/council/contact/complaints/

### STANDARD CHARGES

Standard charges includes works of drainage in connection with the erection or extension of a building or buildings, even where those works are commenced in advance of the plans for the building(s) being deposited.

These standard charges have been set by the authority on the basis that the building work does not consist of, or include, innovative or high risk construction techniques (details available from the authority) and/or the duration of the building work from commencement to completion does not exceed 12 months.

The charges have also been set on the basis that the design and building work is undertaken by a person or company that is competent to carry out the design and building work referred to in the standard charges tables, that they are undertaking. If not, the work may incur supplementary charges.

If chargeable advice has been given in respect of any of the work detailed in these tables and this is likely to result in less time being taken by the authority then a reduction to the standard charge will be made.

### Plan and Inspection Charges

The plan charge and inspection charge are listed in the following tables.

#### **Building Notice Charge**

Where building work is of a relatively minor nature the Building Notice charge is the same as the total plan and inspection charge. In relation to more complex work the time to carry out the building regulation function may be higher and the resultant additional costs of using the Building Notice procedure may result in a higher charge as detailed in the following tables.

### **Reversion Charge**

These charges will be individually determined.

### **Regularisation Charge**

The charge is listed in the following tables.

# Table 1 Erection of, or Conversion to, New Dwellings or 'Flats' - Floor Area up to 300m<sup>2</sup>

See guidance note below relating to electrical work

Number of		Full F	Plans		Buil Not	ding tice	Regularisation Certificate
Dwellings	Plan C	harge	Inspe Cha				
	Exc VAT £	Inc VAT £	Exc VAT £	Inc VAT £	Exc VAT £	Inc VAT £	Exempt from VAT £
1	160.00	192.00	315.00	378.00	570.00	684.00	715.00
2	205.00	246.00	545.00	654.00	900.00	1080.00	1125.00
3	260.00	312.00	725.00	870.00	1180.00	1416.00	1475.00
4	305.00	366.00	815.00	978.00	1345.00	1614.00	1680.00
5	360.00	432.00	920.00	1104.00	1535.00	1842.00	1920.00

#### Note:-

An additional inspection charge of £270.00 + vat will be payable if the notifiable electrical work is not carried out by a Part P registered electrician or by a person who is qualified to complete BS 7671 installation certificates.

# Table 2A Domestic Extensions Up To 100m<sup>2</sup>

See guidance note below relating to electrical work.

	Category and		Full	Plans		Buil Not	_	Regularisation Certificate	
	Description	Plan Charge		Inspection Charge					
		Exc VAT £			Exc Inc VAT £		Exempt from VAT		
1.	Extension up to 10m2	90.00	108.00	205.00	246.00	355.00	426.00	445.00	
2.	Extension 10 to 40m2	135.00	162.00	315.00	378.00	540.00	648.00	675.00	
3.	Extension 40 to 100m2	180.00	216.00	410.00	492.00	710.00	852.00	890.00	
4.	Loft Conversion up to 50m2	180.00	216.00	225.00	270.00	485.00	582.00	605.00	
5	Erection or extension of a non exempt single storey domestic garage or carport up to 100m <sup>2</sup>	115.00	138.00	150.00	180.00	320.00	384.00	400.00	

Note: Category 6 below only applies if the work is included in an application for categories 1-5 otherwise see table 2B for the applicable charge. (Where category 6 is applicable this charge should be added to the relevant charge above).

6	Additional work consisting of a garage conversion, alteration to create a WC, shower, bathroom or structural alterations with an estimated cost of work less than £5,000	45.00	54.00	45.00	54.00	110.00	132.00	140.00

### Note:-

An additional inspection charge of £220.00 + vat will be payable if the notifiable electrical work is not carried out by a Part P registered electrician or by a person who is qualified to complete BS 7671 installation certificates.

### Table 2B Domestic Alterations to a Single Building See guidance note below relating to electrical work

	ategory and		Plans			ding tice	Regularisation Certificate		
	escription	Plan Charge		Inspection Charge					
		Exc VAT £	Inc VAT £	Exc Inc VAT £		Exc VAT £	Inc VAT £	Exempt from VAT £	
1.	Conversion of a garage serving a dwelling into a habitable room	90.00	108.00	150.00	180.00	290.00	348.00	365.00	
2.	Alterations to								
	create a WC, bathroom or shower room	150.00	180.00		Included in plan charge		180.00	190.00	
3.	Internal Alterations								
	Est cost less than £5,000	180.00	216.00		ed in plan arge	180.00	216.00	225.00	
	Est cost between £5,000 and £25,000	160.00	192.00	205.00	246.00	365.00	438.00	455.00	
	Est cost between £25,001 and £50,000	205.00	246.00	240.00	288.00	445.00	534.00	555.00	
	Est cost between £50,001 and £75,000	250.00	300.00	340.00	408.00	590.00	708.00	740.00	
	Est cost between £75,001 and £100,000	295.00	354.00	375.00	450.00	670.00	804.00	840.00	

### **APPENDIX D**

4.	Window replacement (Non competent persons scheme)						
	Up to 20 windows	95.00	114.00	Included in plan charge	95.00	114.00	120.00
	Over 20 windows	140.00	168.00	Included in plan charge	140.00	168.00	175.00
5	Electrical work (Non competent persons scheme)						
	Work other than the rewiring of a dwelling.	220.00	264.00	Included in plan charge	220.00	264.00	275.00
	Rewiring or new installation in a dwelling.	270.00	324.00	Included in plan charge	270.00	324.00	340.00

### Note:-

An additional inspection charge as identified in category 5 of Table 2b (above) will be payable if the notifiable electrical work is not carried out by a Part P registered electrician or by a person who is qualified to complete BS 7671 installation certificates.

# Table 3A Non-domestic Extensions and New Build

Category and Description			Full	Regularisation Certificate		
		Plan C Exc VAT £	harge Inc VAT £	Inspection Exc VAT £	on Charge Inc VAT £	Exempt from VAT £
1.	Floor area not exceeding 10m2	180.00	216.00	205.00	246.00	480.00
2.	Floor area exceeding 10m2 but not exceeding 40m2	225.00	270.00	340.00	408.00	705.00
3.	Floor Area exceeding 40m2 but not exceeding 100m2	360.00	432.00	410.00	492.00	965.00
4.	Floor area exceeding 100m2 but not exceeding 200m2	500.00	600.00	590.00	708.00	1365.00

# **Table 3B Non-domestic Alterations**

C	ategory and		Full	Regularisation Certificate		
	Description	Plan C	harge	Inspection Charge		Oei tillcate
	•	Exc VAT £	Inc VAT £	Exc VAT £	Inc VAT £	Exempt from VAT £
1.	Window replacement (non competent persons scheme)					
	Up to 20 windows	115.00	138.00	Included in	plan charge	145.00
	Over 20 windows	205.00	246.00	Included in	plan charge	255.00
2.	Renovation of a thermal element where the cost of work does not exceed £50,000	90.00	108.00	135.00	162.00	280.00
3.	Alterations not described elsewhere					
	Estimated cost of work less than £5,000	135.00	162.00	135.00	162.00	340.00
	Estimated cost between £5,001 and £25,000	205.00	246.00	225.00	270.00	540.00
	Estimated cost between £25,001 and £50,000	270.00	324.00	365.00	438.00	795.00
	Estimated cost between £50,000 and 100,000	410.00	492.00	545.00	654.00	1195.00



### Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Revenue Budget Monitoring 2013/14 Report title

Quarter Three

**AMBER Decision designation** 

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

Councillor Roger Lawrence

Leader of the Council

Councillor Andrew Johnson

Resources

**Key decision** Yes

In forward plan Yes

Wards affected ΑII

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Panel

Sarah Norman, Community

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Confident Capable Council Scrutiny

6 March

### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve the use of £926,000 from the Efficiency Reserve to fund: the cost of Price waterhouse Cooper (PwC) as strategic advisor to the Future Spaces programme; the net costs of the Future Spaces decant strategy, and the net costs of the Future Spaces Information Communication Technology (ICT) moves and decommissioning (paragraph 7.5.3).

- 2. Approve the transfer of additional funds totalling £1.0 million to the Efficiency Reserve to continue to invest in new developments (paragraph 7.5.4).
- 3. Approve the use of £1.0 million from the Single Status Reserve to fund the 2013/14 costs of the single status team, professional HR consultants and legal advice and legal cost relating to equal pay claims (paragraph 7.5.6).
- 4. Approve the transfer of £50,000 from the Grand Theatre General Fund account to the Regeneration Reserve to fund Grand Theatre works deferring until 2014/15 (paragraph 7.5.8).
- 5. Approve the use of £40,000 from the Economic Development Reserve to match fund Black Country wide European Regional Development Fund and Regional Growth Fund business support programmes (paragraph 7.5.9).
- 6. Approve the use of £250,000 from the Jennie Lee Centre Reserve to fund the refurbishment and running costs of the Parkfields office site (paragraph 7.5.10).
- 7. Approve the use of £82,000 from the Corporate Advertising Reserve to fund the costs of projects that have been undertaken in partnership with Marketing Birmingham and include: Branding and Style Guide; promotion and marketing at trade shows; advertising for the Wolverhampton Festival and Popular Art; Wolverhampton City Festival and Arts Partnership and Business Support Programme, and Wolverhampton Cultural Programme (paragraph 7.5.11).
- 8. Approve the establishment of a new specific Licensing Reserve to account for any in year surpluses or deficits that the service makes through its licensing responsibilities, which will be taken into account when setting future fees and charges to licensed traders over a three year cycle (paragraphs 7.5.12 to 7.5.14).
- 9. Approve the transfer of £34,000 from Corporate Budgets to the Building Resilience Reserve to fund the on-going costs of the Community Safety Service (paragraph 7.5.15).
- 10. Approve the establishment of expenditure headings within the 2013/14 approved budget for grant funding streams obtained within the year (paragraphs 5.0 to 5.2).
- 11. Approve the write off of ten council tax and business rates debts that individually exceed £5,000, amounting to a total of £108,205 (paragraph 9.6).
- 12. Approve the write off of 21 Assessment and Billing Menu (ABMN) system debts that individually exceed £5,000, amounting to a total of £207,866 (paragraph 9.11).
- 13. Approve the write off of three sundry debts that individually exceed £5,000, amounting to a total of £29,887 (paragraph 9.9)
- 14. Approve virements totalling £5.1 million listed in Appendix I.

### Recommendations for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

- 1. The projected outturn for the General Fund which is a net over spend of £7.7 million (3.00%) (paragraph 3.2) in the event that the action being taken to address this does not deliver savings in the appropriate timescale.
- 2. The action being taken to reduce this projected over spend (paragraph 3.3).
- 3. The write off of council tax and business rates debts totalling £25,627 that do not individually exceed £5,000 and which have been approved by the Assistant Director Finance for write off in accordance with the delegated authority contained within the constitution (paragraph 9.7).
- 4. The write off of Assessment and Billing Menu (ABMN) system debts totalling £253,624 that do not individually exceed £5,000 and which have been approved by the Assistant Director Finance for write off in accordance with the delegated authority contained within the constitution (paragraph 9.11).
- 5. The write off of Sundry Debts totalling £393,141 do not individually exceed £5,000 and which have been approved by the Assistant Director Finance for write off in accordance with the delegated authority contained within the constitution (paragraph 9.9).
- 6. The payment of Municipal Mutual Insurance Scheme of Arrangement Levy Notice amounting to £307,000 which has been funded from the Insurance Provision.

### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide councillors with an update on the projected outturn position for revenue budgets and revenue income, compared with the council's approved revenue budgets for 2013/14 and related targets, as at the end of quarter three of 2013/14. Information from beyond the end of the third quarter has also been reflected, where available.

### 2.0 Summary

Overall a net over spend of £7.7 million (3.00%) is projected against the General Fund net budget requirement of £255.6 million, this is analysed in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – 2013/14 General Fund Revenue Budget Projected Outturn

	Budget 2013/14	Projected Outturn		Variation Under)
	£000	£000	£000	%
Community	157,578	163,732	6,154	3.91%
Delivery	39,627	38,139	(1,488)	-3.76%
Education and Enterprise	25,157	24,821	(336)	-1.34%
Office of the Chief Executive	1,615	1,744	129	7.99%
Corporate Budgets (including redundancy costs)	31,653	34,873	3,220	10.17%
Net Budget Requirement	255,630	263,309	7,679	3.00%
Government Grant (General)	(178,406)	(178,406)	-	0.00%
Council Tax	(73,297)	(73,297)	_	0.00%
Collection Fund Surplus	(211)	(211)	ı	0.00%
Total Resources	(251,914)	(251,914)	•	0.00%
(Surplus) / Deficit	3,716	11,395	7,679	3.00%
Use of General Balances	(3,716)	(3,716)	-	0.00%
Net Budget (Surplus) / Deficit	-	7,679	7,679	3.00%

- 2.2 In respect of council tax, the amount collected by the end of the third quarter of 2013/14 is below target by 1.56%. For business rates, the amount collected by the end of the third quarter is below target by 2.19%.
- 2.3 With regard to schools, for 2013/14 the latest budget plans approved and submitted by governing bodies forecast the use of £5.4 million of reserves in the year, with balances of £12.1 million projected to be held at the end of March 2014.
- 2.4 An update on the General Fund budget risks is provided at section 10. Overall the risk for 2013/14 is currently assessed as Red.

- 2.5 It is important to note the following significant points relating to the projected outturn:
  - 1 Some of the service changes required to deliver savings proposals still await full implementation;
  - 2 The projected outturn assumes redundancy costs of £3.8 million of which £1.3 million will be capitalised with the balance of £2.5 million charged to the General Fund. The final figure is subject to change dependent upon the actual redundancies approved by year end and due to consideration as to whether a provision is required under the Council's accounting policies.
  - 3 It is anticipated that of the £36.9 million currently held in specific reserves, £13.7 million is anticipated to be drawn down during 2013/14 (Appendix E).

### 3.0 Revenue Budget Monitoring – General Fund Summary

3.1 A summary of the council's projected outturn against General Fund revenue budgets for 2013/14 as at the end of quarter three is provided in the table below, whilst section 4 provides a detailed explanation of the projected outturn for each directorate.

Table 2 – 2013/14 General Fund Revenue Budget Projected Outturn

	Budget	Projected	Projected Variation Over/(Under)	
	2013/14	Outturn		
	£000	£000	£000	%
Community	157,578	163,732	6,154	3.91%
Delivery	39,627	38,139	(1,488)	-3.76%
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Collection Fund Surplus	(211)	(211)	-	0.00%
Total Resources	(251,914)	(251,914)	-	0.00%
(Surplus) / Deficit	3,716	11,395	7,679	3.00%
Use of General Balances	(3,716)	(3,716)	-	0.00%
Net Budget (Surplus) / Deficit	-	7,679	7,679	3.00%

Overall a net over spend of £7.7 million (3.00%) is projected against the General Fund net budget requirement of £255.6 million. This represents an increase of £0.9 million against the Quarter 2 forecast of £6.8 million, primarily due to the projected one-off redundancy costs that will be incurred during 2013/14 as a result of the requirement to

make long-term savings given the financial challenge faced by the Council. Excluding the estimated cost of redundancy the projected overspend stands at £5.2 million, an improvement of £1.6 million since quarter 2.

- 3.3 Strategic Directors and Assistant Directors are continuing to do everything they can to identify savings and reduce spend in accordance with the decision of Cabinet on 8 January 2014.
- 3.4 The Council's 5 year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), approved by Cabinet on 25 February 2014, assumed an overspend of £6.8 million in 2013/14 to be met from general reserves. Taking this into account, in addition to the projected cost of redundancy, the Council's general balances could be exhausted by the beginning of 2015/16. Paragraph 7.4 provides a forecast of the general reserves and identifies that the additional overspend will have a consequent impact on the balance projected for 2015/16.
- 3.5 Finance Teams have recently completed an exercise to rebase all budgets in advance of the implementation of Agresso in April 2014, with that budget position reported to Cabinet on 25 February 2014.
- 3.6 As part of the budget rebasing exercise, those savings that have been reflected in the budget that have been achieved in year but not as originally planned and are unlikely to be achieved on an on-going basis, have been removed in the 2014/15 budget, therefore ensuring that a robust baseline budget is in place.
- 3.7 The increase in forecast overspend that has arisen since quarter two has not been built into projected general reserves for 2014/15. However, the detailed work undertaken on the budget, including that stated in paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6, means that all of the significant issues included in this report have been reflected in future budgets.
- 3.8 In accordance with the council's financial procedures rules, all virements in excess of £50,000 require the approval of this panel. Appendix I outlines virements in excess of £50,000 for which approval is sought at this meeting.
- 3.9 The most significant factors contributing towards the projected over spend against the budget are reported on a service-by-service basis in section 4.

### 4.0 General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring: Service Analysis

### 4.1 Community

4.1.1 A summary of the projected outturn against the Community 2013/14 revenue budget, as at the end of quarter three, is provided in the table below, whilst a detailed analysis is provided in Appendix A.

Table 3 – 2013/14 Revenue Budget Projected Outturn – Community

	Budget 2013/14	Projected Outturn	Projected Variation Over/(Under)	
	£000	£000	£000	%
Older People & Personalisation	36,900	37,464	564	1.53%
Health, Wellbeing & Disabilities	50,960	51,691	731	1.43%
Children, Young People & Families	47,518	52,695	5,177	10.89%
Safeguarding, Business Support and	22,802	22,549	(253)	-1.11%
Public Health	-	-	-	-
Savings to be Identified	(602)	249	851	-141.36%
Transfer from Earmarked Reserve	-	(916)	(916)	_
Community Total	157,578	163,732	6,154	3.91%

- 4.1.2 Overall a net overspend of £6.2 million (3.91%) is projected for the year. The main factors contributing towards the forecast overspend are:
  - 1. **Older People & Personalisation -** The forecast net over spend of £564,000 within Older People & Personalisation is a result of a reduction in short stay Residential income partially offset by a care purchasing reduction trend mainly in Domiciliary Care, in addition to early achievement of savings.
  - 2. **Health, Wellbeing & Disabilities -** There is a forecast net over spend of £731,000 in care purchasing due to an increase in volume and complexity of young people in transition and Adult demographic pressures.
  - 3. **Children, Young People & Families -** There is a forecast net over spend of £5.2 million within the Assistant Directorate, which has arisen primarily as a result of the continued increase in the number of Looked after Children placements equating to £6.7 million. This has been partly offset by an underspend on internal fostering allowances of £698,000, together with additional income from the Clinical Commissioning Group.
  - 4. **Safeguarding, Business Support and Community Services –** There is a forecast net under spend of £253,000 within the Assistant Directorate primarily due to early transfer of the Sports Development Team to Public Health, which was a 2014/15 savings proposal.
  - 5. Savings to be Identified There is a forecast net overspend of £851,000 arising from savings where specific proposals were to be identified of which £602,000 relate to savings brought forward in the budget. These savings have been rebased as part of the 2014/15 budget process and alternative methods of delivery identified.

### 4.2 Delivery

4.2.1 A summary of the projected outturn against the Delivery 2013/14 revenue budget, as at the end of quarter three, is provided in the table below, whilst a detailed analysis is provided in Appendix B.

Table 4 – 2013/14 Revenue Budget Projected Outturn – Delivery

	Budget 2013/14	Projected Outturn	Projected	Variation
			Over/(l	Jnder)
	£000	£000	£000	%
Delivery Directorate	246	246	-	0.00%
Resources	131	-	(131)	-100.00%
Financial Services	4,723	5,084	361	7.64%
Human Resources	-	(57)	(57)	-
Audit Services	(8)	(75)	(67)	837.50%
ICTS	(2,640)	(2,590)	50	-1.89%
Customer Services	262	175	(87)	-33.21%
Corporate	8,865	8,210	(655)	-7.39%
Governance	5,086	4,912	(174)	-3.42%
City Services	22,962	23,982	1,020	4.44%
Release of funds from the FutureWorks Reserve - capitalisation	-	(1,748)	(1,748)	0.00%
Delivery Total	39,627	38,139	(1,488)	-3.76%

4.2.2 Overall a net underspend of £1.5 million (3.76%) is projected for the year. This is largely as a result of the one-off release from the FutureWorks Reserve arising from the capitalisation of FutureWorks spend offsetting the overspend in City Services which is due to a combination of several factors, including increasing costs, reducing income and savings proposals which are now to be delivered by alternative means. All variances within the directorate are analysed in Appendix B.

### 4.3 Education and Enterprise

4.3.1 A summary of the projected outturn against the Education and Enterprise 2013/14 revenue budget, as at the end of quarter three, is provided in the table below, whilst a detailed analysis is provided in Appendix C.

Table 5 – 2013/14 Revenue Budget Projected Outturn – Education and Enterprise

	Budget 2013/14	Projected Outturn	Projected	
	£000	£000	Over/(l £000	Jnder) %
Partnerships, Economy and Culture	7,743	7,708	(35)	
Regeneration Schools, Skills and Learning	8,663 8,751	8,220 8,893	(443) 142	-5.11% 1.62%
Education & Enterprise Total	25,157	24,821	(336)	-1.34%

4.3.2 Overall it is projected that the Directorate will outturn with a net saving of £336,000 (1.34%) which has primarily been generated by savings from vacant posts within a number of services.

#### 4.4 Office of the Chief Executive

4.4.1 A summary of the projected outturn against the Office of the Chief Executive 2013/14 revenue budget, as at the end of quarter three, is provided in the table below.

Table 6 – 2013/14 Revenue Budget Projected Outturn – Office of the Chief Executive

	Budget 2013/14	Projected Outturn		Variation Under)
	£000	£000	£000	%
Chief Executive	210	210	-	0.00%
Communications	(96)	(58)	38	-39.58%
Policy Team	1,363	1,457	94	6.90%
Political Assistants	110	112	2	1.82%
Black Country Transport	28	23	(5)	-17.86%
Office of the Chief Executive Total	1,615	1,744	129	7.99%

4.4.2 Overall a net over spend of £129,000 (7.99%) is projected for the year. There are no significant variances forecast.

### 4.5 Corporate Budgets

4.5.1 A summary of the projected outturn against 2013/14 corporate revenue budgets, as at the end of quarter three, is shown in Appendix D.

- 4.5.2 Overall a net over spend of £3.4 million (10.60%) is projected for the year. The main factors contributing towards this net over spend are outlined below:
  - Redundancy Payments The Council continues to make progress with the voluntary redundancy exercise having sought volunteers for redundancy/early retirement during late 2013 in order to identify budget savings. Given the numbers of approved requests to date, it is projected that redundancy costs of £3.8 million will be incurred during 2013/14. These costs were reported against general balances in quarter two. Of this, following approval of a capitalisation request submitted to Central Government in October 2013, £1.3 million can be capitalised, leaving £2.5 million redundancy costs to be met from General Balances. Redundancy costs to be charged in 2013/14 will be for those redundancies approved or specifically planned by the 31 March 2014, in addition to the costs related to staff who have left by 31 March 2014. Therefore the final numbers are subject to change and consideration of the need to establish a provision for redundancy costs at year end.
  - Cross-cutting Savings Proposals Cross-cutting savings proposals were built into the corporate budget as part of the 2013/14 budget setting process as they related to projects that were not specifically attributable to individual directorates at that point in time. Whilst many of the savings have been made as a result of these projects, in many cases these have been reflected against directorate budgets, resulting in double counting. As Councillors will be aware this matter has been addressed during the 2014/15 budget process, where a prudent approach was adopted to largely remove these cross-cutting budget savings held corporately.
  - Underlying Budget Issues The projected outturn assumes an underlying budget issue of approximately £2.8 million following on from the work recently completed to identify controllable/non-controllable budget issues that have arisen historically. This budget issue has been incorporated into the 2014/15 budget, which was reported to Cabinet on 25 February 2014.
  - Contribution to the Efficiency Reserve It is necessary to ensure that sufficient funds are available for future invest to save projects, therefore a projected contribution to the Efficiency Reserve is assumed.
  - Special Dividend A special dividend was paid by Birmingham Airport in December 2013 with the council's share of this being approximately £3.3 million. This additional income, which was reported against general balances in quarter two, offsets some of the budget pressures identified above.
  - Treasury Management There is forecast to be a saving of £1.7 million on the
    provision for the redemption of debt due to capital expenditure financed from
    borrowing in 2012/13 being lower than forecast. However, part of this saving has
    been offset by a forecast overspend of £488,000 on interest payable, due to
    forecast borrowing for capital expenditure during 2013/14 being higher than
    originally anticipated.

### 5.0 Changes to Grant Funded Expenditure

- 5.1 It is not always possible to reflect all grant-funded expenditure in the budget approved by full council prior to the start of the financial year. This is due to late notification from grant awarding bodies of grant amounts, and proactive grant applications during the year.
- Approval is sought from the panel to establish expenditure headings within the 2013/14 approved budget as set out in the table below, and in accordance with each individual grant's terms and conditions. This will have no effect on the council's net revenue budget as this is fully funded from grant.

Table 7 - Grants

Grant	Description of Expenditure	Awarding Body	Expenditure 2013/14 £000
Education and En	nterprise		
European Regional Development Fund (Black Country GOLD)	Support and grants to SMEs for capacity building and infrastructure to exploit growth opportunities	Department for Communities and Local Government	26
European Regional Development Fund (Growth Factory)	Coordinate business support with a particular focus on High Value Manufacturing	Department for Communities and Local Government	95
Health Through Warmth Grant	Energy efficiency awareness, audits and kits for residents	Department of Health	103
TOTAL			224

### 6.0 Voluntary Redundancy Programme

6.1 The Council continues to make progress with the voluntary redundancy exercise having sought volunteers for redundancy/early retirement during late 2013 in order to identify new savings and where possible accelerate the proposals. Having received 467 expressions of interest as a result of Phase 1 of the voluntary redundancy programme 262 applications were approved and 41 were deferred for consideration at a later date. Phase two of the scheme closed on 11 November 2013 and a further 311 expressions of interest were received of which 63 applications were approved, 12 were deferred and 71 are yet to be considered.

- 6.2 It is the council's policy to avoid making compulsory redundancies wherever it can, but it is now unrealistic to assume that these can be avoided altogether. Therefore Phase 3 of the redundancy programme, which opened on 13 February, with a closing date of 31 March 2014, will be the final opportunity to secure the current redundancy terms. After this time the scheme will be reduced to less generous terms as approved by Cabinet in January 2014.
- Based on an assumption of 1,137 redundancies over the next 2 years from the original savings proposals reported as part of the 5 Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy in October 2013, the likely one-off cost to the Council will be £18.7 million. Although staff reductions at that level may not be achieved during that timescale based on the projected job losses arising from the savings proposals this assumption is being made for planning purposes, and in line with the revised strategy, in order to be prudent. It is however also important to note that the need to identify yet further savings over the coming years is likely to mean that there will be further significant redundancy costs to fund, although the impact of the move to a 'statutory minimum' scheme has not been reflected in the projections, in order to be prudent due to the uncertainty regarding the timing of redundancies, so this may offset some of those costs.
- As previously reported discussions with West Midlands Pension Fund have concluded and it has been agreed that the Council can spread the cost of "pension fund strain" associated with redundancies over 3 years. It is currently anticipated that the strain element of the cost will be approximately 42% of the total one-off cost associated with redundancies (£7.9 million).
- 6.5 The application to the Government to capitalise the cost of redundancies in 2013/14 was approved by the Secretary of State for a value of up to £1.3 million. This allows the Council to fund these costs from capital and spread the impact on the General Fund over 20 years. This is out of an estimated 2013/14 redundancy cost of £3.8 million, the balance of £2.5 million being met from General Fund balances in 2013/14, as detailed in Section 4.5 above. The utilisation of this capitalisation direction has been reflected in the figures included in this report.
- 6.6 Representations to fund further redundancy costs from capital are continuing.

#### 7.0 Reserves and Balances

- 7.1 At the beginning of 2013/14 a balance of £15.9 million was held within the general fund balance.
- 7.2 As part of the 2014/15 budget process all specific reserves have now been reviewed for relevance and adequacy, to determine which are no longer required (either in whole or in part) so that funds can be released to the General Fund. At the beginning of 2013/14, £44.1 million was held within specific reserves, excluding schools' general balances. As part of the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy for the 5 year period 2014/15 to 2018/19 considered by Council on 6 November 2013 the transfer of £7.155 million from

- available reserves into the general fund general reserve was approved. A full list of specific reserves is attached at Appendix E.
- 7.3 Due to the current level of general balances, Council on 6 November approved that, for the purposes of calculating the council's provision for the redemption of debt in 2013/14, the value of variable E shall be minus £10.0 million. Variable E is a component of the formula to calculate the annual provision for the redemption of debt; this formula is set out in the Council's annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement which is approved each year. As set out in that policy the value of variable E is an amount to be set by Cabinet (Resources) Panel, the total value of which taken across all past and current years shall never be lower than zero, based on a value of minus £10.0 million in 2013/14 the total value of variable E will be zero. The resulting £10 million one-off benefit to the general fund budget in 2013/14 should then be transferred into general balances.
- 7.4 The following table sets out the projected level of general balances at 31 March 2014:

Table 8 – Projected Uncommitted General Fund Reserves at 31 March 2014

	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April 2013		(15,928)
Transfers Approved During 2013/14 From: Specific Reserves Minimum Revenue Provision	(7,155) (10,000)	(17,155)
Projected Movements in 2013/14  Budgeted use in 2013/14  Quarter 3 Forecast Overspend (including redundancy payments and Birmingham Airport Special Dividend)	3,716 7,679	11,395
Projected balance at 31 March 2014	-	(21,688)

The 2014/15 budget assumed that a general fund balance of £23.4 million (as projected at quarter two) would be brought forward from 31 March 2014. The lower balance now projected will have a consequent impact upon the £4.5 million balance projected in the budget for 31 March 2015.

### 7.5 Other Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves

7.5.1 Approval is sought from this meeting for a number of other transfers to/from earmarked reserves, as set out in the following paragraphs.

#### Efficiency Reserve

- 7.5.2 The Efficiency Reserve was established to fund pump priming and investment in new developments and initiatives whose main aim is to generate efficiencies and savings in the future, and may also result in redundancy costs.
- 7.5.3 Approval is sought from this meeting for the use of £926,000 from the Efficiency Reserve to fund expenditure as outlined below:
  - The use of £110,000 to fund the cost of PwC as strategic advisor to the Future Spaces programme. This has been detailed in an Individual Executive Decision report.
  - The use of £525,000 to fund the net costs of the Future Spaces decant strategy, as detailed in the business case reported to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 14 November 2012.
  - The use of £291,000 to fund the net costs of the Future Spaces ICT moves and decommissioning, as detailed in the business case reported to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 14 November 2012.
- 7.5.4 In addition, approval is sought to transfer additional funds totalling £1.0 million, into the Efficiency Reserve to continue to invest in new developments over forthcoming years. This is in addition to the budgeted contribution to the Efficiency Reserve in 2013/14.
- 7.5.5 The following table sets out the requests for approval from this meeting and the anticipated remaining balance at 31 March 2014. It should be noted that this projected balance excludes potential commitments of £1.5 million which will require future approval by Cabinet (Resources) Panel.

Table 9 – Efficiency Reserve

	(Use of)/ Addition to Reserve	Balance
Balance as at 1 April 2013	£000	£000 6,366
Previously Approved To establish two Consultant Social Workers and Backfill the Head of Looked after Children, in relation to the New	(78)	
Operating Model for Looked after Children.  To fund commercial support to help develop proposals into a robust commercial development plan for Leisure Services.	(16)	
To establish a Transformation Programme Team in order to provide project / programme / business change management support for a range of essential transformational and savings plans within Community.	(292)	
To create a Council Temporary Staffing Agency, set up costs	(110)	
To create a Council Temporary Staffing Agency, contingency costs	(20)	
Invest 2 Save Proposals  Transfer to General Reserves  Leadership/Management Development Programme	(384) (2,980) (100)	
To fund review of alternative delivery models for care services currently provided in-house	(63)	
		(4,043)
Approval Sought from this Meeting To fund the cost of PwC as strategic advisor to the Future Spaces programme. This has been detailed in an Individual Executive Decision report.	(110)	
As detailed in the business case for Future Spaces reported to Resources Panel on 14 November 2012, to fund the net costs of the decant strategy.	(525)	
As detailed in the business case for Future Spaces reported to Resources Panel on 14 November 2012, to fund the net costs of the ICT moves and decommissioning.	(291)	
		(926)
Contribution to the Efficiency Reserve	2,000	2,000
Forecast Balance as at 31 March 2014		3,397

#### Single Status Reserve

7.5.6 Approval is sought from this meeting for the use of £1.0 million from the Single Status Reserve to fund the 2013/14 costs of the single status team, professional HR consultants, legal advice and legal cost relating to equal pay claims.

#### Regeneration Reserve

- 7.5.7 The Regeneration Reserve was specifically established to support important regeneration priorities within the city.
- 7.5.8 Approval is sought from this meeting to transfer £50,000 into the Regeneration Reserve from the Grand Theatre General Fund account in relation to Grand Theatre works deferred until 2014/15.

#### **Economic Development Reserve**

7.5.9 Approval is sought from this meeting for the use of £40,000 from the Economic Development Reserve to match fund Black Country wide European Regional Development Fund and Regional Growth Fund business support programmes.

#### Jennie Lee Centre Reserve

7.5.10 Approval is sought from this meeting for the use of £250,000 from the Jennie Lee Centre Reserve to fund the refurbishment and running costs of the Parkfields office site. This is consistent with the report to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 3 April 2012, Jennie Lee Centre Relocation Strategy and Future Use of Parkfield High School Site.

#### Corporate Advertising Reserve

7.5.11 Approval is sought from this meeting for the use of £82,000 from the Corporate Advertising Reserve to fund the costs of projects that were initially booked to the Communications budget. The projects have been undertaken in partnership with Marketing Birmingham and include: Branding and Style Guide; promotion and marketing at trade shows; advertising for the Wolverhampton Festival and Popular Art; Wolverhampton City Festival and Arts Partnership and Business Support Programme, and Wolverhampton Cultural Programme.

#### **Licensing Reserve**

- 7.5.12 Approval is sought from this meeting to establish a new specific reserve.
- 7.5.13 Recent case law has provided new guidelines to licensing authorities on how licensing fees should be calculated and licensing income can be spent. In order to adhere to these guidelines, it is it is proposed that the Council establishes a specific reserve. This reserve will account for any in year surpluses or deficits that the service makes through its licensing responsibilities, and allow this to be taken into account when setting future fees and charges to licensed traders over a three year cycle.
- 7.5.14 It is proposed that the reserve has an upper threshold of a £250,000 surplus. Any in year deficits will be funded by the existing reserve balance. Any surplus/deficit beyond these thresholds will require a further report to Cabinet (Resources) Panel and will also need to propose what action is to be taken to bring the reserve back within the limits previously agreed.

#### **Building Resilience Reserve**

7.5.15 Approval is sought from this meeting to transfer £34,000 from the Corporate Budgets into the Building Resilience Reserve to support the on-going costs of the Community Safety Service.

#### 8.0 General Fund Transformation Programme

- 8.1 As part of the 2014/15 budget process the budget was rebased taking into account known factors from 2013/14 financial information. This process included adjustment both for controllable/non-controllable budget issues and for savings that were double counted, unidentified or to be delivered through different ways.
- 8.2 As a result of this detailed work all remaining savings for 2013/14 were validated and confirmed as achieved, or as having a high level of probability of achievement. Out of a total savings target of £17.6 million, £xxx million fell into this category.

#### 9.0 General Fund Corporate Income

- 9.1 **Council Tax and Business Rates** The collection of council tax and business rates is accounted for within the Collection Fund. Although this is separate to the General Fund, any surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund at the end of a financial year is shared between the precepting authorities, i.e. the council, the fire authority and the police authority. The distribution of any balance for 2013/14 will take place in future financial years, so collection performance will ultimately have an impact on the council's General Fund.
- 9.2 The amount due for council tax and business rates and the amount of income collected by the end of the third quarter of 2013/14 is summarised in the table below. The shortfall against council tax collections reflects the charging of recipients of council tax support for the first time this year, together with removal of empty property relief. The marginal reduction in NNDR collection reflects the current economic difficulties experienced by businesses. Both of these factors were taken into account in the 2014/15 budget setting.

Table 10 – Collection of Amounts Due (In-Year)

	Amount Due	Amount (	Collected	Target Collection	2012/13 Collection
	£000	£000	%	%	%
Council Tax Business Rates (NNDR)	84,002 76,238	64,454 59,694	76.73 78.30		_

9.3 Changes in the amount of arrears by the end of December 2013 are detailed below:

**Table 11 – Changes in Arrears** 

	Arrears at 1 April 2013 £000	Amount Collected during 2013/14 £000	Collected Amounts during Due during 2013/14 2012/13	
Council Tax	8,535	2,116	(663)	5,756
Business Rates (NNDR)	5,965	849	(1,370)	3,746

9.4 A comparison of total cash collected (excluding costs) by the end of the same period in the previous financial year is provided below:

Table 12 – Total Cash Collected (excluding costs)

	2012/13	2013/14	Incr	ease
	£000	£000	£000	%
Council Tax	63,027	66,411	3,384	+5.37
Business Rates (NNDR)	59,400	59,735	335	+0.06

- 9.5 Every effort is made to collect all income due to the council: however this is not always possible and despite all efforts some debts have to be written off. In accordance with the financial procedure rules Cabinet (Resources) Panel must approve any write offs in excess of £5,000.
- 9.6 During the previous quarter 10 such cases of business rates/council tax have been identified with a total value of £108,205 and require approval by this Panel for write off. Full details are provided at Appendix F. The reasons for the write offs are insolvency or where the debtor cannot be traced. Although the Assistant Director Finance has authority to write off any amount where the reason is insolvency, these details have been provided for completeness.
- 9.7 In addition, £14,458 of Council Tax debts and £11,169 of NNDR debts have been approved for write off by the Assistant Director Finance, during quarter three (made up of individual debts not exceeding £5,000).
- 9.8 **Sundry Debtors** Income is due to the council for a wide range of services provided to individuals and businesses. Sundry debtor invoices totalling around £190 million each year are sent out to customers. To reflect the fact that, despite the council's best efforts, not all of this income will actually be collected, the council makes provision for bad and doubtful debts, which it charges directly to the General Fund.

- 9.9 Overall the debt write offs totalling £393,141 have been incurred during quarters two and three. Of those write offs, there were 3 write offs greater than £5,000, totalling £29,887.20 which require approval by the Panel, as detailed at Appendix H.
- 9.10 It should be noted that it is likely that the figures requiring write off over the course of the whole year will be significant as the review of old debts concludes and data is cleansed ahead of the data transfer into Agresso. The cost of the write-offs will be a charge to the bad debt provision, and will not fall directly on the General Fund in this year although the effect may be felt in a need to increase the in-year provision from the General Fund in future years.
- 9.11 Assessment and Billing Menu system The Assessment and Billing Menu (ABMN) system covers billing for residential and respite care. Debt management procedures, in line with the agreed corporate debt protocol, have been carried out including letters, telephone calls and contact with relatives. For the year to date, £253,624 of ABMN debts have been approved by the Assistant Director Finance for write-off (made up of individual debts not exceeding £5,000). During the year to date, a total of 21 debts individually exceeding £5,000, equating to a total value of £207,866 require approval by this Panel for write off. Further details are provided at Appendix G.
- 9.12 The level of write-offs against sundry debtors and ABMN debtors for quarter three is significant and reflects the initial stages of the data cleansing exercise that is being undertaken prior to the go live of Agresso, the new financial system, on 1 April. In addition a review of debt management and collection processes is being undertaken in order to improve future collection and minimise future write offs, a separate report on this review will be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet (Resources) Panel and a further update on the final value of write-offs will be provided at 2013/14 Outturn.

#### 10.0 General Fund Budget Monitoring – Risk Management

- 10.1 The following table provides a summary of the risks associated with the 2013/14 budget and medium term financial strategy, using the corporate risk management methodology.
- 10.2 The six main areas of risk are summarised below along with the assessed level of risk:

Table 13 - General Fund Budget Risks 2014/15 - 2018/19

Risk	Description	Level of Risk
Financial and Budget Management	Risks that might materialise as a result of the impact of non-pay inflation and pay awards, staff vacancy factors, VAT rules, loss of ICTS facilities, treasury management activity and the impact of single status and budget management failure.	Amber
Transformation Programme	Risks that might materialise as a result of not identifying savings, not delivering the savings incorporated into the budget and not having sufficient sums available to fund the upfront and one-off costs associated with delivering savings and downsizing the workforce.	Red
Income and Funding	Risks that might materialise as a result of income being below budgeted levels, claw back, reduction to government grant or increased levels of bad debts.	Red
Service Demands	Risks that might materialise as a result of demands for services outstretching the available resources.	Amber
Third Parties	Risks that might materialise as a result of third parties and suppliers ceasing trading or withdrawing from the market.	Amber
Government Policy	Risks that might materialise as a result of changes to Government policy including changes in VAT and personal taxation rules and, in particular, from the Care Bill	Red

- 10.3 The overall risk associated with the general fund budget is currently assessed as Red.
- 10.4 Details of the risk control measures that are in place in order to manage and mitigate the risks as far as possible have been published on the Council's Website and can be found via the following link <a href="http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/budgetsavings">http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/budgetsavings</a>. These risks will be closely monitored and managed throughout the year and regular updates will be presented to Councillors as part of the established budget monitoring arrangements.
- 10.5 The Council is planning its budget amidst a high degree of uncertainty, which brings with it risks. As well as specific mitigating actions on individual issues, risks have been addressed in a number of different ways:
  - The Assistant Director Finance will work closely with, and where necessary challenge, the Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Assistant Directors, Heads of

- Finance and leading Councillors throughout the budget process in order that such risks are identified, understood and effectively managed;
- The planning of the budget and service plans are designed to ensure that account can be taken of the need for proper planning of change and of the financial impact in later years of decisions taken now;
- The process of planning the budget will afford the opportunity for services to identify emerging budget pressures, including those related to legislative requirements and demographic changes. Where necessary these will result in new investment, and
- Account will be taken, in planning the budget for future years, of any issues which emerge as part of the process of monitoring the budget during 2013/14.

### 11.0 Revenue Budget Monitoring – Schools Budgets

- 11.1 The current financial year 2013/14 is the first year of a two year transitional period towards the introduction of a national funding formula. The reform agenda dictated that local authorities use simpler funding formulae to allocate funding to schools. In addition to this there is a requirement for schools to fund more of the costs of additional support for Special Educational Needs pupils from their own delegated budgets. Schools settlements have again been subject to a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) which will prevent any setting from losing more than 1.5% per pupil compared to 2012/13. For the first time it was possible to limit the amount schools were gaining under the new framework, locally schools gains were capped to 3% per pupil.
- 11.2 As a result the current year will be a challenging one for schools as they begin to work to funding allocations determined by the new funding frame work and the increased expectation in respect of SEN pupils. Some of the local headline effects can be summarised as:

	2012/13	2013/14
Number schools at the minimum funding level	13	65
Number schools with funding increase capped	0	8
Number schools losing compared to 2012/13	20	37
Number of schools gaining	68	53

- 11.3 For 2013/14 and 2014/15 schools funding will continue to be protected at "cash flat per pupil", meaning that every local authority has received the same cash per pupil as it did in 2012/13 for pupils in mainstream schools whilst funding for our high needs pupils will be funded at the same cash sum. However in real terms, given current levels of inflation this represents a reduction in real terms for schools.
- 11.4 In addition to the schools budget, funding continues to be available to schools in England through the Pupil Premium. In 2013/14 this initially funded schools at £900 per eligible child but in Autumn 2013 this was revised by the Department for Education to £953 per per eligible primary aged child, secondary aged children will continue to attract £900. Across the city this will equate to £12.9 million in 2013/14. 2014/15 will also see further increases per pupil and an overall settlement for the city of £16 million.

- 11.5 Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium, which is in addition to the underlying schools budget; in a way that they think will best support raising attainment for the most vulnerable pupils.
- 11.6 Funding for 16-19 provision, is channelled through The Education Funding Agency (EFA). The EFA have outlined Government plans to allocate over £7.5 billion to fund an increased number of places in with the raising of the participation age from September 2013. There will also be some transitional protection to assist schools and colleges experiencing substantial losses in funding. Locally it is still expected that there will be an overall reduction in funding for the 2013/14 financial year compared to 2012/13.
- 11.7 The maintained schools in the city started the 2013/14 financial year with balances of circa £17.5 million, with only five schools in a deficit position.
- 11.8 Although schools have, to date, been largely protected from the cuts other public services have and continue to face, they and their governing bodies are mindful of the following pressures that they will face whilst working within the constraints of the "cash flat per pupil" increase for the next two years:
  - General inflation for supplies and services the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) indicates an underlying increase of circa 2.7%
  - New energy contracts for schools are likely to see significant increases, with energy costs representing a material element of schools' non staffing expenditure.
  - Full effect of Single status costs to be borne by schools in 2014. For many schools this is likely to be material in the long term)
  - The large reduction in capital grants has meant that schools will need to make greater contributions to repair and maintenance costs from revenue resources.
  - Potential future pay increases following the current public sector pay freeze.
  - Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme affordability and sustainability
    of the annual Facilities Management (FM)/Life-cycle and ICT Managed Services
    and PFI Unitary Charge Payment to schools' budgets.
- 11.9 For 2013/14 the latest budget plans approved and submitted by governing bodies forecast the use of £5.4 million of reserves in the year, with balances of £12.1 million at the end of March 2014, as detailed in the table below:

Table 14 - Forecast Use of Schools Balances 2013/14

	Actual Balances at 1 April 2013 Surplus £000	Planned Use of Balances In 2013/14 £000	Forecast Balances at 31st March 2014 Surplus £000
Infant	734	(93)	641
Junior	485	(69)	416
Primary	9,990	(2,995)	6,995
Secondary	2,778	(903)	1,875
Special	2,680	(1,111)	1,569
Nursery	844	(204)	640
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Total	17,511	(5,375)	12,136

- 11.10 Schools budget allocations for 2014/15 were published on 28 February 2014, and the details of these are still being worked through. The Secretary of State for Education will issue a consultation on the national school funding formula for 2015/16.
- 11.11 A further update will be reported to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on schools balances at the end of 2013/14 and forecasts for 2014/15 to 2016/17 inclusive.

#### 12.0 Financial Implications

12.1 The financial implications are discussed in the body of the report. [NA/04052014/A]

#### 13.0 Legal Implications

13.1 Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires local authorities to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs. [AS/28022014/Q]

#### 14.0 Equality Implications

- 14.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the council has a statutory duty to pay due regard to the impact of how it carries out its business on different groups of people. This is designed to help the council identify the particular needs of different groups and reduce the likelihood of discrimination, the nine equality strands covered in the legislation are:
  - Age;
  - Disability;
  - · Gender reassignment;
  - Marriage and Civil Partnership(this strand only applies to employment and not to service delivery);
  - Pregnancy and Maternity;

- Race:
- Religion or Belief;
- Sex, and
- Sexual Orientation.

#### The strands include everyone

- 14.2 In relation to determining the overall revenue budget for the council there is always a difficult balance to be struck in deciding the levels at which to invest, reduce expenditure and raise income set against the often competing needs of different groups within the Wolverhampton community.
- 14.3 In order to address these complex issues the council operates an open and consultative approach to budget and council tax determination. Year-on-year and medium term spending forecasts are provided to every household and business ratepayer within the city as part of the documentation which accompanies the council tax demand.
- 14.4 Budget consultation meetings have been held with the education community, the business community, the voluntary sector, communities of interest and trade unions. The council's budget consultation approach has also included online surveys and a telephone hotline in order to gain feedback on budget and service priorities.
- 14.5 In determining the budget for 2014/15 considerable focus has been placed on the development of savings proposals. All of these proposals have been subject to an equality analysis screening and where necessary a full equality analysis has been conducted.
- 14.6 The Council is facing a particularly challenging short and medium term financial environment in which savings must be generated and a tight control on spending maintained. This means that a greater focus then ever is necessary to ensure that core equalities commitments are met. In determining the 2014/15 budget particular attention has been given to attempts to lessen any adverse impact of proposals on individuals and communities in most need.
- 14.7 In summary the council's annual budget and medium term financial strategy supports a range of services designed to meet key equalities objectives. A cumulative equalities analysis has been conducted on the overall budget proposals, including the overall impact of job losses. This is can be found on the Council's website via the following link: <a href="http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/budgetsavings">http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/budgetsavings</a>
- 14.8 Councillors should also be aware that under the Equality Act 2010, they must comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) when making budget decisions. What this means in practice is that Councillors must consciously think about the three aims of the public sector equality duty as part of the decision making process, the three aims are to have due regard to the need to:
  - Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;

- Advance equality of opportunity by removing or minimising disadvantages, meet differing needs and encouraging participation, and
- Foster good relations between people from different groups.
- 14.9 The Act does not require the council to treat everyone in the same way; sometimes different treatment is required, for example, be making reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of disabled people.
- 14.10 Consideration of equality issues must influence the decisions reached by public bodies including:
  - How they act as employers;
  - How they develop, evaluate and review policy;
  - · How they design, deliver and evaluate services, and
  - How they commission and procure from others.
- 14.11 The Brown Principles, established as a result of a legal case concerning Post Offices closures in 2008, provide an important checklist that should be considered when making decisions:
  - Decision makers must be made aware of their duty to have due regard to the identified goals;
  - Due regard must be fulfilled before and at the time that a particular decision is being considered, not afterwards;
  - The duty must be exercised in substance, with rigour and with an open mind. It is not a question of ticking boxes;
  - The duty is cannot be delegated; it must be fulfilled by the organisation in question rather than through the use of an external body to do it to the organisation;
  - The duty is a continuing one, and
  - It is good practice to keep an adequate record showing that it has considered the identified needs.

#### 15.0 Environmental Implications

15.1 A range of services focused upon the council's environmental policies is supported through revenue budgets reviewed in this report. Changes in levels of funding will be considered as such changes are proposed.

#### 16.0 Background Papers

- 5 Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19, Report to Cabinet, 25 February 2014
- 5 Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19, Report to Council, 6 November 2013

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Older People & Personalisation					
Directorate	207	180	(27)	(30)	
Assistant Director	(1)	2	3	(11)	
Carers Support	1,418	1,376	(42)	6	
ILS, Telecare & Adaptations	2,438	2,396	(42)	(37)	Complete review of expenditure and additional income from CCG.
Older People Assessment & Care Management	17,732	18,991	1,259	947	Care purchasing reduction trend mainly in Domiciliary Care, offset by reduction in internal short stay income.
Older People Provider Management	10,321	10,214	(107)	(166)	Savings due to early closure of Warstones Resource Centre.
Welfare Rights & Financial Assessment	1,958	1,781	(177)	(156)	Savings accruing due to restructure of financial assessments function. This will contribute to 2014/15 savings target.
Workforce Development	992	710	(282)	(284)	Planning underway to align budget with
Housing	1,835	1,814	(21)	(8)	
Sub Total Older People & Personalisation	36,900	37,464	564	261	
Health, Wellbeing & Disabilities					
Assistant Director	159	141	(18)	(19)	
Children's Disabilities Commissioning	117	139	22	19	

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Disabilities In-House Provision	10,930	10,403	(527)	(582)	Review of budget requirement for new day service (Etruria Way). Reduction in agency staff costs.
Emergency Duty Team	13	(2)	(15)	(8)	
Housing Support & Social Inclusion	7,018	6,930	(88)	(88)	
Mental Health Care Management	5,404	5,399	(5)	(13)	
Short Breaks	604	644	40	39	
Children With Disabilities	907	1,058	151	133	Additional staffing costs as a result of Ofsted inspection and small over spends in general expenditure.
Learning Disabilities Assessment & Care Management	19,324	19,611	287	673	Overall reduction as a result of confirmation of additional CHC funding.
Physical Disabilities Assessment & Care Management	4,970	5,846	876	832	Overspend in care purchasing due to increase in volume and complexity of young people in transition and Adult demographic pressures. Detailed monitoring mechanism is currently being validated.
Disabilities Commissioning	1,281	1,289	8	-	
Families In Focus	200	200	-	-	
SEN	33	33	-	-	
Sub Total Health, Wellbeing & Disabilities	50,960	51,691	731	986	

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Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Children, Young People & Families					
Assistant Director	1,757	1,723	(34)	114	£157,000 savings as a result of single status budget allocations being higher than actual costs, along with a reduction in forecast supplies and services expenditure of £74,000. Savings target yet to be achieved: £189,000 2010/11 former savings targets from the disaggregation of the Children & Young People Directorate.
Children Centres	7,204	6,939	(265)	(57)	£358,000 saving from staffing vacancies, along with reduction in forecast expenditure of £1.4 million which is offset by a reduction in grants and contributions of £1.5 million.
Children in Need	7,620	7,889	269	78	One-off saving of £1.1 million due to transfer from EIG balances accrued from previous financial years, offset by over spends in the following areas: £475,000 agency expenditure (over and above savings from staffing vacancies), £122,000 Contact Contract, £173,000 Section 17, £490,000 legal fees, volunteer drivers £47,000 and interpreters' fees £26,000, all of which are associated with increased caseloads and demands for services.
Children Commissioning	828	599	(229)	(45)	£112,000 underspend on staffing. £116,000 one-off repayment from Prospects for redundancy costs built into their expenditure plan over a number of years for which no provision has arisen or is expected to arise.

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Looked-After Children	24,491	30,183	5,692	4,932	£343,000 underspend on staffing. Looked-After Children continued increase in placements £6.7 million. £825,000 increased costs associated with adoption and guardianship allowances partially offset by £698,000 underspend on fostering allowances. Additional external income from the CCG £567,000 and £377,000 from Special Education Needs budget to offset increased costs of Looked after Children.
Social Inclusion & Play	4,186	4,144	(42)	84	£275,000 staffing under spend. £60,000 increased premise related costs for MAST Centres. Savings target yet to be achieved of £233,000.
Youth Offenders Team	1,432	1,218	(214)	(200)	Staffing under spend due to vacant posts and a reduction in the number of agency and sessional staff used following the restructuring of the service.
Sub Total Children, Young People & Families	47,518	52,695	5,177	4,906	
Safeguarding, Business Support & Community Services					
Assistant Director	143	135	(8)	(8)	
Sport & Leisure Trust	3,038	3,103	65	160	Non-achievement of savings target relating to the Leisure Trust (£294,000), partly offset by one-off additional income and reduction in expenditure.

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Business Support	6,081	6,016	(65)	(15)	
Community Centres	1,367	1,190	(177)	(95)	Staffing under spend due to early transfer of Sports Development Team to Public Health (2014/15 savings proposal).
Community Initiatives	2,987	2,985	(2)	12	
Libraries	3,592	3,604	12	(6)	
Parks	586	559	(27)	2	
Safeguarding	2,193	2,105	(88)	(58)	
Youth	2,815	2,852	37	44	
Sub Total Safeguarding, Business Support & Community Services	22,802	22,549	(253)	36	
Savings to be Identified	(602)	249	851	826	There is a forecast net overspend of £851,000 arising from savings where specific proposals were to be identified of which £602,000 relate to savings brought forward in the budget. These savings have been rebased as part of the 2014/15 budget process and alternative methods of delivery identified.
Transfer from Earmarked Reserve	-	(916)	(916)	-	Transfer from the Adult Services Residential and Nursing Reserve.
Total Community Directorate	157,578	163,732	6,154	7,015	

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Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
<b>Delivery Directorate</b>	246	246	-	-	
Resources					
Assistant Director (Resources)	131	-	(131)	(131)	There is a forecast underspend in 2013/14 due to the Assistant Director working on the Shared Services Transformation Programme.
Financial Services					
Assistant Director (Finance)	142	142	-	-	
Corporate Programmes	161	143	(18)	(25)	
Corporate Procurement	134	453	319	335	An overspend is anticipated due to reduced levels of income from retrospective discounts.
Strategic Financial Services	(148)	(147)	1	(99)	·
Operational Finance	(153)	(93)	60	38	
Payroll Services	76	91	15	38	
Risk Management & Insurance	(46)	(46)	-	-	
Revenues & Benefits	4,557	4,541	(16)	-	
Sub Total Financial Services	4,723	5,084	361	287	
Human Resources	-	(57)	(57)	(146)	An underspend is anticipated due to vacant posts
Audit Services	(8)	(75)	(67)	(66)	
ICTS	(2,640)	(2,590)	50	(10)	
Customer Services	262	175	(87)	(70)	

### **APPENDIX B**

## **Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three - Delivery**

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation	
Corporate						
Other Accounts	8,865	8,210	(655)	,	The forecast underspend is a result of several small variances. The budgets have been reviewed as part of the 2014/15 budget process.	
Sub Total Corporate	8,865	8,210	(655)	(871)		
Governance						
Chief Legal Officer				-		
Legal Services	(37)	13	50	28		
Local Land Charges	4	(18)	(22)	(33)		
Elections	697	463	(234)	(254)	There are no elections held in 2013/14 which results in a forecast underspend.	
Democratic Services	460	438	(22)	53		
Members Expenses	3,614	3,629	15	(41)		
Mayoral	348	387	39	1		
Sub Total Governance	5,086	4,912	(174)	(246)		
City Services						
Assistant Director	145	152	7	3		
Health & Safety	299	285	(14)	(8)		
Emergency Planning	192	292	100	92		
Bereavement Services	(173)	(374)	(201)	(242)	Additional income is anticipated in 2013/14 in relation to cemetries and crematoria.	
Civic & Other Catering	11	16	5	(9)		
Schools & Welfare Catering	(440)	(432)	8	4		
Civic Centre & Other Civic Buildings	(601)	(512)	89	52		

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**Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three - Delivery** 

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Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation				
Facilities Management & Building Maintenance	236	185	(51)	61					
Cleaning of Buildings	52	33	(19)	-					
Property Design & Commissioning	(1,227)	(1,227)	-	-					
Multi Functional Devices	-	205	205	205	There is currently no budget for MFDs. The budget for MFDs has been realigned for 2014/15.				
Fleet Services	(3,061)	(2,730)	331	364	An overspend is forecast due to increased costs of tyres, sub contractors and hire of vehicles and reduced external income.				
Highways Maintainence	8,913	8,583	(330)	(98)	An element of planned maintenance has been deferred to reduce expenditure in 2013/14.				
Parking Services	(1,631)	(1,331)	300	279	An overspend is anticipated due to the forecast under achievement of income and increased costs of the contract for decrim parking.				
School Crossing Patrols	460	454	(6)	10					
Grounds Maintenance and Street Scene	6,484	6,264	(220)	(84)	An element of planned work has been delayed to reduce expenditure in 2013/14.				
Landscape & Ecology	(32)	(32)	-	13					
Markets	(534)	(527)	7	45					
Public Conveniences	440	420	(20)	(10)					
Waste Services	14,273	14,258	(15)	(5)					

### **APPENDIX B**

## **Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three - Delivery**

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Unachievable Savings					
Wholly Owned Company	(500)	-	500	500	The budget for 2014/15 has been re-aligned to
Passenger Transport	(159)	-	159	159	reflect the unachievable savings. Cabinet (Resources) Panel agreed to terminate the
Multifunctional Devices	(185)	-	185	185	Wholly Owned Company saving during 2013/14.
Sub Total City Services	22,962	23,982	1,020	1,516	
Release of funds from the FutureWorks Reserve - capitalisation of spend	-	(1,748)	(1,748)	-	One-off benefit from the capitalisation of FutureWorks spend - funds to be released from the FutureWorks Reserve.
Total Delivery Directorate	39,627	38,139	(1,488)	263	

## **Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three – Education and Enterprise**

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Partnerships, Economy and					
Assistant Director	63	63	-	-	
Economic Partnerships and Investment	1,302	1,302	-	36	
Neighbourhood Services	1,908	1,908	-	(15)	
Partnerships Operations and	140	140	1	-	
Community Safety	482	482	ı	10	
Entertainments and Events	1,613	1,613	ı	(83)	
Culture, Arts and Heritage	2,235	2,200	(35)	(155)	
Sub Total Partnerships, Economy & Culture	7,743	7,708	(35)	(207)	
Regeneration					
Assistant Director	(223)	60	283	283	Previously unallocated savings held at this level have now been regularised by allocating the targets to specific areas of service. This variance is therefore offset by favourable variations across other Regeneration service areas
Transportation	2,481	2,241	(240)	(83)	The service has a number of vacant posts and implementation of the Surface Water Management strategy is delayed awaiting development of the SUDS regulations.
Physical Regeneration	(640)	(769)	(129)	(4)	The service has a number of vacant posts which are generating a saving
Housing	989	1,019	30	(64)	

## **Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three – Education and Enterprise**

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Performance and Service Support	53	(58)	(111)	(106)	The service has a number of vacant posts which are generating a saving
Planning	1,968	1,968	-	(35)	
Regulatory Services	4,035	3,759	(276)	(168)	The service has a number of vacant posts which are generating a saving
Sub Total Regeneration	8,663	8,220	(443)	(177)	
Schools Skills and Learning Assistant Director (including Single	1044	1063	19	19	
Status) Equality and Enrichment	301	333	32	32	
Adult Education	148	148	- 52	(39)	
Skill Development	2,181	2,162	(19)	(19)	
School Organisation and Development	1,344	1,414	70	20	
School Intervention, Support and Challenge	1,379	1,279	(100)	(29)	
School and Pupil Services	7,703	7,824	121	92	Increased demand for Home to School Transport as a result of increasing numbers of Looked after Children in the Clty has increased projected costs to £223,000 over budget This is partially offset by reductions in expenditure on Supplies and Services within this area of service
School Funding and Financial Planning	12	31	19	33	
Centrally Held Budgets	(152,924)	(152,924)	-	-	

### **APPENDIX C**

## **Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three – Education and Enterprise**

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Net Schools Budgets	147,563	147,563	ı	1	
Sub Total Schools Skills and Learning	8,751	8,893	142	109	
Total Education and Enterprise	25,157	24,821	(336)	(275)	

### **APPENDIX D**

## **Revenue Budget Monitoring – Corporate Budgets**

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
West Midlands Transport Authority Levy	13,269	13,269	-	-	
Environment Agency Levy	78	67	(11)	(11)	
Reversal of Capital Charges	-	-	-	-	
Reversal of IAS19 Charges	-	-	-	-	
Provision for Bad Debts	375	375	-	-	
Interest Payable	9,491	9,979	488	700	Forecast overspend of £488,000, due to forecast borrowing for capital expenditure during 2013/14 being higher than originally anticipated.
Dividends Receivable	(619)	(739)	(120)	177	
Special Dividend	-	(3,279)	(3,279)	-	The council's share of a special dividend paid by Birmingham Airport was approximately £3.3 million. Please note that this was reported against General Balances projections in the quarter two revenue monitoring.
Interest Receivable	(64)	(39)	25	5	
Birmingham Airport - Rent	(69)	(69)	-	-	
Contribution from Reserve (South Side)	(745)	(745)	1	245	

## Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three – Corporate Budgets

Service	2013/14 Budget £000	2013/14 Forecast Outturn £000	2013/14 Forecast Variance £000	Forecast Variance at Q2 £000	Reason for Variation
Provision for the Redemption of Debt	13,900	12,226	(1,674)	(1,740)	Forecast to be a saving of £1.7 million on the provision for the redemption of debt due to capital expenditure financed from borrowing in 2012/13 being lower than forecast.
Central Provision for increased Pension Costs	674	-	(674)	(583)	Central provision for increased pension costs has not been called upon during 2013/14.
Single Status inc. cost of Pay Protection	(3,039)	(3,039)	-		Transfer from the Single Status Reserve to cover the cost of Single Status implementation in year.
Contribution to Efficiency Reserve	1,000	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	Contribution to Efficiency Reserve to ensure sufficient funds for future invest to save projects.
Cross-cutting Savings Proposals	(2,240)	-	2,240	20	Cross-cutting Savings Proposals removed from the 2014/15 budget as savings have been used within directorates to offset other budget pressures.
Other Corporate Budgets	(41)	(3)	38	(83)	
Redundancy Costs	-	2,523	2,523	-	Redundancy payments during 2013/14 arising primarily from the Voluntary Redundancy Programme. To be funded from General Fund Balances. Please note that this was reported against General Balances projections in the quarter two revenue monitoring.
Underlying Budget Issues	(317)	2,483	2,800	2,234	Underlying controllable/non-controllable issues in the budget.
Total Corporate Budgets	31,653	35,009	3,356	(36)	

## **APPENDIX E**

Specific Reserve	Description of Reserve	1st April 2013	General Reserve 23 Oct 2013	2013/14		
			-E0 OCI 2013		2013/14	
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Community						
Adult Services Market Plaza F	Fund for payments associated with the movement of	89	89	-		=
Adult Services Residential & A	Market services from the Plaza. Available as a contingency to meet expected cost increases in residential and nursing care.	1,041		1,041		-
=	To continue activities under the Preventing Violent Extremism work stream.	34	34	34	(34)	-
	Available to support the development of Community Hubs.	242		220		22
	Available to support initiatives that work to prevent homelessness.	146		146		-
Leisure Centre Reserve	Set aside for the purchase of new equipment for the Leisure centres.	10	10	-		-
	Bequest available for use at the Oxley Training Centre.	(4)		(4)		-
ķ	To procure and implement an electronic Common Assessment Framework (eCAF) IT system to enable practitioners to record and store assessments of children, young people and families.	50		50		-
Sport and Recreation Leisure Trust Reserve	This reserve was set up to support costs of establishing a Leisure Trust. The balance remaining in this reserve will be reviewed during 2013/14, following the cessation of negotiations on the Leisure Trust during 2012/13.	61	52	9		-
	To fund activities that support the development of Voluntary and Community groups.	60	60	-		-
Troubled Families		100	100	-		(0)
Troubled Families Programme	To fund the Troubled Families Programme.	50		21		29
Employment Support	Support for local voluntary and community groups to deliver outcomes that help young people overcome barriers to their gaining employment.	64		64		-
Winter Pressures Reserve F	PCT funding to support the seasonal winter pressures on social care costs.	80	80	-		-
	For the development of the Youth Café.	264	14	80		170
	To fund the Youth Offending Team migration onto Childview - a new bespoke upgraded database.	50		50		-
Community Sub Total	_	2,337	439	1,711	(34)	- 221

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		Balance	Approved Transfer to	Planned Use	Planned Reserve Transfers	Balance	
Specific Reserve	Description of Reserve	1st April 2013	General Reserve 23 Oct 2013	2013/14	2013/14		
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
ducation and Enterpris	se_						
Apprenticeship Scheme Reserve	To support the apprenticeship scheme in 2013/14.	83		83			
Art Gallery Touring Exhibitions Reserve	To support the costs of touring exhibitions.	9		5			
Building Control Service Improvements	Prior to the Building Control Account reserve being established there was a legal requirement to have a Building Regulations Fees Reserve. The surplus is to	147		50		(	
Building Schools for the Future Reserve (BSF)	be reinvested in the Building Control Service. Set aside for the BSF Programme.	580		580			
Economic Development Reserve	Reserve to continue the momentum of business support in the city, with specific focus on assisting business relocations.	100		40		6	
Leisure Funds and	Funds administered to support revenue expenditure	49		-			
Bequests Reserve Mediation Service	against criteria defined by the bequest.  The Mediation Service is self-funded through annual contributions which do not match the financial year in which expenditure is incurred. Earmarking the income already generated for the Mediation Service aids service	28		28			
Outdoor Events	planning.  Reserve was created to support outdoor events in  Wolverhampton in summer 2012. This reserve will be reviewed in 2013/14 as no call upon funding was made during 2012/13.	11	11	-			
Pupil Referral Units Reserve	Held in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation for Pupil Referral Units.	675		-		6	
Regeneration Reserve	To fund projects in support of corporate regeneration priorities.	973	(1,502)	2,475	(50)		
Southside Financing Reserve	To fund the estimated costs associated with the regeneration of the city centre.	3,982	2,502	1,480			
School Service Level	For schools' buy back of SLA services.	304		-		3	
Agreements Reserve (SLA) Schools Arts Service	Funds to support arts projects in schools.	61		-		(	
Reserve Showell Road Travellers Site Reserve	For the refurbishment of an existing site and also the provision of a new site, an annual contribution is made	224		224			
Showell Road Travellers Site Residents Deposits Reserve	from the revenue budget.  Deposits from new tenants of sites managed by the council. The deposits are refundable when tenants leave or they are used to offset arrears or to pay for any	1		-			
Surface Water Management Plan Reserve	damage.  To fund activities required to produce the management plan.	112	112	-			
Voluntary Sector and Community Partnership Reserve	To support partnership activities approved by the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership and Wolverhampton Strategic Partnership.	150		150			
Youth Zone	To fund the development of the Youth Zone.	285		-		28	
Education and Enterprise	Sub Total	7,774	1,123	5,115	(50)	1,58	
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		Balance	Approved Transfer to	Planned Use	Planned Reserve Transfers	Balance
Specific Reserve	Description of Reserve	1st April 2013	General Reserve 23 Oct 2013	2013/14	2013/14	
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Office of the Chief Execu	utive and Delivery					
Bulbs and Shrubs - Cemeteries and Crematorium Reserve	Donations received from members of the public for five additional planting schemes within the city.	4		-		4
Cemeteries and Crematorium Reserve	To fund the replacement and repair of memorials.	147		53		94
Cemeteries Surplus Reserve	To fund improvements to cemeteries and crematorium which would otherwise be funded via the capital programme.	57		22		35
Corporate Advertising Reserve	Funding for the promotion and advertising of the city.	82		82		
Crematorium Environmental Reserve	Balance of environmental levy suggested by the Federation of Burial and Cremations Authority to part fund installation of mercury abatement equipment at Bushbury Crematorium.	2		-		2
Energy Efficiency Reserve	To fund major repairs and/or refurbishment to supplement capital budgets targeted at energy efficiency measures.	325		150		175
Feasibility Study Civic Centre Car Park Reserve	To fund a feasibility study into the condition of the Civic Centre car park.	50	50	-		
Furniture Reserve	To fund projects identified by the accelerated asset review where spatial reorganisation of working areas can deliver efficiency savings.	105		-		105
Insurance Reserve	To fund the council's self insurance commitments for unknown insurance claims. The movement during the year reflects the in-year surplus of contributions in excess of insurance-related costs.	4,067		-		4,067
Markets Reserve	To meet the costs of wholesale market maintenance.	54		-		54
OCE and Delivery Sub Tot	al _	4,893	50	307	-	4,536

## **APPENDIX E**

		Balance	Approved Transfer to		Planned Reserve Transfers	Balance
Specific Reserve	Description of Reserve	1st April 2013	General Reserve 23 Oct 2013	2013/14	2013/14	
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Corporate						
Budget Contingency Reserve	Available to address in-year budget pressures that cannot be addressed from within existing service budgets.	3,000	1,948	-		1,052
Efficiency Reserve	Established to allow pump priming and investment in new developments, where the main aim is to generate efficiencies and savings in the future as supported by a fully costed business case. These business cases are considered by the Strategic Executive Board and decisions are reported to Councillors as part of the quarterly financial monitoring and reporting arrangements.	6,366	2,980	1,989	(2,000)	3,397
Fuel Tank Reserve	To update and future proof the existing fuel management system which will involve the replacement of out-dated and worn out hardware and software.	32		32		-
Funds and Bequests Reserve	Trust funds administered by the authority with specific criteria for allocation.	24		-		24
Jennie Lee Centre Disposal Reserve	Created to fund the disposal and relocation costs resulting from the disposal of the Jennie Lee Centre.	357		250		107
Job Evaluation Reserve	To assist with the funding of the implementation of new pay scales arising from job evaluation.	7,340		-		7,340
Local Strategic Partnership Reserve	The council's unspent share of LPSA reward grant received in 2010/11, the use of this funding is managed by the Wolverhampton Partnership.	325		-		325
Professional Support and Advice Reserve	For professional services and advice, e.g. financial, legal, technical etc. where there is insufficient funding available within existing service budgets.	490	365	125		-
Revenue Grants Unapplied (IFRS) Reserve	Established in accordance with the principles of IFRS in relation to the recognition of grants and contributions in the council's accounts. Approvals for the use of actual grants are made during the year according to the council's constitution.	4,285		-		4,285
FutureWorks Reserve	This amount has been set aside to part fund costs arising from the council's FutureWorks Programme.	6,591		4,200		2,391
Systems Thinking and Lean Interventions	Established to fund Systems Thinking interventions across the council	250	250	-		-
Corporate Sub Total		29,060	5,543	6,596	(2,000)	18,921
TOTAL RESERVES	- -	44,064	7,155	13,729	(2,084)	25,264

#### **APPENDIX F**

# General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring; Corporate Income Business Rates/Council Tax Debt Write Offs Exceeding £5,000

Account	Reason	Date written off	Amount of write off
Business Rates			
5027941	Insolvency	02/10/2013	£17,895.15
5103423	Insolvency	02/10/2013	£7,290.75
5105686	Insolvency	06/11/2013	£10,873.17
5106492	No Trace	15/11/2013	£6,894.27
5106493	No trace	15/11/2013	£9,445.81
5106996	Insolvency	29/11/2013	£14,220.90
5059097	Insolvency	05/12/2013	£21,379.65
5059025	Insolvency	09/12/2013	£5,748.00
Council Tax			
05950067013	Company disssolved	19/07/2013	£7,647.81
45610014813	Deceased taxpayer	13/08/2013	£6,809.85
			£108,205.36

#### **APPENDIX G**

# General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring; Corporate Income Assessment and Billing Menu (ABMN) System Write Offs Exceeding £5,000

Account	Reason Date written off		Amount of write off
ABMN			
ODOWM001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£5,131.95
JACKN001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£5,288.43
SINGD002	Deceased	21/10/2013	£5,668.36
JONES008	Deceased	21/10/2013	£5,683.60
GENTR001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£6,148.85
SINCG001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£6,350.88
THOME001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£6,569.46
LEAVK001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£7,211.60
STEVF001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£7,831.94
PORTE002	Deceased	21/10/2013	£7,879.39
BAILM001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£8,331.47
FLEMS001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£8,769.30
PALML002	Deceased	21/10/2013	£8,864.52
WOODV001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£9,207.94
MORRM002	Deceased	21/10/2013	£9,293.16
EVANK006	Deceased	21/10/2013	£11,099.44
BARRE003	Deceased	21/10/2013	£15,814.58
ROPEV001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£15,972.77
WHITD002	Deceased	21/10/2013	£16,562.34
WILDS001	Deceased	21/10/2013	£17,238.81
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			£207,866.51

#### **APPENDIX H**

# General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring; Corporate Income Sundry Debt Write Offs Exceeding £5,000

Account	Reason	Date written off	Amount of write off
Sundry Debtors Invoice Prefix HBP Invoice Prefix ENV Invoice Prefix ODD	Housing Debt over 3 years old Statute Barred Legal Requests	July 2013 July 2013 December 2013	£14,878.82 £5,219.99 £9,788.39
			£29,887.20

## APPENDIX I

## **Virements**

From		То		£000	Danaan fan Vinamant	
Directorate	Service	Directorate	Service	£000	Reason for Virement	
Community	Adults	Community	Looked after Children	550	Transfer CAMHS Budget.	
Community	Children in Need	Community	Children in Need	96	Re-align Contact Budget	
Community	Children's Commissioning	Community	Children's Commissioning	342	Re-align Externally Commissioned Budgets.	
Community	Looked after Children	Community	Looked after Children	60	Achievement of Savings Target.	
Community	Social Inclusion and Play Service	Community	Social Inclusion and Play Service	92	Achievement of Savings Target.	
Community	Children's Commissioning	Community	Assistant Director - C,Y,P &F.	84	Achievement of Savings Target.	
Community	Children's Centres	Community	Assistant Director - C,Y,P &F.	62	Achievement of Savings Target.	
Community	Children's Centres	Community	Children's Centres	375	Achievement of Savings Target.	
Community	Social Inclusion and Play Service	Community	Social Inclusion and Play Service	108	Re-align Travelling Children's Consortium Contribution.	
Community	Early Years	Education & Enterprise	Schools Skills and Learning	2,378	Amended DSG funding for PVIs and 2yr Old Funding	
Education & Enterprise	Community Languages	Community	Children in Need	17	Separation of Interpreters Fees budgets	
Education & Enterprise	Schools Skills & Learning	Corporate	Single Status	649	Adjustment to Single Status budgets for schools	
Education & Enterprise	Entertainments & Events	Corporate	Single Status	149	Adjustment to Single Status budgets re Casual staff	
Education & Enterprise	Culture, Arts & Heritage	Corporate	Single Status	91	Adjustment to Single Status budgets re Casual staff	
Education & Enterprise	Adult Education	Corporate	Single Status	13	Adjustment to Single Status budgets	

Agenda Item No: **7** 



# Cabinet (Resources) Panel 11 March 2014

11 March 2014

Report title Discretionary Rate Relief for 2014/15

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead Councillor Andrew Johnson

responsibility Resources

**Key decision** Yes

In forward plan Yes

Wards affected All

Accountable director Keith Ireland, Delivery

Originating service Revenues and Benefits

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Report to be/has been

considered by

N/A

#### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the extension of the Scheme for Discretionary Rate Relief for charitable and voluntary organisations for 2014/15.
- 2. Authorise awards to individual organisations for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.
- 3. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Head of Revenues and Benefits to approve future awards of discretionary relief under the agreed scheme.

#### Recommendation(s) for noting:

1. That authorisation of awards of Mandatory Relief is a function delegated to the Section 151 Officer under paragraph E15 of the Councils Constitution.

The recommendations above make reference to a number of specific documents for review and approval. Those documents are:

- Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme (Charitable and Voluntary Organisations) which is published at <a href="https://wolverhampton.cmis.uk.com/decisionmaking/Calendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8421/Committee/1448/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx">https://wolverhampton.cmis.uk.com/decisionmaking/Calendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8421/Committee/1448/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx</a>
- Schedule of 2014/15 awards for approval appendix (i)

#### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. To seek approval to extend the Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme (Charitable and Voluntary Organisations) for 2014/15.
- 1.2. To seek authorisation of individual awards under the scheme for 2014/15 as set out in appendix (i).

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1. Discretionary rate relief is granted under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- 2.2. Billing authorities have the discretion to award relief in three circumstances:
  - where the ratepayer is a registered charity or certain other charitable organisation
  - where the ratepayer is an organisation which is not established or conducted for profit and whose main objectives meet set criteria
  - where the ratepayer is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club
- 2.3. Registered Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs are entitled to mandatory rate relief of 80% for properties which are occupied for that charitable purpose. The Council has discretionary powers to award further rate relief of up to 20% (this is commonly referred to as 'top up' relief). The Council also has the discretion to allow up to 100% rate relief in the case of organisations that are not established or conducted for profit (and are not entitled to mandatory relief).

#### 3.0 Mandatory Relief

- 3.1. Mandatory relief of 80% is automatically granted to charitable bodies or organisations with charitable objectives in accordance with Section 43(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- 3.2. The award of mandatory relief is made in accordance with legislation and is therefore outside of the Council's discretionary scheme.
- 3.3. Estimates of the value of mandatory relief to be awarded in 2014/15 are included in appendix (i) for information only. Authorisation of awards of Mandatory Relief is a function delegated to the Section 151 Officer under paragraph E15 of the Councils Constitution which states:
  - E15 To determine the individual claims for Housing Benefit, Localised Council Tax Support and rate relief and administer the relevant scheme and regulations.

#### 4.0 Discretionary Relief

- 4.1. Discretionary rate relief is awarded in accordance with the Council's local scheme which was last revised and approved by Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 26 June 2013.
- 4.2. The scheme is based on Government guidance and sets out clear eligibility criteria against which applications are assessed.
- 4.3. This report does not contain any proposals to revise eligibility under the scheme. It is recommended that approval be given to continue the scheme for 2014/15.
- 4.4. Discretionary rate relief for existing recipients is reviewed annually and awarded for the forthcoming financial year subject to there being no change in circumstances. Each organisation is required to certify that they continue to fulfil the conditions for relief to be granted.
- 4.5. Estimates of the amount of discretionary relief to be awarded in 2014/15 are included in appendix (i) for approval.
- 4.6. All organisations receiving an award will be given notice that the relief will end on 31 March 2015 and they will be notified of any new scheme developed to take effect from 1 April 2015.
- 4.7. All awards under the Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme (Charitable and Voluntary Organisations) are currently approved by Cabinet (Resources) Panel although officer delegations exist to award other categories of discretionary relief. On the basis that Cabinet (Resources) Panel has agreed the eligibility criteria for the scheme it is recommended that authority to approve future awards is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Head of Revenues and Benefits.

#### 5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1. From April 2013, with the localisation of business rates, all mandatory and discretionary reliefs are shared as a cost between central government (50%), the Council (49%) and the Fire Authority (1%). This has been confirmed in the Local Government Finance Act and in the detailed calculations to provide baseline funding for 2013/14. The Council now collects business rates and receives an amount from the Collection Fund which is 49% of the net income after appeals, and other losses incorporating an adjustment for mandatory and discretionary reliefs.
- 5.2. It is estimated that the discretionary scheme will reduce the amount of income to the council by £324,000.

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#### 6.0 Legal implications

- 6.1. Under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, (amended by section 69 of the Localism Act 2011), discretionary power is given to billing authorities to grant partial or full relief to certain categories of non-domestic ratepayers. The Non-Domestic Rating (Discretionary Relief) Regulations 1989 allow for this relief to be restricted to a fixed period.
- 6.2. When deciding whether to make an award of discretionary relief, consideration should be given to the fact that the Council must bear a percentage of the cost, the remainder being borne by the Non-Domestic Rating Pool.
- 6.3. It will be for the Council to ensure that any relief granted does not transgress state aid rules.

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#### 7.0 Equalities implications

7.1. A stage one equality analysis has been completed. No adverse impacts were identified and therefore a full equality analysis is not required.

#### 8.0 Environmental implications

8.1. The report has no direct environmental implications.

#### 9.0 Human resources implications

9.1. The report has no direct human resources implications.

#### 10.0 Corporate landlord implications

10.1. There are no direct corporate landlord implications.

#### 11.0 Schedule of background papers

11.1. Wolverhampton City Council Scheme for Discretionary Rate Relief (Charitable and Voluntary Organisations)

<a href="https://wolverhampton.cmis.uk.com/decisionmaking/Calendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8421/Committee/1448/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx">https://wolverhampton.cmis.uk.com/decisionmaking/Calendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8421/Committee/1448/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx</a>

#### 11.2. Equality Analysis

### Rate Relief 2014/15

Account Ref	Organisation	Address	Mandatory £	Discretionary £	Total £
Discretionar	y Relief Only				
50410230	Arthur Greenwood Court Ten & Resid. Assoc.	Coronation Rd, Bilston		753.60	753.60
50495389	BME United Ltd.	40-40A Bromley St, Wton		2,923.24	2,923.24
50301391	Boscobel Tenants Assoc.	Boscobel Cres, Wton		141.30	141.30
50330346	Bushbury Hill Est. Mgt. Ltd.	14 Kempthorne Ave, Wton		6,123.00	6,123.00
50515152	Campion House Tenants & Residents Grp	103 Campion Hse, Hobgate Rd, Wton		788.93	788.93
50547710	Dovecotes TMO LTD	Ryefield, Wton		1,844.15	1,844.15
51010425	Ethnic Minority Council	Stewart Hse, Stewart St, Wton		4,097.70	4,097.70
50494310	Fernbank Care in the Community	The Piano Bar Tettenhall Rd, Wton		3,297.00	3,297.00
50481080	G N G Community Services Ltd.	Childrens Lane Day Nursery, Sedgley St, Wton		18,798.00	18,798.00
51056960	Gateway Hsg & Comm Serv Ltd	25 Steel Drive, Wton		2,402.10	2,402.10
51057250	Gateway Hsg & Comm Serv Ltd	26 Steel Drive, Wton		2,449.20	2,449.20
50450777	Heath Town Drop In Centre	175 Wednesfield Rd, Wton		2,237.25	2,237.25
50059435	Hickman Tenants Association	Plym Close, Wton		1,389.45	1,389.45
50565517	Hilton Hall of Lanesfield Ltd	Hilton Rd, Lanesfield, Wton		3,720.90	3,720.90
50504289	Leisure and Community Partnership Ltd	Wton Swimming & Fitness Ctre, Planetary Rd, Wfield		186,775.00	186,775.00
50094532	Linden Lea Tennis Club	R/O University, Compton Rd West, Wton		1,224.60	1,224.60
50323330	Midland Music Academy	Lower St, Wton		2,025.30	2,025.30
50505538	Midland Music Academy	Portacabin at 4c, Lower St, Wton		296.73	296.73
50432822	Moathouse Tenants & Residents Assoc.	52 Moathouse Lane East, Wton		1,389.45	1,389.45
50501486	New Bilston Ltd	10 Caledonia St, Bilston		4,710.00	4,710.00

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Account Ref	Organisation	Address	Mandatory £	Discretionary £	Total £
50183253	New Park Village Tenant Mgt Co-op Ltd	Ellerton House, Ellerton Walk, Wton		8,478.00	8,478.00
50016070	Oaklands Bowling & Social Club	R/O 10 Lea Rd, Wton		405.06	405.06
51038895	P James M Thomas d Parker & R Jones T/A Wton Gymnastics	Unit 1 Wfield Bus Pk, Waddensbrook Lane, Wton		6,476.25	6,476.25
50326830	Parish Ctr at St Chads	St Chads Comm Ctre Connaught Rd, Bilston		6,005.25	6,005.25
50072677	Penn Bowling Club	Manor Rd, Penn, Wton		1,879.80	1,879.80
50097750	Pickering Rd Community Assoc.	Pickering Rd, Wton		1,789.80	1,789.80
50058915	Rakegate Tenants & Residents Association	12 Hampton Rd, Wton		1,153.95	1,153.95
50249880	Spring Valley Tenants Assoc.	Coven St, Wton		3,155.70	3,155.70
50283670	Springfeild Horseshoe Tenants Assoc.	27 Burton Rd, Wton		989.10	989.10
50301333	Stowlawn Tenants Assoc.	Parkview Rd, Bilston		1,224.60	1,224.60
50496199	Sure Start Childrens Ctre	The Children Ctre, Lansdowne Rd, Wton		17,231.50	17,231.50
50076942	Tettenhall Tennis Club	Danescourt Rd, Wton		183.69	183.69
50446416	The Childrens Village	Chervil Rise, Wton		1,530.75	1,530.75
50477470	The Childrens Village	Graisley Lane, Wton		25,546.00	25,546.00
50471584	The Ettingshall Village Assoc.	Memorial Hall 51a, George St Ettingshall, Wton		588.75	588.75
50512538	TLC College Ltd	197 Cnr Dunstall Rd, Waterloo Rd, Wton		33,981.00	33,981.00
50409770	Vauxhalls Tenants and Resid Assoc.	Upper Vauxhall, Wton		1,460.10	1,460.10
50079024	Wednesfield Cycle Speedway Club	Griffiths Dr, Wton		117.75	117.75
50527439	Whitmore Reans Welfare Ctre	138 Leicester St, Wton		1,118.63	1,118.63
50491782	Wolverhampton Bridge Club	Unit 4 Shaw Pk Business Village Shaw Rd, Wton		749.20	749.20
50085562	Wolverhampton Canoe Club	Oxley Moor Rd, Wton		1,460.10	1,460.10
51042678	Wton Credit Union Ltd	72-73 Worcester St, Wton		4,008.91	4,008.91
51004650	Wton Federation of Tenants Assocs.	142a Chetton Green, Wton		576.98	576.98

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50085734	Wton Model Railway Club	Hobgate Close, Wton		1,483.65	1,483.65
Discretionar	y Relief Only Total			372,513.92	372,513.92
Discretionar	y and Mandatory Relief				
50297991	1st Tettenhall Wood Scout Grp	Bridgnorth Rd, Wton	703.72	175.93	879.65
50464644	2R'S Community Resource Ctre	52-53, Ablow St, Wton	1,619.52	404.88	2,024.40
51010690	2R'S Community Resource Ctre	Suite 1 Unit E4, Blakenhall Bus Pk, Moorfield Rd, Wton	1,272.48	318.12	1,590.60
50573050	8th Wton Scout Group	Warstones Rd, Wton	1,214.64	303.66	1,518.30
51014848	Access to Business	3 St Johns Arcade, Mander Ctre, Wton	4,627.20	1,156.80	5,784.00
51006292	Advance Housing and Support Ltd	Offices 1 & 2 Gnd Flr Hanover Hse, George St, Wton	2,005.12	501.28	2,506.40
51088730	African Women Of Substance	1st & 2nd Floors, 3 Chapel Ash, Wton	5,086.80	1,271.70	6,358.50
50202341	Age Concern Wton	94 Darlington St, Wton	3,277.60	819.40	4,097.00
50202358	Age Concern Wton	93 Darlington St, Wton	9,543.60	2,385.90	11,929.50
50263555	AGE UK	Unit 1 at 45, High St, Wfield, Wton	5,205.60	1,301.40	6,507.00
51057993	All Nations Christian Ctre (Wton)	Pt 1St Flr Burdett Hse 29-30, Cleveland St, Wton,	2,159.36	539.84	2,699.20
51036028	All Nations Christian Ctre (Wton)	Office At 40-48, Temple St, Wton,	1,966.56	491.64	2,458.20
51036011	All Nations Christian Ctre (Wton)	Temple Studios 40-48, Temple St, Wton,	3,277.60	819.40	4,097.00
50390880	All Saints Action Network Ltd	Cnr Bilston St, Cleveland Rd, Wton	86,374.40	21,593.60	107,968.00
50560520	All Saints Action Network Ltd	All Saints Workspace, All Saints Rd, Wton	7,326.40	1,831.60	9,158.00
50150325	Aquarius Action Projects	1 Connaught Rd, Wton	7,037.20	1,759.30	8,796.50
50556613	Ashmore Park Community Assoc.	Griffith Dr, Wton	1,928.00	482.00	2,410.00
50357859	Baby Blues Appeal	43 Victoria St, Wton	5,494.80	1,373.70	6,868.50

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50332279	Base 25	Castle House, Wheelers Fold, Wton	2,544.96	636.24	3,181.20
50356475	Base 25	Hortons Est Ltd, Wheelers Fold, Wton	877.24	219.31	1,096.55
50230567	Beacon Ctre for the Blind	28 High St, Bilston	3,624.64	906.16	4,530.80
51007222	Beacon Ctre for the Blind	Unit 2, St Johns St, Wton	6,940.80	1,735.20	8,676.00
51025562	Beacon Ctre for the Blind	Unit 1 Barnett Bldgs, Lanesfield Dr, Wton	2,969.12	742.28	3,711.40
51032680	Believe to Achieve	Pt 1st FIr The Workspace, All Saints Rd, Wton	1,542.40	385.60	1,928.00
50302717	Bilston Citizens Advice Bureau	William Leigh House 15, Walsall St, Bilston	3,952.40	988.10	4,940.50
50079544	Bilston Community Assoc.	Bilston Comm Ctre, Prouds Lane, Bilston	5,591.20	1,397.80	6,989.00
50053295	Bilston Lawn Tennis Club	Villiers Ave, Bilston	1,147.16	143.40	1,290.56
50462272	Bilston Resource Ctre	125 Parkfield Rd, Wton	1,214.64	303.66	1,518.30
51080182	Blakenhall Action Community Forum	All Saints Action Network, Dudley Rd, Wton,	6,555.20	1,638.80	8,194.00
50097803	Bradley Senior Citizens Ctre	Coronation Park, Wilkinson Ave, Bilston	5,687.60	1,421.90	7,109.50
50079722	Bradmore Community Assoc.	Birches Barn Rd, Wton	4,723.60	1,180.90	5,904.50
50079573	Brickkiln Community Assoc.	Cherry St, Wton	3,046.24	761.56	3,807.80
50058080	Bushbury Scout Groups	Bushbury Lane, Wton	886.88	221.72	1,108.60
51063686	Catch 22	Pt 1st FIr The Shepherd Ctre, Second Ave, Wton	1,523.12	380.78	1,903.90
50525400	Cats Protection	54 Warstones Rd, Wton	2,737.76	684.44	3,422.20
50098010	Church Assoc. for the Deaf	38 Rupert St, Wton	2,236.48	559.12	2,795.60
50186955	Citizens Advice Bureau	Snow Hill, Wton	8,290.40	2,072.60	10,363.00
50532877	Citizens Advice Bureau	Thorne Ave, Wton	1,311.04	327.76	1,638.80
50495892	Community Transport Wton	Units 12-13 Barton Ind Est, Mount Pleasant, Bilston	12,628.40	3,157.10	15,785.50
50097720	Compton Hospice Ltd	Compton Hall, Compton Rd West, Wton	39,716.80	9,929.20	49,646.00
50134438	Compton Hospice Ltd	39-41, School St, Wton	8,001.20	2,000.30	10,001.50
50350774	Compton Hospice Ltd	21-23, Skinner St, Wton	9,350.80	2,337.70	11,688.50

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50368716	Compton Hospice Ltd	The Cedars, Compton Rd West, Wton	13,206.80	3,301.70	16,508.50
50463716	Compton Hospice Ltd	237 Trysull Rd, Wton	3,547.52	886.88	4,434.40
51037890	Compton Hospice Ltd	84 High St, Wfield, Wton	4,145.20	1,036.30	5,181.50
51073526	Compton Hospice Ltd	22 Victoria Fold, Wton,	616.96	154.24	771.20
51080740	Compton Hospice Ltd	47A Pendeford Ave, Wton	3,127.44	781.86	3,909.30
51086776	Dudley & Wolverhampton Life	12 Lichfield St, Wton,	4,820.00	1,205.00	6,025.00
50079745	Dunstall Hill Community Assoc	Dunstall Ave, Wton	8,386.80	2,096.70	10,483.50
51008411	East & West Aid	Custom Crank Ltd, Moor St South, Wton	6,844.40	1,711.10	8,555.50
50079604	Eastfield Community Assoc	Colliery Rd, Wton	3,586.08	896.52	4,482.60
51051312	Engage Youth Empowerment Services (EYES)	11 Waterloo Rd, Wton	5,880.40	1,470.10	7,350.50
50553081	Engage Youth Empowerment Servs (EYES)	Maple House, Clarence Rd, Wton	5,687.60	1,421.90	7,109.50
50056490	First Bilston Scout Group	Scout Headquarters, Prouds Lane, Bilston	964.00	241.00	1,205.00
50073932	First Finchfield Scout Group	Kingsclere Walk, Wton	395.24	98.81	494.05
50064040	First Fordhouse Scout Group	Bee Lane, Wton	289.20	72.30	361.50
50373829	Fordhouses Cricket Club	Wobaston Rd, Wton	7,712.00	964.00	8,676.00
50549381	Gazebo Theatre in Education Co. Ltd.	Gazebo Theatre Co. Church St, Bilston	2,699.20	674.80	3,374.00
50530571	Gender Matters	The Mill 5b, Bridgnorth Rd, Wton	2,660.64	665.16	3,325.80
50557653	Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh Temple	Unit B2, Part St South, Wton	4,530.80	1,132.70	5,663.50
50593761	Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh Temple	Bldg 3 Adj Unit 2, Partk St South, Wton	2,236.48	559.12	2,795.60
51023155	Hope Community Project (Wton)	228-234, Chervil Rise, Wton	1,619.52	404.88	2,024.40
51006530	Imam Mahdi (A.S.) Assoc Wton Ltd	Lea Rd, Wton	3,856.00	964.00	4,820.00
51088350	International Life Ctre Trust	128 Horseley Fields, Wton	26,799.20	6,699.80	33,499.00
50123624	Job Change Ltd	10 Red Lion St, Wton	2,892.00	723.00	3,615.00

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50447634	Job Change Ltd	Wton Motor Cycle Trg Grp, Red Lion St, Wton	1,098.96	274.74	1,373.70
50175437	Lanesfield Community Assoc.	Lanesfield Youth & Comm Ctre, Ward Grove, Wton	2,236.48	559.12	2,795.60
51083252	Let Us Play (Wton)	Pt Gnd Flr Unit 5 Shaw Park Bus Village, Bushbury	1,311.04	327.76	1,638.80
51052441	LGBT Network Wton	1st Flr, 4 Salop St, Wton	1,484.56	371.14	1,855.70
50323620	Lichfield Diocesan BD Educ	The Kings School, Regis Rd, Wton	91,001.60	22,750.40	113,752.00
50323270	Light House Media Ctre Ltd	The Chubb Bldgs, Fryer St, Wton,	8,483.20	1,060.40	9,543.60
50465566	Light House Media Ctre Ltd	The Light Bar Chubb Bldg, Fryer St, Wton,	2,197.92	274.74	2,472.66
51007558	Link Line Community Services	56 MoatHouse Lans East, Wton	1,137.52	284.38	1,421.90
50079751	Low Hill Community Assoc.	Kempthorne Ave, Wton	5,398.40	1,349.60	6,748.00
50079372	Lower Bradley Community Assoc.	Wallace Rd, Bilston	5,784.00	1,446.00	7,230.00
50211831	Lunt Community Ctre	Lunt Rd, Bilston	5,012.80	1,253.20	6,266.00
50544231	Midland Heart Ltd	Suites B-C 132, Compton Rd, Wton	6,458.80	807.35	7,266.15
50532966	Midlands Animal Rescue Team	122A Castlecroft Rd, Wton	2,120.80	530.20	2,651.00
51084441	Multi-Media Arts Project Ltd	Unit 11 Sunbeam Studios, Sunbeam St, Wton,	2,976.72	744.18	3,720.90
50149658	National Small-Bore Rifle Assoc.	West Mids Regional Shooting Ctre, Aldersley Rd, Wton	7,230.00	903.75	8,133.75
50544136	New Bushbury Triangle Co-op Ltd	74 Stanley Rd, Wton	1,484.56	371.14	1,855.70
51052211	Newhampton Arts Ctre	Newhampton Arts Ctre, Dunkley St, Wton	23,136.00	5,784.00	28,920.00
51006620	Oasis of Love International Ctre	Unit 112 Sunbeam Studios, Sunbeam St, Wton	4,627.20	1,156.80	5,784.00
51036778	Oasis of Love International Ctre	Crosbie Coatings Ltd, Walsall St, Wton	10,989.60	2,747.40	13,737.00
50098197	Our Lady & St Chads RC School	Old Fallings Lane, Wton,	77,120.00	19,280.00	96,400.00
50219821	PDSA	P D S A Centre, Tuxford Close, Wton	10,314.80	2,578.70	12,893.50
50451558	PDSA	94A Church St, Bilston	10,218.40	2,554.60	12,773.00
50493054	PDSA	12 St Johns Arcade, Mander Ctre, Wton	3,663.20	915.80	4,579.00

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50079509	Portobello Communuity Assoc.	Hill Rd, Willenhall	2,313.60	578.40	2,892.00
50205517	Re-Entry Project	80 Ellerton Walk, Wton	1,330.32	332.58	1,662.90
50374830	Re-Entry Project	29-30, Gower St, Wton	2,236.48	559.12	2,795.60
50377715	Re-Entry Project	St Chads House 2, Russell Rd, Bilston	1,638.80	409.70	2,048.50
50434270	Re-Entry Project	1 Hawksford Cres, Wton	1,272.48	318.12	1,590.60
50560879	Refugee & Migrant Ctre	1st Floor 9, Waterloo Rd, Wton	6,169.60	1,542.40	7,712.00
50299748	Relate Wton	346 Newhampton Rd East, Wton	5,880.40	1,470.10	7,350.50
50076758	Sea Cadet Corps	R/O Woden Rd School, Springfield Rd, Wton	1,098.96	274.74	1,373.70
50486611	Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Support Project	Rms S1/S2 St Johns Hse, St Johns Sq, Wton	4,820.00	1,205.00	6,025.00
51036413	Spurgeons	East Wing, Pt 1st Flr Workspace, All Saints Rd, Wton	5,012.80	1,253.20	6,266.00
50570560	St George's House Charity	St Georges Hub, St Marks Rd, Wton	2,390.72	597.68	2,988.40
50374243	St John Ambulance (Wton)	Wharf St, Wton	8,483.20	2,120.80	10,604.00
50098257	St Johns Methodist Church	164 Dudley Rd, Wton	636.24	159.06	795.30
50583165	St Lukes C of E Primary School	Part St South, Wton	46,657.60	11,664.40	58,322.00
50381869	St Michaels Parish Ctre	Upper St, Wton	1,426.72	356.68	1,783.40
50486309	Steps To Work (Walsall) Ltd	Rms F12-F14 St Johns Hse, St Johns Sq, Wton	1,715.92	428.98	2,144.90
50486315	Steps To Work (Walsall) Ltd	Rms F10-F11 St Johns Hse, St Johns Sq, Wton	2,082.24	520.56	2,602.80
50077752	Tettenhall Wood Community Assoc.	Wood Rd, Tettenhall, Wton	1,021.84	255.46	1,277.30
51051192	The African Caribbean Community Initiative	222 Newhampton Rd East, Wton	1,966.56	491.64	2,458.20
50312911	The African Caribbean Initiative	217 Newhampton Rd East, Wton	3,161.92	790.48	3,952.40
50029440	The Good Shepherd Trust	Thornley St, Wton	23,521.60	5,880.40	29,402.00
50417337	The Good Shepherd Trust	53 Wellington Rd, Bilston	549.48	137.37	686.85
50024833	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	4,048.80	1,012.20	5,061.00

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			£	£	£
50097810	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	6,362.40	1,590.60	7,953.00
50097826	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	5,784.00	1,446.00	7,230.00
50474890	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	2,737.76	684.44	3,422.20
50501859	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	15,462.39	3,865.60	19,327.99
50512805	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	1,773.76	443.44	2,217.20
50520532	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	5,205.60	1,301.40	6,507.00
51016959	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	1,465.28	366.32	1,831.60
51030132	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	4,434.40	1,108.60	5,543.00
51033018	The Haven Wolverhampton	PO Box 105, Wton	5,012.80	1,253.20	6,266.00
50091350	The Royal Wolverhampton School	Penn Rd, Wton	26,992.00	2,361.80	29,353.80
50091367	The Royal Wolverhampton School	163 Penn Rd, Wton	65,166.40	5,702.06	70,868.46
50420351	The Terrence Higgins Trust	Rms 242 243 244 2nd Fl Bond Hse, St Johns Sq, Wton	1,966.56	491.64	2,458.20
50497419	The Terrence Higgins Trust	Room 41 Pt Gnd Flr Bond Hse, St Johns Sq, Wton	674.80	168.70	843.50
51075028	The Well	6 Wulfrun Trdg Est, Stafford Rd, Wton,	2,313.60	578.40	2,892.00
50098317	Trustees of Wton Samaritans	54 Newhampton Rd West, Wton	3,701.76	925.44	4,627.20
51037996	Volunteer Reading Help	Office 19 Planetary Hse, Planetary Rd, Willenhall	568.76	142.19	710.95
50521951	West Mercia Guides	Horden Rd, Wton	3,508.96	877.24	4,386.20
50409935	West Mercia Scout County Assoc Wton	R/O St Matthews Church, East Park Way, Wton	588.04	147.01	735.05
50275475	West Mid Caribbean Parents & Friends Assoc.	372 Newhampton Rd West, Wton	1,793.04	448.26	2,241.30
50351408	West Mids Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc.	Bee Lane, Wton	520.56	130.14	650.70

Account Ref	Organisation	Address	Mandatory £	Discretionary £	Total £
50351443	West Mids Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc.	Great Hampton St, Wton	462.72	115.68	578.40
50351472	West Mids Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc.	Lichfield Rd, Wton	491.64	122.91	614.55
50351555	West Mids Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc.	Warstones Dr, Wton	626.60	156.65	783.25
50351578	West Mids Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc.	Cadet Ctre (ACF), Wton St, Bilston	549.48	137.37	686.85
51011063	West Mids Special Needs Transport	Ring & Ride, Pool St, Wton	18,123.20	4,530.80	22,654.00
50266335	Wildside Activity Ctre	Hordern Rd, Wton	2,043.68	510.92	2,554.60
51058225	Women of Wton	Office 10 Newhampton Arts Ctre, Dunkley St, Wton	462.72	115.68	578.40
50021579	Woodfield Sports & Soc Club	Woodfield Ave, Wton	11,664.40	1,458.05	13,122.45
50097619	Wton & District M.S. Therapy Ctre Ltd	Meadow View Wharf, Tettenhall Rd, Wton	4,723.60	1,180.90	5,904.50
50095796	Wton 15th Boyscout Group	Wton 15th Boy Scouts Grp, Skidmore Ave, Wton	723.00	180.75	903.75
50561436	Wton Amateur Boxing Club	9 Willenhall Rd, Wton	2,583.52	645.88	3,229.40
50021645	Wton CC - Education	Corpus Christie RC Primary Sch. Ashmore Ave, Wton	9,929.20	2,482.30	12,411.50
50021651	Wton CC - Education	St Patricks RC Primary Sch. Graiseley Lane, Wton	9,447.20	2,361.80	11,809.00
50080613	Wton CC - Education	St Michaels CE Primary Sch. Lower St, Wton	9,350.80	2,337.70	11,688.50
50098100	Wton CC - Education	St Mary's RC Primary Sch. Cannock Rd, Wton	11,471.60	2,867.90	14,339.50
50098139	Wton CC - Education	Holy Rosary RC Primary Sch. Hickman Ave, Wton	7,712.00	1,928.00	9,640.00
50098211	Wton CC - Education	Holy Trinity RC Nursery Sch. Ashley St, Bilston	2,583.52	645.88	3,229.40
50101189	Wton CC - Education	St Anthony's RC Primary Sch. Stafford Rd, Wton	13,110.40	3,277.60	16,388.00
50265560	Wton CC - Education	Holy Trinity RC Primary Sch., Fraser St, Bilston	17,737.60	4,434.40	22,172.00

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51015799	Wton CC - Education	St Pauls CE Sch. Emsworth Cres, Wton	13,206.80	3,301.70	16,508.50
50384000	Wton Central Youth Theatre	Dunkley St, Wton	1,233.92	308.48	1,542.40
50344101	Wton Community Radio Trg	City of Wton College, Newhampton Rd East	4,338.00	1,084.50	5,422.50
50361223	Wton Grand Theatre (1982) Ltd	Lichfield St, Wton	44,151.20	11,037.80	55,189.00
50411040	Wton Multi Handicap Care & Relief Service	Easterling House, Hilton St, Wton	4,048.80	1,012.20	5,061.00
50509358	Wton North District Scouts	4th Wfield Scouts, Moathouse Lane West, Wton	1,330.32	332.58	1,662.90
50518707	Wton Sickle Cell Care & Social Activity Ctre	Gnd Flr Chancel Court 2, Wellington Rd, Bilston	5,784.00	1,446.00	7,230.00
51037387	Wton Sickle Cell Care & Social Activity Ctre	2nd Flr Chancel Court 2, Wellington Rd, Bilston	4,627.20	1,156.80	5,784.00
50445641	Wton Voluntary Sector Council	16 Temple St, Wton	7,037.20	1,759.30	8,796.50
50335243	Wton Y M C A	50 High St, Wfield, Wton	4,434.40	1,108.60	5,543.00
50414468	Wton Y M C A	29-31, Temple St, Wton	14,942.00	3,735.50	18,677.50
51012039	Wton Y M C A	15-25 Catisfield Cres, Pendeford, Wton	5,880.40	1,470.10	7,350.50
51064817	Ymca Charity Shops Services	8 Cleveland St, Wton	6,844.40	855.55	7,699.95
50424248	YMCA Wton	Portakabin Badger Court, Badger Dr, Wton	374.03	93.51	467.54
50547382	Young in Wton Clubs	Windmill Ctre, Castlecroft Ave, Wton	2,583.52	645.88	3,229.40
50547399	Young in Wton Clubs	Compton Youth Ctre, Henwood Rd, Wton	3,354.72	838.68	4,193.40
50547407	Young in Wton Clubs	Wton MBC, Aldersley Rd, Wton	3,586.08	896.52	4,482.60
51032591	Youth Organisations Wton	Pt 1st Flr The Workspace, All Saints Rd, Wton	1,542.40	385.60	1,928.00
50093219	ZIP Theatre Group	Newhampton Arts Ctre, Dunkley St, Wton	8,772.40	2,193.10	10,965.50
Discretionary and Mandatory relief Total			1,236,548.54	287,694.17	1,524,242.71

Discretionary and Mandatory Relief (Sports Clubs)

Account Ref	Organisation	Address	Mandatory £	Discretionary £	Total £
50038261	Albert Lawn Tennis Club	Aldersley Rd, Wton	2,699.20	337.40	3,036.60
50045670	Wton United F.C	Prestwood Rd West, Wton	2,429.28	303.66	2,732.94
50084172	Wton Cricket Club	Danescourt Rd, Wton	7,712.00	964.00	8,676.00
50372280	Hanbury Tennis Club	Hanbury Cres, Wton	761.56	190.39	951.95
Discretionar	y and Mandatory Relief (Sports Clubs)	 Total	13,602.04	1,795.45	15,397.49
Mandatory R	Relief Only				
51052458	Acorns Chidren's Hospice Trust	9 Bargate Drive, Wton	2,506.40		2,506.40
50413730	Acorns Childrens Hospice	100B Church St, Bilston	7,133.60		7,133.60
51073986	Age Uk	12 Market Way, Bilston	8,579.60		8,579.60
50214611	Aldersley School	Barnhurst Lane, Codsall, Wton	101,220.00		101,220.00
51077464	Asra Housing Assoc	50 Johnson St, Wton	2,043.68		2,043.68
50435683	Barnardo's	98A Church St, Bilston	9,543.60		9,543.60
50473040	Barnardo's	10 Lichfield St, Wton	6,266.00		6,266.00
50101195	Berrybrook School	Greenacres Ave, Wton	12,242.80		12,242.80
50367993	Black & Minority Ethnic Hsg Consortium	4 at 2nd Flr Royal London Bldgs, Princes Sq.	1,021.84		1,021.84
50058430	Cancer Research Uk	9 Queen St, Wton	9,447.20		9,447.20
51077493	Central Learn Partnr Trust T/A Moseley Pk Academy	Moseley Park Foundation, Holland Rd, Bilston	118,572.00		118,572.00
51050583	Central Learn Ptnr Trust T/A Moseley Pk Academy	Heath Park , Prestwood Rd,	73,264.00		73,264.00
51071728	Central Learn Ptnr Trust T/A Moseley Pk Academy	Woden Primary , Springfield Rd,	14,556.40		14,556.40
51085819	Church Of God 7th Day Wton	141 Caledonia Rd, Wton	2,506.40		2,506.40
51067968	City Of Wton Academy Trust T/A South	S W B Academy, Dudley St, Bilston	175,448.00		175,448.00

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	Wton				
51016847	City of Wton Academy Trust t/a South Wton	5 Pendeford PI, Pendeford Off Pk, Wobaston Rd, Wton	7,230.00		7,230.00
50179228	City of Wton College	Paget Rd, Wton	76,734.40		76,734.40
50179240	City of Wton College	Newhampton Rd East, Wton	13,303.20		13,303.20
50179286	City of Wton College	Bilston Campus, Wellington Rd, Bilston	223,648.00		223,648.00
50470946	City of Wton College	Metro One Campus, Bilston St, Wton	38,560.00		38,560.00
50265844	CLC International (UK)	69 Worcester St, Wton	2,197.92		2,197.92
51016876	Divine Onkar Mission	Drayton St, Wton	10,989.60		10,989.60
50066866	Dudley & Wton Life	1st Flr 34, Berry St, Wton	751.92		751.92
51097324	Ecmat Smestow Academy	Windmill Cres, Wton	59,768.00		59,768.00
51079279	Gifford Catholic Primary Academy & Nursery	Hordern Rd, Wton	8,772.40		8,772.40
51004169	Groundwork West Mids	Westacre Cres, Wton	2,043.68		2,043.68
50473011	Heantun Care Hsg Assoc Ltd Triangle Childcare	Bushbury Triangle Nursery, Stanley Rd, Wton	8,001.20		8,001.20
50508502	Heantun Care Hsg Assoc Ltd Triangle Childcare	35 Cromwell Rd, Wton	5,784.00		5,784.00
50511059	Heantun Care Hsg Assoc Ltd Triangle Childcare	Sunflowers Day Nursery, Ingestre Rd, Wton	6,073.20		6,073.20
50549369	Heantun Care Hsg Assoc Ltd Triangle Childcare	72A Stanley Rd, Wton	1,735.20		1,735.20
50196066	Heantun Hsg Assoc Ltd	3 Wellington Rd, Bilston	5,109.20		5,109.20
50285261	Heantun Hsg Assoc Ltd	5 Wellington Rd, Bilston	4,820.00		4,820.00
50328987	Heantun Hsg Assoc Ltd	218 Newhampton Rd East, Wton	3,007.68		3,007.68
50338891	Heantun Hsg Assoc Ltd	Bst 219 Waterloo Terrace, Newhampton Rd	906.16		906.16

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		East, Wton			
50353270	Heantun Hsg Assoc Ltd	R/O Springvale Hse, Millfields Rd, Bilston	3,046.24		3,046.24
50445799	Heantun Hsg Assoc Ltd	New Springvale Co-op Ltd Springvale Hse, Millfields Rd	14,170.80		14,170.80
50589995	Heantun Hsg Assoc Ltd	Wellsby, Green Lanes, Bilston	1,156.80		1,156.80
50579212	Housing 21	1st Flr 43, Bell Place, Wton	6,362.40		6,362.40
50092065	Jericho Society	75 Albert Rd, Wton	2,583.52		2,583.52
50037706	Lanesfield British Legion	Ward Grove, Wton	3,316.16		3,316.16
50520130	Leonard Cheshire Disability	4tf Flr West Wing Waterloo Ct 31, Waterloo Rd, Wton	27,377.60		27,377.60
51013524	Living Waters Church (Wton)	Units 3-8 Culwell Trdg Est, Hobgate Close, Wton	9,061.60		9,061.60
51090312	Living Waters Church (Wton)	Advance Micro Imaging Ltd, Woden Rd, Wton	12,242.80		12,242.80
50300612	MENCAP Wton	13 Lloyd St, Wton	2,969.12		2,969.12
51010394	Nehemiah UCHA	Adj 33, Field St, Wton	404.88		404.88
50078616	Newbridge Prep School	51 Newbridge Cres, Wton	17,255.60		17,255.60
50071844	Nuffield Health	Nuffield Hospital, Wood Rd, Tettenhall, Wton	83,675.20		83,675.20
50549783	Open College Network West	Aldersley Hse Pendeford Bus Pk, Wobaston Rd	32,197.60		32,197.60
50072619	OXFAM	54 Victoria St, Wton	7,519.20		7,519.20
50343604	Paycare LTD	Gnd & 1st Flr Paycare Hse 11, George St, Wton	11,278.80		11,278.80
51079256	Perry Hall Primary Sch Academy Trust	Perry Hall Jnr Sch, Colman Ave, Wto,	14,267.20		14,267.20
51012855	Pioneer Logistics Foundation	Unit 11 Delta Trdg Est, Bilston Rd, Wton	1,446.00		1,446.00
51025728	Promise Dreams	Suite 3 Edwin Hse, Boundary Ind Est, Stafford Rd, Wton	1,503.84		1,503.84
51080118	Punjab Buddhist Society Uk	Owen Rd, Wton	2,043.68		2,043.68
50074050	R.A.F. Assoc.	26 Goldthorn Rd, Wton	3,547.52		3,547.52

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50343610	Rathbone Training Ltd	2nd Flr Paycare Hse 11, George St, Wton	8,386.80		8,386.80
51079380	S S Mary & Johns Catholic Primary Academy	Caledonia Rd, Wton	9,061.60		9,061.60
51052553	Sandwell Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme	Offices Merry Hill Hse, Bassett Close, Merry Hill, Wton	723.00		723.00
50043807	SENSE (Deaf Blind & Rubella Assoc)	1 Hampton Walk, Queen Sq, Wton	10,218.40		10,218.40
51085831	St Giles Hospice	82 Church St, Bilston	5,591.20		5,591.20
50512685	St Judes School	Paget Rd, Wton	46,272.00		46,272.00
51079463	St Michael's Catholic Primary Academy	Telford Gdns, Wton	11,953.60		11,953.60
51088657	St Peter'S Collegiate C O E Academy	St Peters Sch Compton Pk, Compton Rd West, Wton	102,184.00		102,184.00
51079322	St Teresa'S Catholic Primary Academy	Malins Rd, Wton	7,037.20		7,037.20
50482292	Sue Ryder Care	7 Bargate Dr, Wton	2,506.40		2,506.40
50485296	Sue Ryder Care	15 Marsh Lane Parade, Stafford Rd, Wton	3,354.72		3,354.72
51024657	Sue Ryder Care	8 Bargate Dr, Wton	2,506.40		2,506.40
50077404	Tettenhall College	College Rd, Wton	103,148.00		103,148.00
50584510	The British Heart Foundation	58-59, Victoria St, Wton	26,028.00		26,028.00
51051163	The British Heart Foundation	10/11, Queen St, Wton	14,170.80		14,170.80
51056195	The British Heart Foundation	5 Victoria Fold, Wton	510.92		510.92
50389090	The Extracare Charitable Trust	96 High St, Wfield, Wton	5,012.80		5,012.80
50594170	The North East Academy	Northicote High Sch. Northwood Pk Rd, Wton	52,441.60		52,441.60
50594186	The North East Academy	North East Wton Academy, Marsh Lane, Wton	94,472.00		94,472.00
51037074	The North East Academy	R/O 60, Renton Rd, Wton	954.36		954.36
51076826	The Penderels Trust Ltd	G5 Saturn Centre, Spring Rd, Wton	1,272.48		1,272.48
51008598	The Pioneer Logistics Foundation Ltd	Unit 8 Delta Trdg Est, Bilston Rd, Wton	2,892.00		2,892.00
51008612	The Pioneer Logistics Foundation Ltd	Unit 7B Delta Trdg Est, Bilston Rd, Wton	6,458.80		6,458.80

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			£	£	£
51008629	The Pioneer Logistics Foundation Ltd	Unit 2 Delta Trdg Est, Bilston Rd, Wton	7,230.00		7,230.00
50091373	The Royal Wton School	Goldthorn Rd, Wton	41,259.20		41,259.20
51082732	Trinity Training Servs	1St Flr Chancel Court 2, Wellington Rd, Bilston	5,976.80		5,976.80
51066816	Triumphant Christ Chapel	Office 14 Bizspace Hse, Upper Villiers St, Wton	2,599.92		2,599.92
50085190	University of Wton	Wulfruna St, Wton	482,000.00		482,000.00
50502988	University of Wton	Glaisher Dr, Wton	36,632.00		36,632.00
50545940	University of Wton	MX Building, Camp St, Wton	123,392.00		123,392.00
51014877	University of Wton	5 Victoria Arcade, Mander Ctre, Wton	13,014.00		13,014.00
51038837	University of Wton	Rms PA 122-123 Block A, Tech Ctre Wton Science Park	4,338.00		4,338.00
51069513	University Of Wton	Pt Block A, Wton Science Pk, Coxwell Ave, Wton	67,094.40		67,094.40
51069648	University Of Wton	Main Campus North, Stafford St, Wton	174,484.00		174,484.00
50056431	Wfield & Wood End Royal British Legion	Vicarage Rd, Wfield	8,579.60		8,579.60
50077924	Wton Artists Group	Alexandra St, Wton	2,313.60		2,313.60
50097418	Wton Girls High School	Tettenhall Rd, Wton	57,454.40		57,454.40
50091456	Wton Grammar School	Compton Rd, Wton	141,708.00		141,708.00
Mandatory R	lelief Only Total		2,966,446.84		2,966,446.84
Annual Total			4,216,597.42	662 003 54	4,878,600.96

#### **WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

#### SCHEME FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF WEF 25 JUNE 2013

- 1. The following criteria is taken into account when considering applications for discretionary rate relief and each application will be treated on its merits. The criteria set out below are consistent with recommendations of the Department for Communities and Local Government and local authority associations.
- 1.1. The organisation should ensure that membership is open to all sections of the community and membership rates/subscriptions should not be set at such a high level as to exclude the general community. The club should, if required, be able to demonstrate the criteria by which applications for membership are consistent with the principle of 'open membership' and in accordance with equal opportunities policies.
- 1.2. Sympathetic consideration will be given to applications from groups who actively encourage membership from particularly disadvantaged groups in the community, e.g. young people or the disabled, elderly people and ethnic minorities.
- 1.3. Sympathetic consideration will be given to organisations who make their facilities available to people other than members e.g. schools.
- 1.4. Whether the organisation provide training for its members particularly the young.
- 1.5. Have the facilities available been provided by self help or grants from other bodies? Self help organisations may be considered more sympathetically for discretionary relief.
- 1.6. Does the organisation provide facilities which indirectly relieve the Authority of the need to do so or do the facilities complement those provided by the Authority?

#### Local Criteria

- 2. In addition, the following local criteria have been adopted by the Authority.
- 2.1. Generally no discretionary relief should be allowed to national charitable organisations unless there are exceptional circumstances, e.g. charitable animal welfare organisations providing local facilities.
- 2.2. Relief should not be given to sports or social clubs of industrial firms or other business organisations (assistance should be provided by the firm or organisation).
- 2.3 Organisations who receive direct grant aid from the Council will receive maximum discretionary relief with a corresponding reduction in their grant, providing that this does not apply to schemes funded by the Government. However, in cases where the Government funding regime assumes that local relief is being granted, this will be given providing that all other criteria is met. Relief will not be granted where government funding is available to meet the liability.

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- 2.4. Generally the facility should be provided for the benefit of people living in the City.
- 2.5. The Authority has generally agreed not to allow any relief where in its opinion the body is capable of supporting itself financially without the need for assistance from the Council in the form of discretionary rate relief.

#### Sports Clubs

- 3. The following additional criteria apply specifically for sports clubs:
- 3.1. More than 50% of the members should be active playing members.
- 3.2. Generally no relief should be allowed where a public admission fee is charged unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 3.3. Sympathetic consideration to be given to minority sports and where facilities are not provided by the Council.
- 3.4. For those sports clubs that operate a bar, relief should not generally exceed 50% unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 3.5. Sympathetic consideration to be given to those organisations that are affiliated to local or national organisations with a view to developing their own interests and promoting Wolverhampton as a national or international venue.

## **Equality Analysis - Stage One - Initial Analysis**

## What you are analysing?

# Award of Discretionary Rate Relief (Charitable and Voluntary Organisations)2014/15

IS IT	a; service function	☐ policy № procedure ☐		
Is it	? A new service, fund	ction, policy or procedure		
An	An existing service, function, policy or procedure			
	amended or revised service/ fu	,		
1.	What are the main aims and objectives or purpose of the service, function, policy or procedure (proposal)? What needs or duties is it designed to meet?	To allow continuation of discretionary rate relief to charitable, not for profit and voluntary organisations for 2014/15 based on existing policy.		
2.	Who is or will be affected by this proposal?	Charitable, not for profit and voluntary organisations that are liable to pay business rates.		
3.	Is the proposal affected by external drivers for change? (e.g. new or amended legislation, national policy, external inspections etc.)	No. The policy allows the Council to exercise a discretionary power to reduce the business rates bills of qualifying organisations. The power is granted under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and has been in place for many years.		
4.	Who is responsible for defining and implementing this proposal?	Revenues and Benefits Service		
5.	How does Wolverhampton City Council interact with other bodies or organisations in relation to the implementation of the proposal?	A copy of the policy and details of how to apply are published on the council's website. Information is provided to each organisation as part of an annual review to verify ongoing entitlement.  No formal consultation has been conducted in respect of the decision being requested of Cabinet (Resources) Panel as the policy is unchanged.		
6.	What analyses, information or data relating to the proposal already exist?	WCC holds some information on those organisations that apply for discretionary relief. This is limited to information that is required in order to determine an application for relief.		

7.	Is there any evidence of higher or	No
	lower take up under the proposal for any particular groups? (from formal monitoring or informal anecdotal evidence)	The underlying policy only applies to organisations (not individuals) that are liable for business rates.
8.	Is there any evidence that the proposal may be directly or indirectly discriminatory?	No The underlying policy is based on Government guidance and sets out clear eligibility criteria against which applications are assessed.
		Eligibility for relief is triggered by the status of the organisation (i.e. charitable / not for profit) and not by the function of the organisation. There are however additional qualifying criteria that require the organisation to demonstrate open access and compliance with equal opportunities.
9.	If the proposal is discriminatory, can it be justified?	N/A – see comments in box 8
10.	If the proposal is not discriminatory, is there any evidence that it has a differential impact?	Registered charities will be granted 80% mandatory relief and are granted 20% discretionary relief if their activities satisfy the scheme criteria and there is direct benefit to the local community.  Other not for profit and voluntary organisations can be granted up to 100% discretionary rate relief. The proposal is to continue to grant relief in 2014/15 on the same basis as 2013/14 provided they still satisfy the criteria for the scheme.  Any differential impact is assessed as being positive in nature. The underlying policy states that:
		"Sympathetic consideration will be given to applications from groups who actively encourage membership from particularly disadvantaged groups in the community, e.g. young people or the disabled, elderly people and ethnic minorities."
11.	If there is a differential impact, is it likely to have an adverse impact on any group?	No – see comments in box 10

12.	If there is an adverse impact, can that impact be justified?	N/A – see comments in box 10
13.	What evidence have you used to make your judgment of discrimination and/or adverse impact?	The scheme is open to any organisation provided it satisfies the policy criteria.
14.	If the discrimination/adverse impact cannot be justified, how do you intend to deal with it? Is there any alternative measure which would achieve the desired aim without the adverse impact identified?	The finding of this screening is that there is no discrimination or adverse impact.
15.	Does or could, the proposal contribute to a specific duty in equality law? eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation	The policy is to grant business rates relief to charitable, not for profit and voluntary organisations based on government guidance.
•	advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups foster good relations between people from different groups.	The effect of the policy is to reduce the amount of business rates payable by qualifying organisations. Many of these organisations assist individuals from protected groups and the financial assistance provided under this policy contributes to the viability of the organisation.
16.	Are there any groups which might be expected to benefit from the intended outcomes but do not?	There is no evidence to suggest that any particular group could benefit but does not.
		This judgement is based on the fact that applications are assessed on clear eligibility criteria, based on Government Guidance and described above.
17.	Is the proposal intended to increase equality of opportunity by permitting or requiring action to redress disadvantages? If yes, is it lawful?	Although this is not a specific policy intention, applications are assessed against a requirement that the organisation must demonstrate open access.
18.	Have you consulted as part of your analysis? Who have you consulted? What methods did you use?	No – see comments in box 5
19.	Is there any public concern (in the media etc.) that the proposal is being operated in a discriminatory manner?	No

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20.	Have there been any important demographic changes or trends locally? If so, are these anticipated or dealt with by the proposal?	No New applications do not indicate any changes in the type of organisation applying for relief
21.	How is information about the proposal publicised?	A copy of the policy and details of how to apply are published on the council website and provided to each organisation as part on an annual review. Information is provided with all annual rates bills.
22.	How will you monitor in future?	The level of relief and types of organisations will be taken into account with any reviews of the scheme. It is likely that a new scheme for discretionary rate relief will be developed for 2015/16 onwards and appropriate consultation will be carried out at that time.
23.	Is there any other relevant information?	No

Officer(s) completing the analysis

**Karen Hampshire** 

**Job Title** 

**Revenues and Benefits Manager** 

Tel 5840 Date 13/02/2014

Upon completion of this form please record the date sent to:

Authorising Officer Date sent Head of Equalities Date sent Equality Project Group (if appropriate) Date sent

Agenda Item No: 8



# **Cabinet (Resources) Panel**

11 March 2014

Report title City and Town Centre Management (City Centre

- WV One and Bilston - New Bilston Ltd)

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

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**Economic Regeneration and Prosperity** 

Key decision Yes

In forward plan Yes

Wards affected All (Specifically St Peters and Bilston)

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#### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

- Seek delegated authority from Cabinet (Resources) Panel for the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Prosperity in consultation with the Strategic Director Education and Enterprise to agree grants to third parties as follows:
  - £45,000 to WV One for City Centre Management.
  - £40,000 to New Bilston Ltd (Heantun Housing) for their Town Centre management role for Bilston.
- 2. To consider approval of an additional grant to New Bilston Ltd of £30,000 to fund the development phase of a Business Improvement District for Bilston Town Centre.

#### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 To agree a grant of £45,000 for WV One to deliver city centre management functions and £40,000 to New Bilston Ltd for town centre management functions for 2014/15. To present a business case for a further £30,000 for the development phase of a Business Improvement District for Bilston Town Centre to enable Bilston's town centre management function to be sustainable without a financial contribution from the council in future years.

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The purpose of city centre management, delivered by WV One and Bilston town centre management, delivered by New Bilston Ltd, is to support the economic growth and contribute to the development, vitality and viability of the City and Bilston town centres. Town and city centre management functions bring together local stakeholders across all sectors of the business community, local residents and a wide range of public and third sector partners. The functions co-ordinate and facilitate the development and delivery of initiatives and projects, as set out in the WV One business plan and Bilston town centre action plan, including securing new sources of external funding.
- 2.2 A Business Improvement District (BID) is an arrangement whereby businesses get together, decide what improvements they want to make in their area, how they will manage these and what it will cost them. BID's deliver services and projects that are additional to those provided by the public agencies including the local authority and police and can include services such as cleaning streets, security, environmental improvements and marketing the area as prioritised by businesses. A BID is currently being developed for Wolverhampton City Centre and could provide a sustainable means of funding town centre management going forward for both the City Centre and Bilston town centre.
- 2.3 The Council has funded WV One since 2003, initially £61,600 to employ a town centre manager but later reduced to £45,000 due to budgetary pressures. In 2011/12 and 2012/13, an additional £30,000 was provided as a grant to WV One to continue to provide its core functions during the Business Improvement District (BID) development phase. WV One provides services in accordance with a contract which is based on their service specification (formerly a Service Level Agreement).
- 2.4 Partnerships Economy and Culture Service has provided funding to the New Bilston Ltd (Heantun Housing) since 2010/11 of £40,000 per annum.

#### 3.0 WV One - City Centre Management Company

- 3.1 WV One have identified that a priority for city partners is to shape, develop, improve, market and manage a new city centre offer to visitors, businesses and residents. An offer that results in:
  - New business: increase in footfall, trading and visitor numbers

- New investment: attraction of investment
- New reputation: improved reputation for the City Centre, and the wider city, nationally regionally and locally
- New lifestyles: increased demand for city centre living
- 3.2 WV One is a not for profit company, set up in 2003. It is Independent, non-political and is currently funded through voluntary contributions from Wolverhampton City Council, retailers and the University with 25% of its income is from commercial activities and sponsorships. The primary role of WV One is to be the lead agency in communicating, facilitating and championing the views of the stakeholders (private businesses, the council, retailers, the police, education and other statutory sectors) to achieve the best outcomes for the visitors and businesses of Wolverhampton City Centre. Wolverhampton City Council has supported WV One to put new Governance arrangements in place including a business led board of Directors.
- 3.3 WV One have requested £45,000 grant funding for the year 2014/15 to deliver a range of services to the City Council as set out in the attached Service Specification for 2014/15 (appendix A). WV One has revised their Business Plan to align its activities to support the BID. It has appointed The Mosaic Partnership to provide expert advice to the BID Director and WV One team through the development phase leading to a ballot in autumn 2014. If successful, it is anticipated that the BID could fund the city centre management function going forward depending on business priorities.

#### 4.0 Bilston Town Centre Management (Heantun Housing / New Bilston Ltd)

- 4.1 Bilston town centre management is part of the integrated approach to economic development, cultural development and the regeneration of Bilston, the town centre and urban village. The purpose of Bilston town centre management is to support the economic growth and development, vitality and viability of Bilston town centre, by bringing together all local stakeholders. This includes all sectors of the business community, local residents and a wide range of public and third sector partners. The town centre manager co-ordinates and facilitates the development and delivery of initiatives and projects as set out in the town centre action plan and works to secure new sources of external funding. This includes activities supporting the physical regeneration activities of Wolverhampton City Council as outlined in its Bilston centre regeneration project plan.
- 4.2 Bilston town centre management will deliver the following activities in 2014/15:
  - Co-ordinate the development and delivery of the town centre action plan, engaging the wider business community in its implementation.
  - Build and expand business development by promoting and expanding links with the business support network that will provide training, support, grants and guidance.
  - Develop and agree a funding strategy going forward including exploring the feasibility of a Business Improvement District (BID) to secure long-term sustainability of the function.

- Develop cultural events and local activities aimed at promoting the town across the region including co-ordination of a cultural working group.
- Provide quarterly monitoring reports to Wolverhampton City Council as part of the Bilston project delivery plan.
- 4.3 A comprehensive project management framework has been put in place to monitor performance against these activities. The town centre manager reports progress on a monthly basis to the Strategic Projects and Funding Manager.
- 4.4 It is proposed to provide funding of £40,000 to New Bilston Ltd for 2014/15 to provide town centre management services in accordance with a grant agreement to deliver the projects as set out in the attached Appendix B. Heantun Housing part fund the current role of Town Centre Manager and will also contribute £7,700 for office accommodation costs for the year 2014/15.
- 4.5 Subject to agreement by their board, New Bilston Ltd is requesting a further £30,000 for 2014/15 matched with £5,000 from Heantun Housing to support the development of a BID. If successful, the BID could provide funding for the sustainability of the function without the need for council funding.

#### 5.0 Financial implications

5.1 The contribution of £45,000 to WV One Ltd and £40,000 to New Bilston Ltd is included in the mid-term budget so can be met from the 2014/15 approved revenue budget for Economic Partnerships and Investment. The additional contribution of £30,000 to New Bilston Limited to fund a BID is subject to an Invest to Save request. [TK/25022014/P]

#### 6.0 Legal implications

6.1 Separate contracts will be required for 2014/15 between the council and WV One and New Bilston Ltd setting out the terms of the grant payments to the individual companies to ensure delivery of the city centre and Bilston town centre management functions. Separate contracts will be required for 2014/15 between the council and WV One and New Bilston Ltd setting out the terms of the grant payments to the individual companies to ensure delivery of the city centre and Bilston town centre management functions. [RB/25021014/G]

#### 7.0 Equality opportunities implications

7.1 A stage 1 equalities impact assessment has been completed and there are no adverse equalities implications. City centre management and Bilston town centre management brings together businesses and co-ordinates services to increase vitality in the town and meet the needs of the local resident, shoppers and visitors. As part of the Bilston Town Team, they are running a number of initiatives aimed at supporting young people and attracting them into the Town Centre.

#### 8.0 Environmental implications

8.1 Through the work of the city centre management and Bilston town centre management, there will be positive environmental impacts through ensuring effective management including collaboration on public realm improvements, de-cluttering of Bilston Town Centre and work on Bilston and Wolverhampton in bloom.

#### 9.0 Background papers

Appendix A – WV One Financial Statement and Service Specification

Appendix B – Bilston Town Centre Project Plan

Appendix A

# SERVICE SPECIFICATION FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT – WV ONE

#### **OVERVIEW OF SERVICE**

WV One is a not for profit company, set up in 2003, it is independent, non political and is currently funded through voluntary contributions from Wolverhampton City Council, retailers and the University. In the calendar year 2013 approximately £35,000 of its income (approximately 25%) was from commercial activities and sponsorships. Part of this was from the commercialisation of highways space for promotional activities agreed through a Service Level Agreement between the City Council and WV One. Currently the grant provided to the Company is £45,000. In addition, over the last two years the Council has provided a top up grant of £30,000 while WV One has sought to move to a more sustainable business model. From 2014/5 the top up grant will no longer be available.

WV One's purpose, as set out in its articles of association is to work with the local authority, businesses, West Midlands Police and other agencies and partners to make Wolverhampton City Centre a more attractive place to its citizens and visitors with an enhanced pride of place by:

- Improving the image and perception of the City Centre;
- Maintaining a safe City Centre in the day and evening;
- Ensuring a high quality, clean, green and accessibly City Centre;
- Becoming an influential voice for City Centre businesses and visitors;
- Improving Wolverhampton's competitive position.

Through this grant agreement, Wolverhampton City Council provides financial support to WV One to:

- a) communicate and champion the views of the stakeholders (private businesses, City Council, retailers, the police, education and other statutory sectors),
- b) facilitate partnership working among stakeholders that contributes to the development and improvement of the City centre offer for residents, visitors and businesses.

In the service year 2014/15 the focus of WV One will primarily be on the delivery of a Business Improvement District (BID) and managing and integrating the existing services which need to be retained within a BID Delivery model.

Planning also needs to take place for any future city centre partnership in the unlikely event that the BID ballot is not successful and this will be the role of the newly formed WV One board working with Mosaic Partnerships which has been appointed to oversee the BID delivery phase. A separate contract exists between WV One board and Mosaic Partnership to deliver the BID utilising grant funding previously awarded to WV One in 2012/13.

### 1. **DEVELOPING THE BID**

SERVICE	DELIVERABLE/ACTIVITY
1.1 Support the BID Director in all aspects of BID Development	<ul> <li>Office and administrative set up and support</li> <li>Provide research and information to support the BID</li> </ul>
1.2 To utilise existing contacts to assist with consultation, setting up steering/task groups and communication through to the final campaign	<ul> <li>No of one to one and group meetings facilitated</li> <li>Updated database of relevant contacts</li> <li>Successful set up of BID Task Group and development of City Centre Marketing Partnership and/or other stakeholder groups into themed BID groups if required after consultation</li> </ul>
1.3. Integrate WV One and BID communications and raise the profile of WV One/BID within the BID target audience	<ul> <li>No of newsletters produced (BID specific)</li> <li>BID web site integrated in WV One web site</li> <li>Support in the transition of WV One external facing web sites and social media post BID ballot</li> </ul>
1.4 Migration of existing services into BID or proposing alternate business models	<ul> <li>Consider options and best practice for the integration of Business Crime Partnership activities within the BID Company</li> <li>Agree Service Level Agreement with WCC for the management of promotional space pos BID ballot.</li> </ul>

## 2. SHAPING THE OFFER

<u>SERVICE</u>	DELIVERABLE/ACTIVITY
2.1 Business and Stakeholder Engagement and Communication. Subsequent feedback to the right partners/officers to proactively respond	<ul> <li>No of retailers and stakeholder groups arranged or attended</li> <li>Key issues raised and resolved</li> <li>Reports to WV One Board on stakeholder engagement</li> </ul>
2.3 To provide a consultation mechanism for key city centre issues, e.g. Youth Zone, Area Action Plan, Empty Homes Fund, THI etc.	No of consultations arranged
2.4. Undertake City Centre Health Check as part of ATCM Portas Review	Run survey for one month and ensure findings contribute to city centre strategies and BID Development

2.5 Contribute to key partner strategies so that
they have additional information, intelligence
and advice from local businesses and in
respect of good practice in Town Centre
Management

- Remain an active member of ATCM, British BIDs, UK BID Advisory service
- Report on partners strategies to WV One Board

#### 3. **DEVELOPING THE OFFER**

<u>SERVICE</u>	DELIVERABLE/ACTIVITY
3.1 Identify any new funding opportunities that can be taken forward directly by WV One/BID or can be forwarded to other appropriate partners of the City Cross Sector External funding groups	<ul> <li>Communicate with partners regularly on potential funding schemes and joint projects</li> <li>Develop proposals, secure funding, deliver projects and manage funds within guidelines</li> <li>Report regularly to WV One Board</li> </ul>

### 4. IMPROVING THE OFFER

<u>SERVICE</u>	DELIVERABLE/ACTIVITY
<ul> <li>4.1 Oversee delivery of Portas Pilot to achieve its planned outcomes and/or put in place exit strategy plans to ensure sustainability of the projects where possible Projects are: <ul> <li>I2R entrepreneurs</li> <li>Shop in the Square</li> <li>Privilege Card</li> <li>Independents (WIN project)</li> <li>Sights and Sounds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report to the Portas Steering Group on finance and budgetary control, progress on WIN, engagement with external stakeholders (ATCM, BITC Retail Champion, Tesco etc)</li> <li>In conjunction with the Steering Group develop an Exit Strategy for each of the strands of work</li> </ul>
4.2 Assist, where resources allow, partners to develop innovative ways of filling/ improving units/vacant buildings on both a permanent and temporary basis	Update of vacant unit list and shop movements to create historical trends

#### 5. MARKETING THE OFFER

<u>SERVICE</u>	DELIVERABLE/ACTIVITY
5.1. To contribute to the development of the City Centre campaigns and activities	Attendance at meetings and contribution to marketing campaigns and activities
5.2 With other partners facilitate/support other groups and organisations to put on quality events to drive footfall	Number of events facilitated
5.3 To promote the City Centre in a proactive manner to increase footfall and improve perceptions	<ul> <li>Communication via newsletters, social media and reports to WV One Board</li> <li>Maintenance of web site, social media sites and regular newsletters</li> </ul>

### 6. MANAGING THE OFFER

<u>SERVICE</u>	DELIVERABLE/ACTIVITY
6.1 Contribute to the development and improvement of the City's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour	<ul> <li>Report any evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour and encourage others to report it</li> <li>Monitor crime levels/ASB incidents and report to WV One Board</li> </ul>
6.2 Improve community safety and support businesses through the CCTV pilot.	<ul> <li>Facilitate the CCTV working group to improve camera coverage.</li> </ul>
6.3 Manage the CitySafe Business Crime Partnership/Radio Link (BCP) through a Steering Group, and facilitate Pub Watch/ Shop Watch and SIA Forum. Contribute to the Partnership Business Support Group, Safety Advisory Group and other groups	No of meetings and attendance, achievement of recognised standards for BCP, development and progress against adopted Action Plan

## Appendix B – Bilston Town Centre Project Plan

Aim	Activity	Target	Result	Lead & Partners
Establish baseline data for Bilston town centre	Customer survey undertaken	1000 surveys completed May 2014	Definitive data from a customer/visitor perspective to inform project plan and BID	<ul><li>Town Centre Manager</li><li>Wolverhampton City Council</li></ul>
Establish support for and progress a Business Improvement District proposal for Bilston town centre	Wolverhampton City Council to support New Bilston Limited to consult and market a Business Improvement District Proposal to Bilston Town Centre within a designated boundary	March 2014	BID Result by June 2015	<ul> <li>New Bilston Limited</li> <li>Wolverhampton City Council</li> <li>Mosaic Consulting</li> <li>Town Centre Management</li> <li>Business Sector</li> </ul>
Promote and facilitate access to business support and training opportunities by Bilston town centre businesses	Skills Shop (Business Skills) a division of Stourbridge College to provide training support around marketing, business performance, customer service and specialisms to meet business needs	10 businesses signed up to training in first quarter 2014/15	Increase in the number of businesses signed up to training on a rolling quarterly basis  Improved marketing, customer service and performance of town centre businesses	<ul> <li>Business Skills</li> <li>Town Centre Manager</li> <li>Town Centre Businesses</li> </ul>

Aim	Activity	Target	Result	Lead & Partners
Improved retail, cultural	Young person		Measureable increase	Bilston Town Centre
and leisure offer for	customer survey to		in the number of young	Manager
young people in Bilston	establish baseline data		people visiting the town	LSD Speciality Markets
town centre	around footfall and use		centre	(contract holder)

Entrepreneurial and start up business opportunities for young people	of town centre  Youth market  Cultural and leisure events and projects	Summer 2014 Summer 2014	Measurable growth and performance of Youth Market	<ul> <li>Wolverhampton City         Council Markets Division</li> <li>Local schools and youth         groups</li> <li>Creative Industries</li> <li>Wolverhampton University</li> </ul>
Improve the management and performance of the Public Realm and Environment	Public Realm and Environment Action Group meets monthly Public Realm and Environment Action Plan	To assess and resolve environmental issues in Bilston town centre against individual targets and milestones	Clean and attractive town centre which promotes and attracts investment	<ul> <li>Town Centre Manager</li> <li>WCC Highways, Public Protection, Parking, Street Scene</li> <li>West Midlands Police</li> <li>Town Centre Business Forums</li> </ul>

Aim	Activity	Target	Result	Lead & Partners
To sustain the Bilston in Bloom campaign as a promotional tool for the town centre	Ensure Bilston town centre continues to enter the Heart of England in Bloom campaign and receive an annual award  Promote the participation of Bilston groups and assist groups to establish their own in Bloom entry or partnership	3 pubs to enter 6 Primary Schools to enter 3 Carder Crescent gardens on the route 2014 Judging date Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 Raise £5k external funding to support campaign	Sustained Bilston in Bloom campaign with strengthened community participation Positive press coverage for the town	Bilston in Bloom Steering Group  Town Centre Manager  Local Schools  Neighbourhood Groups  Tenants & Residents Groups  Historical Societies

Improve and enhance the marketing of Bilston town centre	Improved use of social networking sites	50 posts per month	Marketing strategy and action plan for Bilston town centre in	Town Centre Manager     Wolverhampton City     Council
	Press releases to Express & Star, One City News, Wolverhampton Magazine, local radio and WCC	Minimum of 10 press releases per year	collaboration with Wolverhampton City Council Communications Team and Bilston Centre Regeneration Project Team	<ul><li>Local press</li><li>Social Networking</li></ul>
			Marketing proposals to fit in with Bilston Business Improvement District project plan	

Agenda Item No: 9



# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Report title External Funding Update

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead Councillor Peter Bilson

responsibility

Key decision Yes

In forward plan Yes

Wards affected All

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Delegated authority is sought from full

Council for grants to third parties

### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

- Provide authority to incur expenditure on externally funded projects in accordance with bids submitted and any changes subsequently agreed with external funding providers as set out in the grant determination.
- 2. Seek delegated authority from Cabinet (Resources) Panel for the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Prosperity in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise, to agree grants to the third parties as already approved by Council, as part of the delivery of these externally funded projects.

### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval to spend in relation to three externally funded projects and delegated authority to issue grants to third parties from full Council.

### 2.0 Background

2.1 Attracting external resources is becoming increasingly important in order to implement our strategic priorities. Wolverhampton City Council has led on a number of successful bids for external funding supporting the corporate objective encouraging enterprise and business. Previous reports have been agreed by Cabinet Resources Panel (18 December 2012, 29 January 2013, 11 September 2013 and 26 November 2013) seeking approval to bid, act as accountable body and enter into collaboration agreements for externally funded projects.

### 3.0 Overview of Black Country Externally Funded Projects

- 3.1 Wolverhampton City Council has been successful in bidding for external funding for a number of Black Country wide projects.
- 3.2 Black Country Growth Opportunities Local Delivery (GOLD): £1.96 million project, partially funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), providing tailored one-to-one advice, diagnostic resulting in a development plan, workshops, business grant funding and follow up support for Small Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) unable to exploit growth opportunities due to lack of capacity.
- 3.3 **Black Country Growth Factory**: £3.1 million Regional Growth Fund (RGF) has been awarded to deliver Black Country Growth Factory as part of City Deal. The Growth Factory which will fund a one stop shop approach to business assistance across the Black Country with packages of support available to all local businesses. It aims to equip the Black Country's manufacturing SMEs with the tools and support they need to compete, innovate and take advantage of supply chain opportunities on offer to them.
- 3.4 **Black Country Broadband Business Support Project:** £0.25 million has been awarded from Growing Places enabling us to draw down £0.25 million from European Regional Development Fund to fund a broadband business support project. The project aims to support businesses to take up and use technologies enabled by superfast broadband in recognition of the positive correlation on growth for highly digitalised SME's.
- 3.5 Black Country GOLD and Growth Factory involve an element of allocation of grants to Black Country SME's. As part of the Black Country GOLD programme of tailored support to identify and realise growth opportunities, Black Country SMEs and Social Enterprises will be invited to apply for a business grant of up to £5,000 for equipment or £16,000 for specialist professional services to implement their growth plans. The allocation for grants is £820,000 funded from ERDF attracting £820,000 private sector leverage. Grants will

only be available following a programme of tailored support including one-to-one diagnostic, specialist workshops and support to develop growth plans. £1.68 million of Black Country Growth Factory has been allocated to grants attracting £6.028 million private sector leverage and leading to the creation of 105 jobs, safeguarding 145, engaging 30 businesses, with 9 assisted to approval performance. Delegated authority is sought from full Council in relation to the issuing of grants to third parties across the Black Country. Grant are issued on competitive basis with SME's must apply for grants which must meet a minimum quality threshold.

Externally funded project	Amount allocated to Grants	Leverage
Black Country GOLD	£820,000	Private sector
Black Country Growth Factor	£1.68 million	Private sector

### 4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 Cabinet (Resources) Panel has previously approved that Wolverhampton City Council will act as Accountable Body and contribute match funding for the projects set out in this report. This report now seeks approval to incur expenditure on externally funded projects in accordance with bids submitted and any changes subsequently agreed with external funding providers as set out in the grant determination.
- 4.2 The latest grant determination details for each project successfully securing grant are as follows:

#### **Black Country GOLD**

	2013/14 £000	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	Total £000
ERDF Capital Grant	0	336	84	420
Public Sector Capital Match	0	0	0	0
Private Sector Capital Match	0	336	84	420
Capital Sub Total	0	672	168	840
ERDF Revenue Grant	26	428	111	565
Public Sector Revenue Match	26	108	30	164
Private Sector Revenue Match	0	320	80	400
Revenue Sub Total	52	856	221	1,129
Grand Total	52	1,528	389	1,969

Public sector match for this project is made up of £32,000 from each Black Country authority and match from the Business Solution Centre and Black Country LEP totalling £35,000.

Grants payable to Black Country businesses compromise of £420,000 capital and £400,000 revenue to be matched by equivalent private sector funding.

### **Black Country Growth Factory**

	2013/14 £000	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	Total £000
RGF Capital Grant	0	15	0	15
RGF Revenue Grant	95	2,986	0	3,081
Grand Total	95	3,001	0	3,096

There is no public sector match required for this project but an expected outcome of £7.4M private sector investment through delivery of this scheme.

Grants payable to Black Country businesses compromise of £1.68M revenue.

### **Black Country Broadband Business Support Project**

	2013/14 £000	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	Total £000
ERDF Revenue Grant	0	196	54	250
Anticipated Growing Places Revenue Grant	0	196	54	250
Grand Total	0	392	108	500

ERDF funding has been secured for this scheme but this is subject to an equivalent contribution from Growing Places which has not yet been approved. This budget will only be included once all funding sources have been confirmed.

4.3 Previous reports have identified that risk of grant clawback will be managed through collaboration agreements and grant agreements with third party recipients. Clawback risk is split equally amongst the four Black Country authorities in the first instance and then if and when any grants are distributed to businesses the spread of risk will then be based on the distribution of benefit. Should Wolverhampton businesses secure more business grants than businesses in the other Black Country authority areas this would increase the potential clawback risk to Wolverhampton City Council if the grant cannot be recovered from the business receiving the benefit. Mitigation measures for each project are in place to minimise this risk. [ES/24022014/P]

### 5.0 Legal implications

5.1 There are no direct legal implications to this report. Previous reports have been approved by Cabinet Resources seeking agreement to enter into collaboration agreement to share the risk across the Black Country. [RB/25022014/E]

### 6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 All ERDF funded projects must demonstrate how equality and diversity issues and opportunities are taken into account.

## 7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 All ERDF funded projects must demonstrate how sustainability issues and opportunities are taken into account.

### 8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no direct human resource implications from this report. The costs of grants/ claims administrators have been built into the project costs of Black Country GOLD, Broadband Business Support and Growth Factory.

### 9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 None

Agenda Item No: 10



# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Report title Police & Crime Commissioner Community

Safety Fund Allocation 2014/15

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

Councillor Elias Mattu

Leisure and Communities

Key decision Yes

**In forward plan** No

Wards affected All

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### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

 Approve delegation of the 2014/15 ring-fenced allocation from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) for the purposes of delivering the Community Safety programme outlined within this report.

### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek delegation of the ring-fenced Community Safety Fund (CSF) allocation (2014/15) from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) in line with conditions of grant, to aid delivery of agreed city-wide crime and community safety objectives.
- 1.2 To present a proposed programme of Community Safety services in line with SWP strategic objectives.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Following successful delivery against the Crime, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2011-14, which resulted in significant improvements in both performance and outcomes for service users, SWP has been engaged in a process of priority setting during 2013 to inform a revised Crime Reduction Community Safety and Drugs Strategy for the City covering 2014-17. At its meeting on 18 October 2013 the strategic priorities of reducing reoffending, substance misuse, gangs/youth crime and violence against women and girls were agreed; the revised crime and community safety strategy reflects these priorities and the direct contribution they all make towards delivery of the City Strategy.
- 2.2 Since the introduction of elected PCCs in November 2012, the Home Office funding of CSF previously received by local statutory organisations has been diverted to PCCs. Across the West Midlands Police Force Area (WMPFA), the PCC has opted to passport CSF subject to establishment of Local Police and Crime Boards (LPCB). SWP Board extended its membership in July 2013 to include voluntary, community sector and resident representation to fulfil these requirements.

### 3.0 Police and Crime Commissioner – Conditions of Funding

- 3.1 The following conditions of funding apply to Wolverhampton's receipt of CSF:
  - CSF is to be used solely for the purpose of achieving the priorities outlined in the Local Policing and Crime Plan, as agreed by the Local Police and Crime Board.
- 3.2 The grant will be paid to the accountable body (local authority) in whose areas the LPCB is to be established, and the accountable body will be responsible for ensuring the grant is expended and accounted for in accordance with recognised accounting practice, the accountable body's own standing orders and financial regulations and legal and statutory requirements.
- 3.3 The CSP grant is to be used for revenue purposes only.

### 4.0 Funding Availability

4.1 In previous years the Home Office awarded three separate grants in support of the Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP), the Community Safety Programme and the work of the

Youth Offending Team (YOT). From April 2013, these Home Office funding streams were diverted to the PCC. The DIP which was provided through the Primary Care Trust became a function of the Council with the transfer of Public Health in April 2013. The PCC has decided to passport the Home Office CSF grant to local areas subject to the conditions of funding being met.

4.2 Home Office grant received for 2013/14 was reduced by 12% resulting in an allocation for Wolverhampton of £492,000. The PCC has confirmed that the same financial allocation will be made for 2014/15.

### 5.0 Programme Proposals

- 5.1 At its meeting on 17 January 2014, SWP Board agreed to continue funding allocations to Public Health to support DIP delivery, YOT and Community Safety; this would ensure financial support for the three year substance misuse contract 2013-16 continues; crime prevention interventions delivered through YOT are maintained and delivery of statutory functions and commissioning against strategic priorities are safeguarded.
- 5.2 The programme includes continuation of the core team functions to ensure statutory requirements of SWP are met; continuation of priority services within offender management; delivery of city-wide domestic violence services, continuation of the agreed specification within the substance misuse contract and delivery of youth crime / gangs specialist services. The programme is detailed at Appendix 1 attached.

### 6.0 Financial implications

6.1 The PCC has confirmed an allocation of £492,000 to support community safety objectives in 2014/15 in line with grant conditions detailed in section three. Cabinet (Resources) Panel approval is now sought to delegate this resource to SWP to support delivery of the programme detailed in Appendix 1 attached. [CF/25022014/P]

### 7.0 Legal implications

7.1 Sections five and six of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 require the Council and other responsible authorities to formulate and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder in the area. Subsequent revisions to the Act (Police and Justice Act 2006) places a duty on Community Safety Partnerships to prepare strategic assessments with the purpose of informing the partnership plan revisions. [AS/26022014/Q]

### 8.0 Equalities implications

8.1 The programme of delivery for 2013/14 has been based on an assessment of need and contribution towards meeting strategic priorities. Delivery will directly support implementation of the revised Crime and Community Safety Strategy tackling crime within some of the City's most deprived neighbourhoods and providing support to some of the City's most vulnerable residents through targeted interventions. A full equality analysis is being undertaken on the revised strategy.

# 9.0 Environmental implications

9.1 Delivery of the programme detailed in this report will impact positively across all areas of the City; particularly those neighbourhoods adversely affected by crime and anti-social behaviour and will contribute towards an improved city image.

# Appendix 1 - Proposed SWP Delivery Programme 2014-15

PCC Allocation - £492,000

Priority	Cost (£)	Details
Core Costs		
Office Costs	5,000	Providing basic core functions for community safety team and statutory delivery. Team co-location within Police premises planned to reduce operating costs.
SWP Analyst	37,000	Providing basic core functions for community safety team and statutory delivery
Domestic Homicide Reviews	10,000	Statutory duty to undertake DHR for every domestic violence-related death. Resource required for commissioning independent Chair/Author. Reduction in allocation.
PACT/Domehawk deployment	7,000	Minimum resource required to support existing PACT infrastructure and deploy/maintain available domehawk resources. Reduction in allocation.
Reducing Reoffending		
IOM Coordinator	27,000	A review of the Coordinator role will be undertaken during summer 2014 to inform requirements in light Transforming Rehabilitation programme, coordination of OM services for young people and options for the host organisation. Previous provision for sourcing accommodation for offenders has been incorporated within new contract issued by WCC Housing Support Services.
Substance Misuse		
DIP contribution towards substance misuse contract	237,000	Support for criminal justice pathway delivery as part of existing 3 year (2013-16) contract
Gangs/Youth Crime		
Youth Crime Prevention	66,000	Continuation of youth crime prevention delivery via Youth Offending Team
Gangs specialist commissioning	30,000	Contracting for gang exit and quick response interventions using a reduced financial allocation
Violence Against Women & Girls		
Delivery of VAWG strategy and infrastructure	59,000	Core provision for city-wide coordination and delivery of VAWG services. Delivery of VAWG strategy and MARAC arrangements
SARC	14,000	Contribution Powards West Midlands pooled SARC budget
Total	492,000	

Agenda Item No: 11



# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Report title Queen Street Gateway Enhancement

Townscape Heritage

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

Councillor Peter Bilson

**Economic Regeneration and Prosperity** 

Key decision No.

In forward plan No

Wards affected St Peter's

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considered by Board

### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the allocation of £10,000 from the revenue budget to match fund the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund in order to support the preparation of the second round submission for the Queen Street Gateway Enhancement Townscape Heritage scheme.
- 2. Authorise delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity and Regeneration, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise, to approve any actions necessary within the project budget limitations to secure the delivery of the second round submission.

## **Recommendations for noting:**

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to:

1. Note the successful award of a first round pass by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the likelihood of securing further second round funding for the delivery stage of the Queen Street Gateway Townscape Heritage scheme.

### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the first round pass and award of grant up to £40,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Queen Street Gateway Enhancement Townscape Heritage Scheme.
- 1.2 To seek the necessary match funding and authorisations to develop the second round submission in order to secure funding for the delivery stage of the project.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 A successful application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) under their Townscape Heritage funding programme, for a scheme based on the eastern part of Queen Street, between Pipers Row and Princess Street, in the Wolverhampton City Centre Conservation Area. The Townscape Heritage programme provides funding to regenerate economically disadvantaged historic areas that must be designated as conservation areas. Queen Street contains an important concentration of important historic buildings many of which are in poor condition. It also plays a strategic role in the Council's regeneration strategy for the City Centre and in particular will support the City's Interchange scheme, improving the built environment along an important pedestrian route from the bus and rail stations, through to the main retail shopping area.
- 2.2 Cabinet (Resources) Panel received a report of 11 September 2013 which endorsed the submission of an application to the HLF for the Queen Street Townscape Heritage Enhancement Scheme. It was agreed that should the first round submission be successful then a further report seeking confirmation of match funding of £10,000 for the development stage of the scheme would be submitted for approval.

### 3.0 Progress

- 3.1 Townscape Heritage applications go through a two stage process. The first round pass was confirmed by the HLF on 12 February and means that a total of £904,100 has been set aside by them for the scheme, of which £40,000 of development funding becomes available immediately to support the Council in the preparation of a detailed delivery plan for the second round submission. The Council must match this award with an additional £10,000 from the revenue budget. Once the detailed second round submission has been approved by the HLF, the further £864,100 will be released to implement the scheme over a five year period. A further progress report will be submitted to Cabinet at this stage.
- 3.2 The Queen Street Gateway Enhancement Townscape Heritage Scheme will provide grants for structural repairs, restoration and improvements to historic buildings, many of which are listed. A series of complimentary activities will include training in property maintenance and energy efficiency for historic buildings: a community research project into the history of the street, its buildings and people; walks, talks and exhibitions; and development of a smartphone app to promote the area. The programme will be delivered

over a five year period in partnership with WVOne and the Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society; the Council being the lead partner.

3.3 In order to progress the second round delivery plan, approval is required to appoint consultants to assist the Council with specialist aspects of the work, including input from conservation architects and advice on the complimentary activity plan. These are skills not available in-house. A temporary full time project officer will also need to be appointed to co-ordinate the detailed second round submission and to liaise with the HLF, potential grantees and community volunteers. This approach is endorsed by the HLF because of the amount of work required, and funding is included in the development grant. It is proposed that responsibility for any decisions required to achieve the submission of the second round submission to the HLF is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise.

### 4.0 Financial implications

4.1 The HLF has made a first round grant offer of up to £40,000 which will be matched by £10,000 of Council revenue funds to provide a total project development budget of £50,000. The grant is paid in three instalments with 50% being paid as soon as formal permission to start has been signed off by HLF. . The matched contribution of £10,000 can be met from the city centre reserve. [MF/21022014/M]

### 5.0 Legal implications

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Save that it should be noted that the Council must comply with the HLF terms of grant. The Council must also address any issues identified by the HLF in the course of monitoring, and follow the requirements specified in the Townscape Heritage Application guidance. Any further legal issues arising from the delivery stage of the project will be addressed at the appropriate time. [JH/24022014/Q]

### 6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 Stage One equalities analysis has been undertaken and there are no significant equalities issues arising from this report or the project. Grant aid to for enhancement of business premises may provide opportunities to improve access to buildings and services, subject to consideration of statutory obligations in respect of the preservation of listed buildings. Where planning and building regulations applications are required access issues will be given full consideration.
- 6.2 Consideration will be given to the requirement to make any training activities and promotional material available in formats that will not discriminate against those with disabilities wherever possible. Every effort will be made to ensure that involvement in community activities will be inclusive.

### 7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 The Queen Street Gateway Enhancement Townscape Heritage will bring significant enhancement to historic buildings, many of which are statutorily listed, located within the Wolverhampton City Centre Conservation Area. Improvement to the visual amenity and raising the profile of this key gateway into the City Centre will also attract customers, visitors and new job opportunities to an area that is currently underutilised and physically run down.

### 8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 Delivery of the detailed delivery plan for the project to secure further significant funding for the implementation stage will require the appointment of a full time experienced project officer for a period of six months. The post will be funded through the project development budget.

## 9.0 Schedule of background papers

- 9.1 Report to Cabinet Resources Panel 11 September 2013: Capital resources for City Centre & Bilston regeneration priorities. (EXEMPT)
- 9.2 Heritage Lottery Fund Townscape Heritage Application Guidance. December 2013 (www.hlf.org.uk)

Agenda Item No: 12



# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Report title Human Resources Policies phase four

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

Councillor Paul Sweet

Performance and Governance

Key decision No

In forward plan No

Wards affected N/A

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26 February 2014

Confident Capable Council Scrutiny 6 March 2014

Panel

### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. approve in principle the new probation policy and revised capability policy, subject to the outcomes of ongoing consultation

### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet (Resources) Panel approval of the proposed new and revised employment policies on probation and capability management.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Under the Human Resources (HR) Improvement Programme, a number of key workstreams were established to create modern and effective HR services for the Council. One of these was the introduction of a new HR policy framework.
- 2.2 The Confident Capable Council (C3) Scrutiny Panel has received regular and comprehensive updates on progress made towards implementing the policy framework for pre-decision consideration and comment. Cabinet (Resources) Panel has approved all revised policies prior to their implementation. At its meeting in October 2013, the scrutiny panel approved a revised approach to phases four and five of policy development to support more effectively the integration of HR policies with the organisation's revised priorities as a result of the budget challenge and the implementation requirements of the Futureworks programme and the Agresso system.
- 2.3 This report now seeks approval for new and revised policies in the fourth phase of the HR policy framework.
- 2.4 The HR policy framework is designed to align policies closer to corporate objectives and business needs, and to modernise them to make them simpler, relevant and in accordance with changes in employment law
- 2.5 There has been on-going consultation on the policy framework to capture the views of key stakeholders within the Council. The stakeholders identified for consultation include: Strategic Executive Board, Corporate Delivery Board, a managers' reference group, HR operational staff and the trade unions as required by the contract of employment. Feedback from the managers' reference group has demonstrated support for change and in general the need to simplify and streamline policies has been well received. The outcome of the consultation sessions has been positive and has significantly shaped the policies, procedures, guidance notes and supporting materials. Consultation with trade unions has likewise generally been constructive and the comments from the trade unions have been taken into account to shape the guidance and many of the comments and issues have been really helpful for this purpose. The trade unions have generally agreed in principle with the policies.
- 2.6 Feedback from the consultation process has been used to further define policy (where appropriate) and to shape supporting guidance. Any comments of principle affecting the policies and procedures are subject to review at a consultation moderation panel, comprising the Chief HR Officer, HR Policy and Strategy Manager and the operations HR managers.

- 2.7 Performance, Governances and Support Services (PGSS) Scrutiny Panel reviewed and endorsed phase one policies at its 30 October 2012 meeting. These policies (Discipline, Grievance, Bullying and Harassment, Appraisal and Management of Attendance) were subsequently approved by Cabinet (Resources) Panel at its 27 November 2012 meeting. The Discipline, Grievance, Bullying and Harassment policies were implemented from 1 February 2013 and the Appraisal and Management of Attendance policies were implemented from 1 April 2013.
- 2.8 PGSS Scrutiny Panel reviewed and endorsed phase two policies at its 7 March 2013 meeting and Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved them at the 12 March 2013 meeting. They were implemented with effect from 1 April 2013; the policies covered: Recruitment and Selection, Agency Workers, Job Carving; Induction, Capability; Redeployment, Redundancy, Retirement; Equality & Diversity.
- 2.9 C3 Scrutiny Panel reviewed and endorsed phase three policies at its 20 June meeting and Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved them on 26 June 2013. The following policies were implemented in July 2013: Working hours, Leave, Support for Carers (maternity/paternity/adoption/fostering), Secondments and acting up, Market forces supplements, External secondments, Casual workers, Personal use of Council ICT and employee privacy statement, Employees' codes on travel, subsistence and hospitality, Liability of employees, service on outside bodies.
  Policies on Flexible working and the Employee's Code of Conduct were approved and implemented in September 2013 following more detailed consultation.
- 2.10 Implementation of policies includes the development of management and employee guidance where appropriate, development of learning resources and skills support sessions and positioning and promoting the policies to employees through the HR Intranet.

### 3.0 Phase four policies

3.1 Phase four policies are now appended for approval in principle as follows:

Probation - Annex 1
Capability (revised) - Annex 2

- 3.2 The probation policy provides a more robust and consistent format for managing probationary periods, which completes the performance management 'cycle' supported through the policy framework. This is a new policy for Wolverhampton City Council as historically there has been insubstantial and inconsistent probationary period management and support. The policy has been designed to integrate with the probationary management module of the Agresso system. It introduces a shift away from the default setting of the National Joint Council for local government services by providing for probationary period management for any new appointment.
- 3.3 The capability policy is a revision of the policy approved in March 2013 and implemented in April 2013, following feedback from managers on its application and development work

for the HR Agresso system. Feedback has indicated that it is not fit for purpose as a result of the issuing of warnings or sanctions (along the lines of the disciplinary policy) at the earlier stages. Further research has led to the policy being re-oriented so that, whilst maintaining the same process stages and principles, the earlier stages have an advisory outcome rather than a 'warning'-based outcome and as such do not attract the right to appeal until the final stage where a sanction or dismissal may result. This should enable the policy to be applied supportively, but retain the ability for it to result, where necessary, in the ending of the employment relationship on the grounds of capability.

3.4 Consultation is ongoing with the recognised trade unions and the managers' reference group.

### 4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation in this report. It is anticipated that the proposed new and revised employment policies on probation and capability management will be implemented using existing council resources.

[GE/26022014/W]

### 5.0 Legal implications

5.1 The Policy reviews take into account up to date employment law and case law. [RB/25022014/D]

### 6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 An initial equality analysis for each policy has been carried out.
- The application of any employment policy for Council employees is set in the context of the Council's obligation as an employer to ensure it meets employment law, including the duties and principles of the Equality Act (which would also encompass the duty to make reasonable adjustments) and the principles of natural justice.
- 6.3 The impact of the application of the policies will be monitored including on the grounds of protected characteristics where data is available/disclosed.

### 7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

### 8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 This report has direct HR implications as it proposes new and revised policies to support the effective management of Council employees. Managers will be given guidance and support in delivering these policies. The consultation framework ensures that key

stakeholders are engaged. The policies seek to incorporate modernised employment practice into Council terms. The recognised trade unions are consulted.

### 9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 HR Improvement Plan Policy Phase 3 - Report to Cabinet (Resources) Panel – 11 September 2013

HR Improvement Plan Policy Phase 3 - Report to Cabinet (Resources) Panel – 26 June 2013

HR Improvement Plan Policy Phase 2 - Report to Cabinet (Resources) Panel – 12 March 2013

HR Improvement Plan Policy Phase 1 - Report to Cabinet (Resources) Panel – 27 November 2012

#### PROBATION POLICY

- 1. The probation policy which has been developed to meet business objectives is appended.
- 2. The policy seeks to introduce a consistent and modernised approach to managing probationary periods in the interests both of supporting organisational and individual performance and supporting employees into new roles with the Council. The policy is based on relevant regulations and codes of practice, up to date good organisational practice and is in line with case law development.
- 3. Consultation with HR, a senior managers' reference group has taken place and the revised policy is supported. Consultation with the trade unions is on going.
- 4. Detailed management guidelines are being developed to support the policy implementation. Many of the outcomes of the consultation meetings will be fed into the management guidance and managers, HR and trade unions will continue to be consulted on the guidance. An implementation plan including communications and training has been developed.



### **Human Resources Policy Framework**

### **Probation Policy**

Approved by:	Cabinet Resources Panel (xx.xx.2014)
Published:	xx.xx.2014
Review date:	xx.xx.2014

CONSULTATION					
The following officers and/or bodies have been consulted on this policy:					
Officers and/or Bodies	From	То			
HR	October 2013	December 2013			
MRG	November 2013				
CDB/SEB					
<b>CCC Scrutiny Panel</b>	6 March 2014				
The following Trade Unions have been consulted on this policy:					
From To					
Unison					
GMB	November 2013				
Unite	November 2013				



REVIEW LOG			
Date	Version	Comments/Review	Approved by

### **EQUALITY ANALYSIS**

An equality analysis has been carried out on this policy and procedure. Contact HR Strategy and Policy Team for a copy on 01902 552345 or by email to <a href="https://hr.supportdesk@wolverhampton.gov.uk">HR.supportdesk@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>

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### **COMMENTS AND AMENDMENTS**

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### **DISTRIBUTION**

This policy and procedure is available on the HR intranet for managers and employees to view. Copies can be provided to recognised Trade Unions and managers electronically.



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### 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1 This policy covers Wolverhampton City Council's practice on probationary periods for <u>all</u> employees
- 1.2 Managers and employees are advised to familiarise themselves with the policy to ensure that they are aware of the expected standards of performance and conduct.

### 2. Scope

2.1 This policy and procedure applies to all employees of the Council, including senior managers and employees based in schools e.g. teaching assistants. It is designed to ensure prompt, reasonable and consistent treatment for all employees.

#### 2.2 Variations

Employees appointed under terms and conditions for specific roles, which have additional professional probation requirements, such as social workers and teachers are required to complete a longer assessment e.g. 12 months, before their appointment is confirmed.

### 3. Principles

- 3.1 All Wolverhampton City Council's employees are required to satisfactorily complete a 6 month probationary period before they can be confirmed in post.
- 3.2 The probation period includes employees who have been recruited to posts within Wolverhampton City Council or from another local authority.
- 3.3 The Council's Probation Policy is intended to help new employees establish their suitability for the post to which they have been appointed and to provide a "settling in" period.
- 3.4 The probationary period should be a constructive process that assists managers when determining whether or not to confirm an employee into their new role. It provides a framework that enables managers to assess the performance of new employees, and to provide any necessary support.

#### 4. Process and Procedure

#### 4.1 Induction



Wolverhampton City Council's Probation Policy will work alongside the induction process with relevant support and guidance provided throughout this period. (For further information on Induction, see the Council's Induction Policy and Procedure).

### 4.2 One-to-One support and Personal Development Reviews (PDR)

Managers will assess the employee's knowledge and skills in the new role and provide coaching, support and guidance throughout their probationary period to enable them to reach the expected standards.

The manager should keep a record of the one –to- one (1-1) meetings and should use the Probationary Review Form as a checklist to review the standards of performance of their employees. (See attachment A).

The probation process will link to the Council's Appraisal process which will measure the performance objectives set at the beginning of the employee's probationary period. (For further information, refer to the Appraisal policy). Once the new employee completes their probationary period they will receive their first performance appraisal.

### 5. Probation Review Meetings

Probation review meetings will be carried out at 1, 3 and 6 months for all employees and there may be further review periods for specific professional areas, such as teachers or social workers.

Managers will provide continuous encouragement, praise, support and guidance to employees new to their roles enabling them to reach the agreed objectives and performance targets during their probation.

The manager is expected to carry out regular 1-1 meetings throughout the employee's probationary period. These meetings are an important part of the probation process as it provides both the manager and employee with the opportunity to meet regularly to discuss the employee's work performance achievements and areas for development.

An employee has the right to be accompanied by a trade union representative or work colleague to attend formal review meetings. HR will send a letter to the employee that gives a minimum of 5 working days' notice.

### 5.1 Initial Review – 1 Month

This review meeting will be held when the employee has been appointed to a new role. The review meeting should be held between the manager and employee that include a discussion about:



- The requirements of the job role
- The expected standards of performance, conduct and attendance
- The objectives to be achieved
- The desired outcomes
- Timescales
- How performance will be assessed and monitored
- When the employee will know whether they have passed their probation.

#### 5.2 First Formal Review - 3 Months

An employee will receive regular 1-1 meetings with their manager to check that they are on target to achieving their performance objectives. The manager will offer relevant coaching, guidance and support to assist with any identified development opportunities.

The manager should have a formal 3 month review meeting with the employee to discuss their work performance, conduct and attendance. Employees should be advised at the meeting whether they have met performance standards satisfactorily during this period of probation.

Where the review reveals doubts about whether their performance is satisfactory, a discussion should take place to:

- identify the problem(s);
- specify what improvements are required; and
- what arrangements (e.g. coaching, training, etc.) will be made available to facilitate this improvement within an agreed timescale).

The manager should advise the employee that an improvement is required, but they will continue to receive support, training and guidance, where necessary, throughout the probationary period.

The outcome of this review meeting will be confirmed in writing by HR within five working days of the meeting.

#### 5.3 Final Formal Review - 6 Months

Managers should provide all employees new to their respective roles with constructive feedback, encouragement and advice before their probationary period ends.

All employees will have a formal 6 month review meeting with their manager at the end of the probationary period to discuss their work performance, conduct and attendance.



There will be 3 possible outcomes following the formal review meeting:

- Passed probation
- Extension to probation
- Not passed probation

#### 6. Outcomes

#### 6.1 Passed Probation

The manager will inform the employee that they have satisfactorily met the required standard to complete their probationary period and a letter from Human Resources will be sent to confirm the appointment. OR

#### 6.2 Extension to Probation

Where the manager identifies that there has been some improvement in the employee's performance which has just fallen short of the agreed improvement timescale, a decision will be made on whether to extend the probationary period up to a further 12 weeks; but **not** beyond.

Managers should consult with HR prior to extending the probationary period. Any decision made to extend the probationary period will be at the discretion of the employee's manager.

The probation period will only be extended where there is a clear indication and expectation that the employee's performance will improve by the extended timescale; OR where the employee has been absent from work due to mitigating circumstances.

Where an extension to the probation has been agreed, the manager will explain to the employee at a formal meeting the reasons for the extension, agree an action plan and continue to have regular reviews with them detailing the additional support that will be given throughout the review process to enable them to reach the required standard. A letter will be sent from HR outlining the decision.

Managers should provide constructive feedback, support and guidance to the employee and continue to monitor their performance against the agreed objectives during the extended probationary period.

The employee should be advised at the review meeting that if they fail to improve to the required standard during the extension period, their employment will be terminated. A letter will be sent by HR to confirm the decision. This decision will be final and the employee will have no right of appeal. OR



#### 6.3 Not Passed Probation

Managers will discuss the employee's performance against the agreed objectives that had been set at the review meetings together with the training and support that has been provided throughout the probationary period.

Where the employee's work performance has remained unsatisfactory and it is considered that further training or support would not lead to them reaching the required standard, their employment will be terminated at the end of the probationary period. HR will send a letter to the employee to confirm the decision with the necessary notice period.

Employees who have additional 'professional or vocational probationary requirements to meet will have their employment terminated at the end of their specified probationary period.

### 7. Roles and Responsibilities

### 7.1 Roles and Responsibilities of Employees

- Demonstrate their suitability for the post in their conduct and behaviour
- Meet the agreed objectives within the specified timescales
- Identify to their manager at the earliest opportunity whether they are experiencing any difficulties.

### 7.2 Role and Responsibilities of Managers

- Establish and communicate the standards of performance of the Council
- Hold regular one-to-one meetings with the employee to form a good working relationship and to provide feedback to the employee on their progress
- Arrange and conduct formal probation review meetings at the intervals as prescribed in the performance management procedure
- Provide supervision to monitor progress or identify difficulties and provide opportunity for resolution by providing training and guidance as necessary
- Advise Human Resources on the outcome of the probation following an extension of any difficulties during the probation period
- Confirm the decision verbally on whether or not the employee has completed their probationary period successfully at their final review meeting.

### 7.3 Role and Responsibilities of Human Resources

Provide support and guidance to managers and employees on the policy



- Ensure the policy is communicated, reviewed and updated in line with legislation and where possible
- Monitor and review the process by sending out probation review reminders, where necessary
- Advise on cases of unsatisfactory performance and progress and, where appropriate, support managers during formal meetings
- Confirm in writing the outcome of the probation following an extension of or difficulties that have been identified during the probationary period.

### 7.4 Role and Responsibilities of Chief Human Resources Officer

In consultation with the recognised trade unions, the Chief Human Resources Officer will exercise delegated authority for and be responsible for the on-going review and updating of this policy to ensure compliance with changes in statutory requirements and operational delivery, including responsibility for identifying the appropriate process for the regular evaluation of the effectiveness of this policy. Any fundamental changes will be brought before Cabinet (Resources) Panel for approval.

#### 7.5 Role of Trade Union

Any review and revisions of this policy will be undertaken by Human Resources and this will be in consultation with the Council's recognised trade unions.

### 8. Monitoring and Review

8.1 The Probation policy and procedure will be reviewed and updated annually and will be available to managers and employees via the Human Resources intranet.

#### 9. Links to other Policies and Procedures and Terms and Conditions

- 9.1 The probation policy cannot be seen in isolation, it is closely linked with the following policies:
  - Induction
  - Capability
  - Grievance
  - Appraisals
  - Recruitment and Selection Policy and Procedure



## 10. Equality

- 10.1 This policy has been subject to an equality analysis.
- 10.2 The Council has a duty to monitor the application of the policy in relation to protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.
- 10.3 If any aspect of this policy causes difficulty on account of any disability that you may have, or if you need assistance as English is not your first language, employees should raise this issue with Human Resources, who will make appropriate arrangements.





### **APPENDIX A**

# PROBATIONARY PERIOD REVIEW FORM

Please complete a new form for each review; ensure you have previous evaluation forms available to you

• EMPLOYEE'	S DETAILS					
_	Job Title:					
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AT WHAT STAGE IS	S THIS REVIEW? (Please	e tick)				
1 month Other	3 month	☐ 6 month				
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:			
The assessment necessary to complete this form should be made during an interview with the employee who should sign the form at the appropriate place to indicate: understanding of the comments, any action plan, targets and the possible consequences of failure to meet these. A copy of the form should be given to the employee after each review interview and a copy sent to HR to be put on the individual's personal file.						
Please rate items 1-9 as appropriate:						
A = Excellent – no area for improvement, goes beyond what is expected B = Above requirements – goes the "extra mile", a high standard C = Meets requirements – satisfactory, adequate D = Just falls short of requirements E = Poor						

		1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	Other (e.g. 12 Months)
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1.	Meeting targets				
2.	Standard of work				
3.	Initiative				
4.	Relationship with colleagues				
5.	Relationship with managers				
6.	Relationship with subordinates				
	(if applicable)				
7.	Relationship with partners				
8.	Awareness of corporate policies				
9.	Sickness Record:				
	No. of working days absence during period				
	No. of occasions of absence during period				
	Please add extra information on				
	sickness record if required				



10. Other comments	ĺ

Please answer "yes" or "no" to the following questions.

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	Other (e.g. 12 Months)
Date				
11. Is the employee's timekeeping satisfactory?				
12. Has it been necessary to discuss with the employee:     a) Any recurring issues in the performance of his/her duties?     b) Any misconduct?     c) Any non-compliance with policies?				
13. Has it been necessary to give:     a) Any additional training?     b) More than normal supervision?				

Employees who are not meeting the required standards of work or conduct at any stage during their probationary period should be set aims and objectives with reasonable target dates which will enable them to overcome any of these difficulties. These must be discussed with the employee to ensure that they understand the aims and objectives, the reasons for setting them, as well as the consequences of failing to achieve them. These may be set at any time but details must be entered on the probationary form as well as the employee's personal file.

14. If improvement in some areas is required, please complete the table below:

In what area(s) is improvement required? (e.g. customer service, punctuality, report-writing etc.)	performance or conduct are required? (i.e. what	By when?	What support / training / development will be provided? (if applicable*)
			* May not be applicable if related to conduct e.g. punctuality



My current assessment is that:
☐ I consider the employee's performance to be satisfactory, or better
☐ I consider the employee's performance to be <i>un</i> satisfactory
Manager Comments:
Manager signature Date
Employee Comments:
I understand the above comments, action plan and targets which have been
discussed with me. I understand that failure to achieve these targets to the agreed standards will jeopardise my continuing employment with the organisation.
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Employee's signature Date

# Next steps for the manager

- Send a copy of this form to the employee and HR.
- Book the next review or meeting date, as necessary.
- Arrange support and follow-up to make sure it happens.
- Complete Probationary Form and submit to HR.

#### PHASE 4 POLICY FRAMEWORK

#### **CAPABILITY POLICY**

- 1. The capability policy which has been developed to meet business objectives is appended.
- 2. The revised policy was introduced April 2013 and has been reviewed following 9 months of operation and detailed design workshops as part of the Futureworks programme for the implementation of the Agresso system.
- 3. The revisions emphasise the management of performance in the earlier stages and introduces advisory/improvement notifications as outcomes. The final stage of the policy provides for sanctions, including dismissal, for incapability and therefore has a right of appeal.
- 4. Consultation with HR, a senior managers' reference group has taken place and the revised policy is supported. Consultation with the trade unions is on going.
- 5. Detailed management guidelines already exist, but will be amended to reflect the revisions and support implementation. Many of the outcomes of the consultation meetings will be fed into the management guidance and managers, HR and trade unions will continue to be consulted on the guidance. An implementation plan including communications and training has been developed.



# **Human Resources Policy Framework**

# **Capability Policy and Procedure**

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CONSULTATION					
The following officer and or bodies have been consulted on this policy:					
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The following Trade Unions have been consulted on the policy					
	From	То			
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### **EQUALITY ANALYSIS**

An equality analysis has been carried out on this policy and procedure. Contact HR Strategy and Policy Team for a copy. Contact HR on 01902 552345 or by email on <a href="mailto:HR.supportdesk@wolverhampton.gov.uk">HR.supportdesk@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a> for HR advice.

### ADVICE

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### **COMMENTS AND AMENDMENTS**

Contact HR on 01902 552345 or email

<u>HR.supportdesk@wolverhampton.gov.uk</u> to make any comments or suggest any feedback on this policy.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

This policy and procedure is placed on the HR intranet for managers and employees to view. Copies will be provided to recognised Trade Unions and managers electronically.

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#### 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1 This policy is designed to help and encourage all employees to achieve and maintain standards of good performance. The formal process should be followed once all other informal avenues have been exhausted. It is the employee's manager's responsibility to follow the procedure where performance is shown to be below the standards required for the role.
- 1.2 Wolverhampton City Council has a commitment to assist employees to achieve and maintain a high standard of performance in their work. It will ensure that standards are clearly defined and communicated, performance is monitored and employees are given appropriate training and support to meet these standards.
- 1.3 Cases of poor performance should be identified and tackled promptly and the manager's focus and the employee's efforts must be to work together to meet the required standards.
- 1.4 The annual performance appraisal process is where objectives and development need are discussed and agreed. Cases of poor performance should not be left to be dealt with under this process. The appraisal sets the standards for monitoring and reviewing the objective achievements.
- 1.5 Issues of poor performance should be identified at an employee's 1:1 meeting and tackled promptly.
- 1.6 Employees have a statutory right to be accompanied by a trade union representative, or work colleague, at any formal meeting or appeal hearing.
- 1.7 The Council will review this policy and procedure from time to time in line with statutory procedure and best practice.

## 2. Scope

2.1 This policy and procedure applies to all employees of the Council, excluding those employees directly employed by schools, JNC officers and employees who are within their probationary period, in which case, the probationary procedure applies.

### 3. Principles

Wolverhampton City Council recognises that its employees are essential to achieving its strategic objectives.

3.1 The policy aim is to help employees to perform competently in his/her job role.

- 3.2 In applying this policy the Council will:
  - Ensure that staff are competent and confident in their roles by encouraging a continuous cycle of personal development including:
    - o Induction
    - o 1:1 meetings
    - Group supervisory meetings where appropriate
    - o Performance appraisal
  - Identify and tackle cases of poor performance promptly
  - Establish the facts before taking action
  - Not normally dismiss an employee for poor performance unless a chance to improve has been given
  - Ensure that objectives and performance measurements are discussed at the annual appraisal meeting
  - Ensure that matters of poor performance are addressed throughout the year through 1:1s or group supervisory meetings and that the annual appraisal process contains no surprises for employees or managers over performance levels
  - Consider whether poor performance may be related to a disability and if so, whether there are any reasonable adjustments that can be made to overcome difficulties caused by workplace arrangements
  - Assess each case on its merits.
- 3.3 Address issues relating to attendance and health through the Managing of Attendance Policy/Procedure.
- 3.4 Address issues relating to misconduct through the disciplinary procedure.
- 3.5 Any refusal to comply with reasonable instructions relating to performance standards will be tackled under the disciplinary procedure.
- 3.6 Before taking any formal action managers should first seek to establish the facts and decide whether a more positive approach is likely to be more effective.

#### 4. Process and Procedure

The policy is written with the purpose of helping employees to improve on their work performance. Managers will assess each capability issue on its merits providing support, guidance and the offer of any available training, where applicable to enable the employee to reach the expected level to perform in his/her job role competently.

Human Resources will be involved in **all** formal review stages of the capability process to offer coaching, support and guidance to managers, enabling them to resolve performance issues at the earliest intervention.

Employees will have the right to be accompanied by a work colleague or trade union representative at any formal capability meetings or at an appeal hearing. Managers should keep records of all 1-1's and formal review meetings.

### 4.1 Informal Action – (Informal meeting)

Cases of minor or unsatisfactory performance are usually best dealt with informally. A quiet word may be all that is necessary to improve an employee's performance. In some cases, additional support, coaching and advice may be necessary.

The cause of the poor performance should be discussed with the employee and the appropriate action to rectify the issues taken.

Where managers monitoring an employee's performance identify the cause for the underperformance is due to the lack of skills required to do the job, the employee should be offered training, coaching or some other appropriate assistance, if applicable.

A reasonable timescale to achieve and maintain the required standard should also be agreed between the manager and employee. Managers should keep brief notes of any informal discussions held with the employee.

### 4.2 Formal Action

#### Stage 1 – Improvement Review Meeting (Formal Review Meeting)

Where an employee shows little (or insufficient) improvement following informal attempts to deal with the performance issues, the manager will write to the employee inviting him/her to attend a formal capability review meeting.

Managers are responsible for setting realistic standards of performance, for explaining these standards to employees and for the provision of training, support and guidance, where applicable, so that the employee has the opportunity to perform well.

The employee should be given five working days' notice of the meeting. The letter should advise them of:

- The specific nature of the poor performance issue along with supporting documents, where appropriate
- Time and date of the formal review meeting
- The right to be accompanied by their trade union representative or work colleague.

At the formal review meeting the manager will present evidence of the informal actions/support that has been given to assist the employee to reach and maintain the required standard of performance.

The employee will be encouraged to give his/her view of the performance issues raised and asked whether any further support is needed to improve.

At the end of the formal review meeting, the employee will be notified within 5 working days of the outcome, unless it is not practicable to do so.

## Unable to attend meeting

Employees who are unable to attend the formal review meetings because their trade union representative or work colleague cannot attend may offer a reasonable alternative date within five working days of the original date.

In instances where the employee becomes sick or has a stress related illness the review meeting can be re-scheduled once. If the employee still remains sick, the hearing should go ahead and a decision made in his/her absence.

#### The decision at the formal review meeting may be one of the following:

- No further action is required and the employee will receive written notification confirming this decision.
- The finding of poor performance for which a formal improvement letter is issued to the employee. The letter will cover the following:
  - The performance issue
  - The improvement required
  - o The timescales for achieving the improvement
  - o Review date
  - Any support the manager will give to assist the employee
  - o Potential to progress to stage 2 if insufficient improvement is demonstrated at the review.

The length of the improvement period will be dependent upon the performance issues identified. A reasonable length of time should be agreed for improvement to be made. The precise time for the improvement will depend upon the complexity of the issue and the potential adverse impact on the service delivery.

Managers should provide support, guidance and training as available, throughout the review periods to help enable employees to improve to the required level of competence.

An inability to demonstrate an improvement in performance following a review could result in the matter being progressed to stage 2 of the procedure.

## 4.3 Stage 2 - Improvement Review Meeting (Insufficient Improvement) (Formal Review Meeting)

Where an employee's work performance does not improve sufficiently within the review period, **OR** if there is further evidence of poor performance, the manager will write to the employee advising him/her of the:

- Issues of concern on the employee's performance during the review period along with any supporting documents, if appropriate
- Time and date of the formal review meeting, giving at least five working days' notice unless not practicable to do so
- Right to be accompanied at the meeting by a trade union representative or a work colleague.

## There will be three possible decisions made at the formal review meeting:

No further action required

• There has been satisfactory improvement in the employee's performance and no further action is required.

#### OR

Some improvement but not to the expected level

- There has been some improvement in the employee's performance but not to the expected level required; the review period will be extended for a specific period.
- The manager will continue to monitor the employee's performance and will offer training, development advice, guidance or other support to enable the employee to achieve to the required standard during this review period.
- The letter sent to the employee will make it clear that failure to meet the required standard may potentially result in the employee being progressed to stage 3 of the procedure which in turn could potentially result in dismissal.

#### OR

Insufficient Improvement

 There has been insufficient improvement in the employee's performance and the manager will issue a final improvement letter. This will include details of the underperformance and the expected level of improvement required.

The final improvement letter will include specific, reasonable timescales for the employee to make the improvements in his/her work performance, where the expected standards have not been met. The letter will be disregarded for capability purposes after 24 months or such other period as specified at the time it is issued.

## 4.4 Stage 3 – Final Decision Hearing (Dismissal or Other Action)

Where there has been insufficient improvement in the employee's performance, the manager will write to the employee advising them of the:

- Time and date of the hearing
- Right to be accompanied at the meeting by a trade union representative or a work colleague
- Their right to ask relevant witnesses to appear to support his/her case
- Issues of concern regarding performance during the review period along with supporting documents, if appropriate. Supporting documents may include notes of one to ones or supervisory meetings, the appraisal documentation showing agreed objectives and/or notes from appraisal meetings.

The capability hearing will be conducted by a panel and arranged within **15 working days** of the decision to proceed. The panel will be chaired by an appropriate senior manager with the authority to dismiss, who has no previous involvement in the case and normally from the respective Directorate or Service area.

#### Following the stage 3 hearing the following options may be considered:

Dismissal on Capability Grounds

An employee will receive a formal failure to improve letter that explains that they are being dismissed on capability grounds and given the appropriate notice period as set out in their contract of employment.

In some cases the employer may be prepared to offer the employee an alternative to dismissal, which may be one of the following:

#### Transfer

A transfer to a single, specified and available post of the same grade which the employee would be competent to fill as an alternative to dismissal. **OR** 

#### Demotion

Demotion to a lower graded post. In this instance there will be no protection of pay and the employee will automatically serve a 6 month probationary period in the new post. The recording of this sanction will remain on file for 24 months.

Should the Chair of the capability hearing be contemplating a transfer or demotion, then the hearing must be adjourned and the case discussed with the Chief Human Resources Officer before any alternative job offer is made. If this sanction is approved and the employee agrees to this offer; the right of appeal will be removed. If the employee does not agree to an offer on these terms, as an alternative to dismissal, then dismissal will take place and he/she will be informed of his/her right of appeal.

## 5. Appeals against Dismissal (Appeal Hearing)

- 5.1 The right of appeal against dismissal will be to the Human Resources Appeal Panel. The notice of intention to appeal against dismissal should be made in writing to the relevant Strategic Director within **5 working days** of written confirmation of dismissal.
- 5.2 The purpose of an appeal against dismissal is for an employee to have his/her case reviewed and for the Chair to decide whether or not the dismissal applied is fair, reasonable, consistent and soundly based.

## 6. Roles and Responsibilities Roles and Responsibilities of Employees

6.1 Employees have a responsibility to comply with this policy adhering to its terms and conditions, and be responsible for their performance.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities of Managers**

6.2 Managers have a responsibility to communicate this policy to their staff and sanctions for breaches.

Managers should ensure that this policy is applied within their own area. Any queries on the application or interpretation of this policy must be discussed with HR prior to any action being taken for breaches.

#### Roles and Responsibilities of HR

6.3 HR will provide operational support and advice to the organisation to enable the effective management of capability issues under this policy.

Specifically, HR has a responsibility to:

- Produce and maintain managers guidance notes
- Ensure the communication, maintenance, regular review and up dating of this policy
- Monitor and review delivery and impact of this policy.

#### Role of Head of HR

6.4 In consultation with the recognised Trade Unions, The Chief HR Officer will exercise delegated authority for and be responsible for the on-going review and updating of this Policy to ensure compliance with changes in statutory requirements and operational delivery, including responsibility for identifying the appropriate process for the regular evaluation of the effectiveness of this policy. Any fundamental changes to this policy will be brought before the Resources Panel for approval.

#### **Role of Trade Unions**

6.5 Any review and revisions of this policy will be undertaken by HR and will be in consultation with the Council's recognised trade unions.

### 7. Monitoring and Review

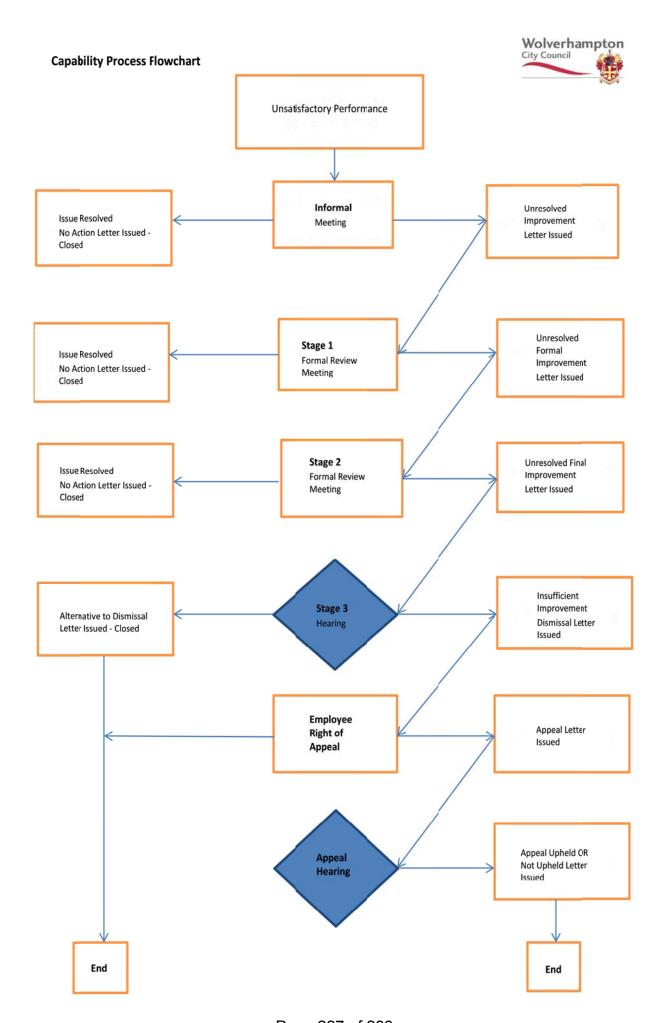
7.1 The Capability policy and procedure will be reviewed and updated annually and be available to managers and employees via the HR intranet.

#### 8. Links to other Policies and Procedures

- Performance Appraisal and Personal Development Review Policy and Procedure
- Grievance Policy
- Disciplinary Policy

## 9. Equality

- 9.1 An Equality Analysis has been carried out on this policy and procedure.
- 9.2 The Council has a duty to monitor the application of the policy in relation to protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. This is reported annually in the Council's Equality Monitoring Report.
- 9.3 If any aspect of the capability procedure causes you difficulty on account of any disability that you may have, or if you need assistance because English is not your first language, you should raise this issue with HR, who will make appropriate arrangements.



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## Glossary

#### Capability

The ability to perform the duties required of the role. Capability differs from disciplinary which is concerned with (mis)behaviour whereas capability deals with ability.

#### **Poor Performance**

Performance is the required work standard and expectation of employees. The appraisal process will be where the employee's objectives are set and will identify the measurement of these objectives. Poor performance is where an employee is not achieving the required standard for the role and this should be dealt with promptly to rectify the situation.

#### **Annual Appraisal**

The yearly appraisal meeting where objectives are reviewed, new ones are established and the personal development requirements are agreed.

#### One to one (1:1)

A one to one (1:1) is a regular formal meeting between the manager and the employee, sometimes referred to as supervision.

#### **Appeal**

Where an employee feels that the outcome issued following the hearing is inappropriate they have the right to appeal this decision. For a sanction short of dismissal, the employee should let their Assistant Director know the grounds for their appeal in writing in accordance with this policy. If the appeal is against dismissal then this will be heard by the Human Resources Appeal Panel and the intention to appeal should be made in writing to the relevant Strategic Director. The appeal will be heard without unreasonable delay and the arrangements for this will be notified to the employee in advance. The outcome of the Appeal will be final.

Agenda Item No: 13



## Cabinet (Resources) Panel

11 March 2014

Report title Schedule of Green Decisions

**Decision designation** AMBER

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

All

Key decisionNoIn forward planNoWards affectedAll

Accountable director Keith Ireland, Delivery

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Report to be/has been

considered by

N/A

## Recommendations for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

The summary of open and exempt green decisions approved by the Designated Officer following consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member.

### **SCHEDULE OF GREEN DECISIONS**

## **PART I - OPEN ITEMS**

Originating Service	Title and Summary of Decision	Designated Director/Officer	Cabinet Member Consulted	Date Approved	Contact Officer
Office of the Chief Executive	-	-	-	-	-
2. Community					
3. Delivery	(a) Delivery of Innovate to Save Fund 2013/14 That the Cabinet Members for Leisure and Communities, and Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Community, and the Assistant Director, Finance:  (i) Approve an Innovate to Save Fund initiative totaling £40,820 covered by a transfer of funds from the efficiency reserves.	Strategic Director Community Assistant Director Finance	Councillor Mattu Councillor Johnson	30.01.14	V Griffin Ext: 5370
4. Education and Enterprise					

## PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS

Originating Service	Title and Summary of Decision	Designated Director/Officer	Cabinet Member Consulted	Date Approved	Contact Officer
1. Office of the Chief Executive					
2. Community	<ul> <li>(a) Revised plans for Learning Disability Employment Hub</li> <li>That the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, in consultation with the Strategic Director,</li> <li>Community: <ol> <li>Agree to change the proposed base for the Employment Hub, as Unit 14 Eturia Way is no longer required as the site of the Employment Hub and the City Council formally withdraws its interest in the site.</li> <li>Agree that the Neil Dougherty Centre is used to provide a base for the Therapeutic Support service which supports nine adults who are to receive this service.</li> <li>Agree that the employment pathway team and the enablement team use 2 Cullwick Street in Bilston as a base for their services and training.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		Councillor S Evans	03.02.14	J Linighan Ext 1733

Originating Service	Title and Summary of Decision	Designated Director/Officer	Cabinet Member Consulted	Date Approved	Contact Officer
3. Delivery	(a) Delegated Authority to Sign Settlement Agreements That the Cabinet Member for Governance and Performance, in consultation with the Chief Human Resources Officer:  (i) Agree that delegated authority be given to the Interim Chief Legal Officer, to sign settlement agreements for employees terminating on grounds of redundancy.  (ii) Approve that in the absence of the Interim Chief Legal Officer, delegated authority is extended to Head of Service, Legal Services.	Strategic Director Delivery	Councillor Sweet	05.02.14	S Davies Ext: 4056
	<ul> <li>(b) Voluntary redundancy payments and transitional pay arrangements</li> <li>That the Cabinet Member for Performance and Governance, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Delivery: <ol> <li>(i) Approve that voluntary redundancy applications from employees in receipt of transitional pay (TPA), which have been agreed by Strategic Executive Board, but where the leaving date has been amended by SEB to a date after the end of the TPA period (31 March 2014), will have the TPA included as</li> </ol> </li></ul>	Strategic Director Delivery	Councillor Sweet	05.02.14	S Davies Ext: 4056

Originating Service	Title and Summary of Decision	Designated Director/Officer	Cabinet Member Consulted	Date Approved	Contact Officer
	part of the redundancy calculation.				
4. Education and Enterprise	(a) Land and Property Transactions That the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise:  (i) Approve the completion of the transactions with regard to the disposal, acquisition and lease of properties.	Strategic Director Education and Enterprise	Councillor Bilson	03.02.14	D Harris Ext: 5576