

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 21 April 2021**

<b>Item 5</b>	
<b>Title</b>	HR Policy - Domestic Abuse Policy
<b>Status</b>	Recommendation Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the Domestic Abuse policy be approved for use by managers and employees of the Council.
<b>Options Considered</b>	An option would be to make no changes to the policy. This would result in the information being provided to managers and employees being out-dated and not valid. Cases of domestic abuse in employees can be potentially missed and managers will not have enough information to be able to respond to disclosures effectively.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a workplace policy on domestic abuse sends a clear message that it is not tolerated inside or outside the workplace, and that the Council wants to help and support.</li> <li>• Implementing an effective workplace policy could improve employee wellbeing and may help to retain skills and experienced staff and enhance our reputation as a responsible employer.</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>	27 April 2021

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<b>Item 6</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Domestic Abuse Bill Grant Allocation (2021-2022)
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the establishment of supplementary revenue budgets totalling £650,902 fully funded by grant be approved.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership, to utilise the £650,902 Wolverhampton Domestic Abuse Bill Allocation from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for 2021-2022 and to approve the award of a grants for services when the evaluation process is complete.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p><b>Option one</b> - approve delegation of the MHCLG Domestic Abuse Bill funding to deliver the strategic and statutory responsibilities set out in the Domestic Abuse Bill. This will ensure that CWC are delivering on the Memorandum of Understanding issued by the MHCLG (which will be the basis for the grant conditions which are expected in April 2021) and delivering against new statutory duties when the Bill is enacted.</p> <p><b>Option two</b> – refuse delegation of funding from the MHCLG Domestic Abuse Bill grant. This is not recommended as the City of Wolverhampton Council would not be able to deliver against the statutory responsibilities and could not provide account for expenditure to the MHCLG in relation to support for victims of domestic abuse and their children within safe accommodation.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Granting delegated authority and ring fencing the grant allocation to the Community Safety Partnership will allow the Council and the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership to deliver against statutory and strategic responsibilities set out in the Domestic Abuse Bill.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	22 April 2021

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<b>Item 7</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation (2021-2022)
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the use of the Wolverhampton Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) Community Safety Partnership Fund allocation for 2021-2022 by Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP), to deliver and commission activity to support strategic community safety priorities in line with grant conditions be approved.</li> <li>2. That the establishment of supplementary revenue budgets totalling £38,400 fully funded grant, subject to the carry forward of 2020-2021 unspent grant being approved by the PCC be approved.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p><b>Option one</b> - approve delegation of the Police and Crime Commissioner Funding to deliver the strategic aims of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and ring fence the expenditure to the costed plan as shown in section 3.1 of the report. This will allow the partnership to deliver against the statutory responsibilities of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Modern Slavery Act 2015, Counter Terrorism Act 2015 and Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.</p> <p><b>Option two</b> – refuse delegation of income from the Police and Crime Commissioner. This is not recommended as the Community Safety Partnership would not be able to deliver against the statutory responsibilities and could not provide account for expenditure to the Police and Crime Commissioner in line with the agreed expenditure shown in section 3.1 of the report</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Approving the recommendations set out in the report will allow the Council and the CSP to deliver against statutory and strategic responsibilities and continue to run a strong and resilient CSP Board in Wolverhampton.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Item 8</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Woodland Trust's Emergency Tree Fund - Grant Award
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council accept the grant offer under the Woodland Trust's Emergency Tree Fund.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Director of Governance, to sign the Grant Agreement and any other required agreements to enable to grant to be accepted.</li> <li>3. That the establishment of a revenue budget of £129,500 for the project be approved.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p><b>Option one</b> - to not accept the grant and therefore not plant the 10 hectares of woodland. This would not incur any costs but equally would provide no benefits to the City. It would also not progress the aims and action plans of the Council's Tree and Woodland Strategy and Climate Emergency Declaration.</p> <p><b>Option two</b> - to accept the grant and plant the 10 hectares of woodland. This would progress the aims and action plans of the Council's Tree and Woodland Strategy and Climate Emergency Declaration.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>The benefits to the Council of participating in the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change adaption and mitigation.</li> <li>• Improved health and wellbeing of participants and local residents.</li> <li>• Potential reduction in surface water flooding, noise and air pollution in the areas of planting.</li> <li>• Improved biodiversity.</li> <li>• Reputational gain from taking part in an innovative pilot project.</li> </ul>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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