

# Council Meeting

6 November 2019

**Time** 5.45 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Full Council

**Venue** Council Chamber - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

**Membership** (Quorum for this meeting is 15 Councillors)

**Mayor** Cllr Claire Darke (Lab)

**Deputy Mayor** Cllr Greg Brackenridge (Lab)

## Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed  
Cllr Harman Banger  
Cllr Mary Bateman  
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE  
Cllr Payal Bedi-Chadha  
Cllr Peter Bilson  
Cllr Olivia Birch  
Cllr Dr Paul John Birch J.P.  
Cllr Alan Bolshaw  
Cllr Ian Brookfield  
Cllr Paula Brookfield  
Cllr Alan Butt  
Cllr Craig Collingswood  
Cllr Jacqui Coogan  
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar  
Cllr Steve Evans

Cllr Val Evans  
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal  
Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre  
Cllr Celia Hibbert  
Cllr Keith Inston  
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal  
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal  
Cllr Rashpal Kaur  
Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur  
Cllr Roger Lawrence  
Cllr Linda Leach  
Cllr Hazel Malcolm  
Cllr Asha Mattu  
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN  
Cllr Louise Miles  
Cllr Beverley Momenabadi

Cllr Lynne Moran  
Cllr Anwen Muston  
Cllr Phil Page  
Cllr Rita Potter  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr Susan Roberts MBE  
Cllr John Rowley  
Cllr Zee Russell  
Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE  
Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz  
Cllr Stephen Simkins  
Cllr Clare Simm  
Cllr Mak Singh  
Cllr Paul Sweet  
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman  
Cllr Martin Waite

## Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby  
Cllr Simon Bennett  
Cllr Jonathan Crofts  
Cllr Christopher Haynes  
Cllr Sohail Khan  
Cllr Paul Singh  
Cllr Udey Singh  
Cllr Jane Stevenson  
Cllr Wendy Thompson  
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

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# Agenda

*Item No.*    *Title*

## MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1            **Apologies for absence**
- 2            **Declarations of interest**
- 3            **Minutes of previous meeting** (Pages 5 - 8)  
[To receive minutes of the meeting held on the 18 September 2019.]
- 4            **Communications**  
[To receive the Mayor's announcements.]

## DECISION ITEMS

- 5            **Annual Scrutiny Report**  
[To consider the Annual Scrutiny Report. **To Follow**]
- 6            **Senior Management Review - October 2019** (Pages 9 - 12)  
[To approve changes to the Senior Management Structure.]
- 7            **Review of Polling Places and Districts** (Pages 13 - 16)  
[To approve changes to polling stations.]
- 8            **Dispensation For Non-Attendance At Council Meetings** (Pages 17 - 20)  
[To approve dispensation to a councillor for non-attendance at council meetings.]
- 9            **Written Questions** (Pages 21 - 22)  
[That the Cabinet Member for City Economy respond to the question received.]

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<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meeting of the Council</b> <b>Minutes - 18 September 2019</b>
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## Attendance

**Mayor** Cllr Claire Darke (Lab)  
**Deputy Mayor** Cllr Greg Brackenridge (Lab)

### Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed	Cllr Val Evans	Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Harman Banger	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Mary Bateman	Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Cllr Phil Page
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE	Cllr Celia Hibbert	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Payal Bedi-Chadha	Cllr Keith Inston	Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Olivia Birch	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Dr Paul John Birch J.P.	Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal	Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Alan Bolshaw	Cllr Rashpal Kaur	Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE
Cllr Ian Brookfield	Cllr Roger Lawrence	Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Alan Butt	Cllr Linda Leach	Cllr Clare Simm
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Hazel Malcolm	Cllr Mak Singh
Cllr Jacqui Coogan	Cllr Asha Mattu	Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar	Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN	Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Steve Evans	Cllr Beverley Momenabadi	Cllr Martin Waite

### Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby	Cllr Paul Singh
Cllr Simon Bennett	Cllr Jane Stevenson
Cllr Jonathan Crofts	Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Sohail Khan	Cllr Jonathan Yardley

### Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
Tracey Christie	Head of Legal Services
Mark Taylor	Deputy Chief Executive
Ian Fegan	Director of Communications and External Relations
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Donna Cope	Democratic Services Officer

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The proceedings opened with Prayers

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**1        Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Bilson, Paula Brookfield, Christopher Haynes, Rupinderjit Kaur, John Rowley and Udey Singh.

**2        Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**3        Minutes of previous meeting**

The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded, and it was resolved:

That the minutes of the previous Extraordinary Meeting and Ordinary Meeting, held on 17 July 2019, be agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Mayor.

**4        Communications**

**1.    Councillor Rupinderjit Kaur**

The Mayor was delighted to report that Councillor Rupinder Kaur gave birth to a baby boy. The Mayor congratulated Councillor Rupinder Kaur and her family on the birth of their baby son.

**2.    Association for Public Service Excellence**

The Mayor was delighted to report that the City of Wolverhampton Council had won the Overall Council of the Year in Service Delivery for its outstanding work serving residents across the city. The Council also won Best Collaborative Working Initiative for its outstanding work with the P3 Charity.

The Mayor added the Council were also finalists in the following areas; Waste and Recycling, Public Protection and WV Living: the council-owned housing company.

**3.    BEM Investiture**

The Mayor reported that on Thursday 12 September, she had attended an Investiture at the Council House in Birmingham. Ms Susan E M Allen was awarded the BEM for Voluntary services to the Heath Town Community.

**4.    Wolverhampton City Half Marathon**

The Mayor was delighted to report that hundreds of people took part in the Carver Half Marathon that was held on Sunday 1 September. The proceeds of this year's event would be presented to several local charities, including the Mayor of Wolverhampton's Charitable Trust, in the City Suite in December.

## 5. Remembrance Events

The Mayor informed councillors of forthcoming remembrance events due to take place:

- Dutch War Graves, Jeffcock Road Cemetery, Saturday 9 November at 09:50am,
- Remembrance Sunday, City Centre, Sunday 10 November at 10:35am
- Armistice Day, at the Cenotaph, Monday 11 November at 11am.

## 6. The 2019 Business Programme

The Mayor reported the Business Programme is the city's annual showcase of business support, celebrating success, highlighting growth and opportunities. The programme was sponsored and supported by local businesses and partners working together. Details of these activities can be viewed at [www.investwolverhampton.com](http://www.investwolverhampton.com). Activities run from this day through to Wednesday 2 October.

## 7. Heart of England in Bloom

The Mayor congratulated the Wednesfield in Bloom team for winning gold and making it through to the National Finals. The Mayor also congratulated Bilston in Bloom for winning a bronze award in the Urban Community at their first attempt.

## 8. Former Councillor Les Pugh

The Mayor was saddened to announce the death of former Councillor Les Pugh, for Bushbury North ward from 2007 until 2011. He had served as Cabinet Member for Adults from 2008 to 2010. He was also a member of the Council's Performance Management Panel, External Relations Panel, Health Scrutiny Panel, HR Panel, Superannuation Committee and Standards Committee.

The Mayor extended the deepest sympathies of the Council to Les Pugh's family at this very sad time.

The Council stood in silent tribute to the late Les Pugh.

## 5 **Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2018-2019**

Councillor Alan Butt presented the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2018 – 2019 report for approval. He outlined the main areas of work undertaken by the Committee during the year. He added the Audit and Risk Committee had an instrumental role in providing independent and high-level focus on audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.

Councillor Alan Butt also placed on record his thanks to the previous chair and members of the Audit and Risk Committee in 2018-2019 and the Audit Team for their contributions.

Councillor Alan Butt proposed the recommendation and Councillor Jonathan Yardley seconded the recommendation. **Page 7**

The report was debated by Council.

Resolved:

That the contents of the 2018-2019 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report be approved.

**6 i54 Western Extension – Phases 4 & 5 Budget Approval**

Councillor Harman Banger presented the i54 Western Extension – Phases 4 & 5 Budget Approval report. The report sought funding approval for the next phases of work. The i54 programme was a great news for the City with the creation of thousands of jobs, the site had attracted large firms such as Jaguar Land Rover and MOOG. The i54 Western Extension was a site of 60 acres of land, the investment would ensure the site was fully investment ready which would result in additional jobs for the City in addition to other economic objectives.

Councillor Harman Banger proposed the recommendations and Councillor Louise Miles seconded the recommendations.

The report was debated by Council.

Resolved:

1. That the capital budget for the remaining phases of the i54 Western Extension programme of £22.75 million and the associated funding strategy outlined in the Cabinet report of 11 September 2019 be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Members for City Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Director of Finance, to approve any variations to the i54 Western Extension supplementary budgets in the event of any changes to external funding sources.



<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meeting of the City Council</b> <b>6 November 2019</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Senior Management Review - October 2019	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet, 16 October 2019	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield, Leader of the Council	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Tim Johnson, Chief Executive	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Cabinet	16 October 2019

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**Recommendations for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve that the Head of Strategy post be redesignated and regraded to Director of Strategy.
2. Approve that the current Head of Strategy be assimilated into the role of Director of Strategy.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The report seeks approval from Cabinet to recommend to Full Council that the Head of Strategy post be redesignated and regraded Director of Strategy, as a consequence of assuming responsibility for a number of additional services including ICT & Digital Transformation, in addition to the current responsibilities of the Head of Strategy role.
- 1.2 The report recommends that Cabinet note the temporary arrangements to be made regarding the line management of services within the Education and Skills Portfolio, following the resignation of the current Director of Education.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 16 October 2019, Cabinet considered a report on the Senior Management Review – October 2019.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendation from Cabinet.

- 2.3 Cabinet recommended to Council that it:
  1. Approve that the Head of Strategy post be redesignated and regraded to Director of Strategy.
  2. Approve that the current Head of Strategy be assimilated into the role of Director of Strategy.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 16 October 2019.

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 16 October 2019.

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 16 October 2019.

## **6.0 Climate change and environmental implications**

- 6.1 The climate change and environmental implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 16 October 2019.

**7.0 Human resources implications**

7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 16 October 2019.

**8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 16 October 2019.

**9.0 Schedule of background papers**

9.1 Cabinet report of 16 October 2019.

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<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meeting of the City Council 6 November 2019</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Review of polling places and districts	
<b>Referring body</b>	Governance Committee, 18 October 2019	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Governance	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE Governance	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Mark Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Governance Committee	18 October 2019

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### Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the designation of polling places and districts for 2020-2025 with the following amendment:

‘That no change be made to the existing polling districts KHB and KLA in East Park and their respective polling places of East Park Library and Neighbourhood Centre, Hurstbourne Crescent and All Saints Community Centre, All Saints Road.’

2. Delegate authority to the Returning Officer, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition, to designate such alternative polling stations or arrangements as may be required for operational reasons.

### Recommendation for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

1. That this review is separate to the work being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, although these arrangements will have to be reviewed in the context of any changes the Commission may require in 2021.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The report seeks approval from Governance Committee to recommend to Full Council that the outcomes from the statutory quinquennial review of polling places and districts be approved.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On the 18 October 2019, Governance Committee considered the report on Review of Polling Places and Districts.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations from Governance Committee.

- 2.3 Governance Committee recommended to Council that it:

1. Approves the designation of polling places and districts for 2020-2025 with the following amendment:

‘That no change be made to the existing polling districts KHB and KLA in East Park and their respective polling places of East Park Library and Neighbourhood Centre, Hurstbourne Crescent and All Saints Community Centre, All Saints Road.’

2. Delegates authority to the Returning Officer, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition, to designate such alternative polling stations or arrangements as may be required for operational reasons.

- 2.4 Governance Committee recommended to Council that it notes:

1. That this review is separate to the work being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, although these arrangements will have to be reviewed in the context of any changes the Commission may require in 2021.

- 2.5 Governance Committee also recommended that:

1. Future reports on the outcomes from the statutory review of polling places and districts include a summary of feedback received from Councillors.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 18 October 2019.

#### **4.0 Legal implications**

4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 18 October 2019.

#### **5.0 Equalities implications**

5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 18 October 2019.

#### **6.0 Climate change and environmental implications**

6.1 The climate change and environmental implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 18 October 2019.

#### **7.0 Human resources implications**

7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 18 October 2019.

#### **8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 18 October 2019.

#### **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

9.1 Governance Committee report – 18 October 2019.

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<b>Report title</b>	Dispensation For Non-Attendance At Council Meetings	
<b>Referring body</b>	N/a	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield, Leader of the Council	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Mark Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>		

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. To approve dispensation for Councillor John Rowley for non-attendance at meetings of the Council until May 2020 as a consequence of ill health.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 Councillor John Rowley has been unable to attend meetings of the Council, its committees or any outside bodies on which he represents the authority on the grounds of ill health. His last attendance at a qualifying meeting was on 15 May 2019 when he attended Annual Council.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 states that “if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the Authority.”
- 2.2 Pursuant to the above legislation, Council is asked to approve a dispensation for Councillor John Rowley from attending meetings of the Council, its committees or outside bodies due to ill health. Unless the Council agrees the recommendation, Councillor John Rowley will cease to be a member of the Council on 15 November 2019.

## **3.0 Alternatives considered**

- 3.1 Council could resolve not to approve the reason for absence which will result in Councillor John Rowley ceasing to be a Councillor.

## **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

[GE/171012019/H]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the authority to approve a leave of absence.

[TC/29102019/N]

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

## **7.0 Climate change and environmental implications**

- 7.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications associated with this report.

**8.0 Human resources implications**

8.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

**9.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

9.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications associated with this report.

**10.0 Schedule of background papers**

10.1 N/A.

**11.0 Appendices**

N/A

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<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meeting of the City Council</b> <b>6 November 2019</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Written Questions
<b>Referring body/person</b>	Councillor Wendy Thompson
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Cabinet Members with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Harman Banger, City Economy
<b>Accountable director</b>	Mark Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Originating service</b>	Democratic Services
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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

That the Cabinet Member for City Economy respond to the question received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

## **1.0 Purpose**

1.1 For the Cabinet Member to respond to the question received:

### **a. Westside Project**

Councillor Wendy Thompson to ask the Cabinet Member for City Economy:

Given the latest setback to the Westside project because of legal issues, can the Cabinet Member for City Economy explain what these issues are and when this vital project will finally get underway?