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<b>Item 5</b>	
<b>Title</b>	WV Living Business Plan and Related Decisions
<b>Status</b>	Item Deferred
<b>Record of Decision</b>	The report was withdrawn. It would now be considered at a meeting of Cabinet on 16 December 2020 at 5pm.
<b>Options Considered</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Not applicable
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	Not applicable

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<b>Item 6</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together Partnership 2019-2020 - Annual Report
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together (WST) Partnership 2019-2020 Annual Report be endorsed.</li> <li>2. That it be agreed that the Partnership had transitioned to its new arrangements effectively since September 2019.</li> <li>3. That it be noted that WST would continue with its current partnership arrangements with City of Wolverhampton Council as a statutory partner in line with The Social Work Act 2017 and subsequent Working Together 2018 Guidance and The Care Act 2014.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that an overview of the Scrutiny and Assurance Coordination Group is due to be included in the final version of the Annual Report as requested at Councillor Briefing on the 16 November 2020.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>As part of the 2019 independent review, three options were considered at the time with the partnership arrangements as they are now under WST being the preferred option.</p> <p>No further options are being considered at this point however, following independent scrutiny and further recommendations, changes and improvements to the current arrangements will be agreed and actioned accordingly. This will be done in line with legislation.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To remain compliant with statutory requirements</li> <li>• To maintain an integrated approach to children’s and adult’s safeguarding in a multi-agency context</li> <li>• To improve outcomes for vulnerable people of all ages.</li> </ul>

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<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
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<b>Item 7</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Wolverhampton Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2020-2023
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the implementation of the Wolverhampton Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2020-2023 attached at Appendix 1 to the report, as approved by Children and Families Together Board be endorsed and supported.</li> <li>2. That the publication of the easy read version of the Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2020-23 attached at Appendix 2 to the report be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>The approval for publication of the Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2020-2023 could have not been provided or the strategy could have been published unamended following consultation.</p> <p>However, given the overall positive response and high level of support for the vision, priorities and aims of the strategy a decision was made to approve the draft Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2020-2023 following amendments resulting from consultation.</p> <p>This decision supported the provision of a clear and transparent strategy to guide the future development of SEND Provision in the City and took into consideration the views of stakeholders that have participated the consultation.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>The Council has statutory duties under the Children &amp; Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014 to provide for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Implementation of the strategy contributes to fulfilling the Council’s duties in this regard, by setting out the vision and key priorities that partners in the City, including parents and carers, children and young people, education, health, social care and voluntary sector agencies want to focus on</p>

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	to improve the lives of children and young people with SEND over the next three years. Endorsement and support for the implementation of the Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2020-2023 would ensure council wide buy-in to a clear and transparent strategy to guide the future development of SEND Provision in the City.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	15 December 2020

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<b>Item 8</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Youth Council Annual Report
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Annual Report produced by the Youth Council 2019/2020 be endorsed.</li> <li>2. That the highlights and achievements of the Youth Council throughout 2019 and 2020 be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsing the Youth Council Annual Report 2019-2020 and acknowledging the work completed will offer relevance and support to the Youth Council and their continued work.</li> <li>• Not receiving this endorsement could impact on the ability of the Youth Council to be able to influence and seek the support of the children and young people they represent in Wolverhampton.</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enable the City of Wolverhampton Youth Council to receive recognition for their efforts throughout 2019 to 2020 as outlined in the Annual Report produced by the Youth Council.</li> <li>• To endorse their future programme of work.</li> </ul>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	10 December 2020

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<b>Item 9</b>	
<b>Title</b>	The Wolverhampton House Project Annual Report - One Year On
<b>Status</b>	Recommendation Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the progress of the Wolverhampton House Project and how it has improved outcomes for children in care and leaving care be noted.
<b>Options Considered</b>	There are no alternative options as the project is a three-year programme.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The progress of the Wolverhampton House Project highlights the improved outcomes achieved for children in care. It has also given the young people the additionality of peer support contributing to reducing feeling of loneliness and isolation
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
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<b>Item 10</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Partnership Agreement between City of Wolverhampton Council and Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That City of Wolverhampton Council submit a joint funding bid with the Voluntary Sector Council to the National Lottery for a three year programme to develop the work of Wolverhampton for Everyone.</li> <li>2. That the Director of Governance be authorised to put in place a legally binding agreement between City of Wolverhampton Council and the Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p><b>Option 1</b> would be not to sign a partnership agreement with the VSC. The Lottery has given feedback that they think the bid is strengthened by a partnership approach. So, whilst it would still be technically possible for the VSC to submit the bid without Council support, this would likely to be received less favourably by the National Lottery and risks losing an additional resource of £380,000 to support the recovery programme in the City.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> would be in the event of the bid being unsuccessful, CWC and WVSC would review the current informal partnership arrangement. Agreement would be sought if this had any legal, financial or other implications.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The decision to authorise the agreement between the CWC and the VSC will have the potential to bring a significant new community resource into the City at a time when many communities have been hard hit by the effects of the pandemic. This work aligns with CWC's place based approach and it is intended to pilot Wolverhampton for Everyone's approaches in at least one of the place based areas.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Item 11</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Appointments to Outside Bodies - Bilston Relief in Need Charity Bilston Educational Charity
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the reappointment of Councillor Stephen Simkins onto the Bilston Relief in Need Charity Bilston Educational Charity for a further four year term of office expiring in 2024 be approved.</li> <li>2. That the appointment of Councillor Zee Russell onto the Bilston Relief in Need Charity Bilston Educational Charity for a four year term of office expiring in 2024 be approved.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The alternative option to the recommendations would be to not fill the vacancies. This would prevent the Charity from operating with a full complement of trustees.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The decision will ensure that the Charity has its requisite number of trustees
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
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<b>Item 12</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Exclusion of press and public
<b>Status</b>	Recommendation Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	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 of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
<b>Options Considered</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	Not applicable.

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<b>Item 13</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Towns Fund Bid Update
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Members for City Economy, City Environment and Resources in consultation with the Directors for Regeneration, City Environment and Finance to approve the full terms and conditions of a resultant Towns Fund grant funding award and to enter into such Funding and Collaboration Grant Agreements and any ancillary agreements in relation to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) as may be required.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Members for City Economy, City Environment and Resources in consultation with the Directors for Regeneration, City Environment, and Finance to agree to the Council acting as accountable body and entering into any necessary agreements to enable the distribution of grant funding to third parties.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the relevant Cabinet Members for City Economy or City Environment and Resources in consultation with the relevant Directors for Regeneration or City Environment, and the Director of Finance to create the capital and revenue budgets up to the value detailed in the report subject to the successful receipt of the Towns Fund grant.</li> <li>4. That the bid submitted on behalf of the Wolverhampton Towns Fund Board as outlined in appendix 1 to the report including match funding commitments be noted.</li> <li>5. That it be noted that information set out in the report relates to a bid on behalf of the Towns Fund Board and that this is not a City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) bid. Some of the constituent projects are led and managed by CWC and where this is the case they would be subject to normal CWC reporting processes, others are to be led by partner organisations and in this case would subject to the host governance arrangements as detailed in the report.</li> </ol>

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	6. That it be noted that a review is being carried out of the Towns Fund Board Governance and membership arrangements and that a separate discussion would be held on this at the January 2021 Towns Fund Board meeting.
<b>Options Considered</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	15 December 2020