

# Council Meeting

16 September 2020

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

**Venue** Online Meeting

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

**Mayor** Cllr Claire Darke (Lab)

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

## Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed  
Cllr Mary Bateman  
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE  
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 Stephen Simkins  
Cllr Clare Simm  
Cllr Mak Singh  
Cllr Paul Sweet  
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman  
Cllr Martin Waite

## Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby  
Cllr Payal Bedi-Chadha  
Cllr Simon Bennett  
Cllr Jonathan Crofts  
Cllr Christopher Haynes  
Cllr Sohail Khan  
Cllr Paul Singh  
Cllr Udey Singh  
Cllr Wendy Thompson  
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

## Independent

Councillor Harman Banger

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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 - 14)  
[To receive minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 March 2020.]
- 4            **Communications**  
[To receive the Mayor's announcements]

## DECISION ITEMS

- 5            **Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council Recovery Commitment**  
(Pages 15 - 18)  
[To approve the Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council Recovery Commitment.]
- 6            **Our Climate Commitment** (Pages 19 - 22)  
[To approve the Council's Climate Commitment.]
- 7            **Safer Wolverhampton Partnership - Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023** (Pages 23 - 26)  
[To approve the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership - Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.]
- 8            **Changes to the Constitution as a result of Covid-19 and other urgent changes** (Pages 27 - 30)  
[To approve amendments to the Council's Constitution.]
- 9            **Decisions Made Under Urgent Action Powers** (Pages 31 - 48)  
[To receive a report on urgent decisions taken by the Council.]
- 10          **Motions on Notice** (Pages 49 - 50)  
[That Council consider the motion received by the Leader Councillor Ian Brookfield, Councillor Wendy Thompson and Councillor Simon Bennett.]

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<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meeting of the Council</b> <b>Minutes - 4 March 2020</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 Beverley Momenabadi
Cllr Harman Banger	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Mary Bateman	Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE	Cllr Celia Hibbert	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Olivia Birch	Cllr Keith Inston	Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Alan Bolshaw	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Ian Brookfield	Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal	Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Paula Brookfield	Cllr Roger Lawrence	Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE
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 Louise Miles	Cllr Martin Waite

### Conservative

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

### Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
David Pattison	Director of Governance
Mark Taylor	Deputy Chief Executive
Emma Bennett	Director of Children's Services
Ross Cook	Director of City Environment
John Denley	Director of Public Health
Ian Fegan	Director of Communications and External Relations
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
Denise Pearce	Head of Human Resources
Laura Phillips	Head of Democratic and Support Services
David Watts	Director of Adult Services
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Fabrica Hastings	Democratic Services Assistant

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The proceedings opened with Prayers

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**1        Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Payal Bedi-Chadha, Rashpal Kaur, Phil Page, John Rowley, Jane Stevenson and Jonathan Yardley.

**2        Declarations of interest**

There were no declaration of interests made.

**3        Minutes of previous meeting**

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

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29 January 2020, be agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Mayor.

**4        Communications**

**1. Councillor Peter Bilson.**

The Mayor was saddened to announce the death of long-serving City of Wolverhampton Councillor Peter Bilson, who sadly passed away at Russells Hall Hospital on Saturday 15 February following a period of illness.

The Mayor added that Peter was first elected in 1982 and had represented the Bushbury South and Low Hill ward. He had a wealth of experience and was involved in various roles in Local Government, the Fire Service and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

The Mayor added that during Peter's long career as Councillor, Peter had chaired the Personnel, Housing, Leisure, Environmental Health and Economic Development functions of the Council and he also served on a number of Regional and National Bodies.

The Mayor advised that Peter was originally employed as a Firefighter, then as a Trade Union Official, he went on to serve as the Chair of the Regional Fire Authority (WMFCDA) before becoming the Millennium Mayor of Wolverhampton for 1999-2000.

The Mayor informed Council that the funeral would take place on Wednesday 11 March at 1200 at St Peter's Collegiate Church.

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

The Council stood in silent tribute to the late Peter Bilson.

**2. Elias Mattu Avenue**

The Mayor was honoured to join Councillor Asha Mattu, the widow of former Mayor, Elias Mattu, this Monday for the opening of a new road named after the late and much-missed councillor. Elias Mattu Avenue was in the heart of

Graiseley and would be a lasting memorial to a very popular man who did so much for our city.

### **3. Knife Angel**

The Mayor informed Council that the Knife Angel – a powerful symbol of hope and cohesion, and a salient warning of the dangers of carrying and using bladed weapons was coming to Wolverhampton. The Knife Angel would go on display in Queen Square in the city centre for 28 days from Monday 30 March as part of a nationwide anti-violence tour.

The Mayor added that whilst the Knife Angel was in Wolverhampton, a knife amnesty would also be taking place. All knives surrendered through this amnesty would be used to create a new sculpture for Wolverhampton as part of the Angel's legacy, through the joint efforts of partners in Wolverhampton and the British Ironwork Centre.

### **4. Dementia Friendly Community Status**

The Mayor reported that Wolverhampton had once more been recognised as a dementia friendly city – demonstrating that organisations were working together to make people living with the condition feel better understood, respected and supported.

The Mayor added that The Alzheimer's Society had granted Wolverhampton Dementia Friendly Community Status for the third year running after recognising the work taking place to improve services for people living with dementia, and their families and carers.

### **5. National Exploitation Awareness Day**

The Mayor reported that the Council would once again be raising awareness of child and adult sexual exploitation on the 18<sup>th</sup> through to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The day aims to encourage everyone to think, spot and, most importantly, speak out against abuse. The Council was committed to tackling exploitation and supporting victims and their families who were subjected to the abuse.

## **5 State of City Address**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield, delivered his State of the City address. He introduced the video presentation played titled "Better outcomes for local people". He highlighted the achievements of the City, actions taken, future significant challenges and opportunities to come.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield announced:

- That a conditional agreement was now in place with Odeon Cinema for Westside,
- That from May 2020 both tips would be open seven days a week on a trial basis,
- That there would be a new city solar farm at Bowman's Harbour.

Councillor Wendy Thompson provided the principle speech in response to the State of the City Address.

## 6 Final Budget Report 2020-2021

Councillor Louise Miles presented the Final Budget Report 2020 – 2021 which encompassed the Capital Programme 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 quarter three review and 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 budget strategy, Treasury Management Strategy 2020-2021, Final Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 and Council Tax Formal Resolutions for approval.

Councillor Louise Miles outlined the recommendations of the report, drawing Councillors attention to the challenges that the Council faced. She advised the proposed budget was balanced and that resources were aligned to key policies of the Council.

Councillor Louise Miles advised that the Council was committed to funding fire safety measures, investing in the city for regeneration projects, education, highways, climate change and young people.

Councillor Louise Miles advised that Council Tax would be increased by 1.99% and adult social care by 2%. She went on to outline the rationale for increasing these taxes.

Councillor Louise Miles commended the work of the Director of Finance and the Finance Team.

Councillor Louise Miles proposed the recommendations and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield seconded the recommendations.

Councillor Wendy Thompson provided the principle speech in response to the budget report.

The report was debated by Council.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the votes were recorded as follows:

<b>Final Budget Report 2020 - 2021 (Resolution)</b>	
Councillor Claire Darke	For
Councillor Greg Brackenridge	For
Councillor Obaida Ahmed	For
Councillor Paul Appleby	Abstain
Councillor Harman Banger	For
Councillor Mary Bateman	For
Councillor Philip Bateman MBE	For
Councillor Simon Bennett	Abstain
Councillor Olivia Birch	For
Councillor Alan Bolshaw	For
Councillor Ian Brookfield	For
Councillor Paula Brookfield	For
Councillor Alan Butt	For
Councillor Craig Collingswood	For
Councillor Jacqui Coogan	For
Councillor Jonathan Crofts	Abstain



Councillor Jasbinder Dehar	For
Councillor Steve Evans	For
Councillor Valerie Evans	For
Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal	For
Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre	For
Councillor Christopher Haynes	Abstain
Councillor Celia (CeeCee) Hibbert	For
Councillor Keith Inston	For
Councillor Jasbir Jaspal	For
Councillor Milkinderpal Jaspal	For
Councillor Sohail Khan	Abstain
Councillor Roger Lawrence	For
Councillor Linda Leach	For
Councillor Hazel Malcolm	For
Councillor Asha Mattu	For
Councillor Barbara McGarrity QN	No vote recorded
Councillor Louise Miles	For
Councillor Beverley Momenabadi	For
Councillor Lynne Moran	For
Councillor Anwen Muston	For
Councillor Rita Potter	For
Councillor John C Reynolds	For
Councillor Susan Roberts MBE	For
Councillor Zee Russell	For
Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE	For
Councillor Clare Simm	For
Councillor Gurmukh (Mak) Singh	For
Councillor Paul Singh	Abstain
Councillor Udey Singh	Abstain
Councillor Paul Sweet	For
Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	For
Councillor Wendy Thompson	Abstain
Councillor Martin Waite	For
<b>Carried</b>	

The motion was **CARRIED** by 40 votes. There were eight abstentions.

Resolved:

1. That the revised medium term General Revenue Account capital programme of £368.4 million, an increase of £41.3 million from the previously approved programme, and the change in associated resources be approved.
2. That the authorised borrowing limit for 2020-2021 to support the capital strategy as required under Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 be set at £1,136.6 million (PI3, Appendix 3 to the Cabinet report); the forecast borrowing is below the authorised borrowing limit.
3. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020-2021 as set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report be approved.

4. That the Annual Investment Strategy 2020-2021 as set out in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report be approved.
5. That the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 to the Cabinet report be approved.
6. That the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement setting out the method used to calculate MRP for 2020-2021 as set out in Appendix 4 to the Cabinet report be approved.
7. That the Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management Practices as set out in Appendix 6 to the Cabinet report be approved.
8. That that authority continues to be delegated to the Director of Finance to amend the Treasury Management Policy and Practices and any corresponding changes required to the Treasury Management Strategy, the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators, the Investment Strategy and the Annual MRP Statement to ensure they remain aligned. Any amendments would be reported to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet (Resources) Panel as appropriate.
9. That the net budget requirement for 2020-2021 of £248.2 million for General Fund services as set out in paragraph 19.1 of the Cabinet report be approved.
10. That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 as detailed in Table 7 and the budget preparation parameters underpinning the MTFS as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report be approved.
11. That a Council Tax for Council services in 2020-2021 of £1,681.58 for a Band D property, being an increase of 3.99% on 2019-2020 levels, which incorporates the 2% increase in relation to Adult Social Care (paragraph 9.6 of the Cabinet report) be approved.
12. That work starts on developing budget reductions and income generation proposals for 2021-2022 onwards in line with the Five Year Financial Strategy (paragraph 19.5 of the Cabinet report).
13. That revisions to the local council tax support scheme to introduce a disregard of any compensatory payments that are similarly disregarded in the prescribed scheme, and any transitional payments made to compensate for the loss of the severe disability premium in Universal Credit (paragraph 10.5 of the Cabinet report) be approved.
14. That it be noted that the Council Tax base for the year 2020-2021 is calculated at 64,726.80 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"), as reported to Cabinet on 22 January 2020.
15. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020-2021 is £108,843,000.

16. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020-2021 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:
- (a) £629,915,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
  - (b) £521,072,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) £108,843,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
  - (d) £1,681.58 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (section 1 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
  - (e) £0 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
  - (f) £1,681.58 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
17. That it be noted that that West Midlands Police and Fire Authorities have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as detailed in the report.
18. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts as detailed in the report as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020-2021 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.
19. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (3) (f) and (4) above, the City Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2020-2021 for each of the categories of dwellings as detailed in the report.

20. That a notice of the amounts payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band for the year commencing on 1 April 2020 be published in at least one local newspaper and that in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, this notice shall also make reference to the National Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier set by the Secretary of State, and specify that the Council Tax and the non-domestic rate demands are annual demands which cover the full financial year.
21. That the Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2020-2021 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.
22. That as the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2020-2021 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.
23. That it be noted that the authorised borrowing limit recommended in the report includes an increase of £5.0 million which has arisen due to changes in accounting treatment of leases.
24. That it be noted that the MRP charge for the financial year 2020-2021 would be £17.9 million; it is forecast to increase to £20.9 million in 2021-2022 (paragraph 2.13 of the Cabinet report).
25. That it be noted that Cabinet or Cabinet (Resources) Panel and Council would receive regular Treasury Management reports during 2020-2021 on performance against the key targets and Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators in the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy as set out in paragraph 2.11 and Appendices 2 and 3 to the Cabinet report.

## 7 **Electoral Review: Council Size Submission and Electoral Projections**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield presented the Electoral Review: Council Size Submission and Electoral Projections for approval. The report detailed the council size submission and electoral projections. The Council was proposing that number of Councillors for Wolverhampton remain at 60.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield added that as part of the next phase a review of ward boundaries would take place.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield proposed the recommendations and Councillor Louise Miles seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That the draft council size submission and draft electoral forecasts be approved for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Governance to make any minor amendments to the draft council size submission and draft electoral forecasts prior to submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

**8 Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel Members**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield presented the Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel Members report for approval. The reason for special urgency was to ensure the Independent Remuneration Panel was properly appointed to so that any recommendations made were lawful.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield stated the Independent Remuneration Panel needed to be convened to consider the proposed governance arrangements.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield proposed the recommendation and Councillor Louise Miles seconded the recommendation.

Resolved:

That the appointment of Reverend David Wright, Miceal Barden and Sylvia Parkin to the Independent Remuneration Panel be approved.

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<b>Report title</b>	Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council Recovery Commitment	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet – 9 September 2020	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Charlotte Johns, Director of Strategy	
<b>Originating service</b>	Strategy and Policy	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	Laura Collings	Policy and Strategy Manager
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Strategic Executive Board	25 August 2000

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council's Covid-19 recovery commitment.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To approve the Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council's Covid-19 recovery commitment.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 9 September 2020 Cabinet Committee will consider a report on Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council Recovery Commitment.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).
- 2.3 Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council that it:
1. Approves the Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council's Covid-19 recovery commitment.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 9 September 2020.

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 9 September 2020.

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 9 September 2020.

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

- 6.1 The climate change and environmental implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 9 September 2020

## **7.0 Human resources implications**

- 7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 9 September 2020.

## **8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

- 8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Cabinet of 9 September 2020.

## **9.0 Covid implications**

- 9.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Cabinet of 9 September 2020.



## **10.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 10.1 Cabinet - 9 September 2020 - [Relighting Our City: City of Wolverhampton Council's Recovery Commitment.](#)

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<b>Report title</b>	Our Climate Commitment	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet – 18 March 2020	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Steve Evans	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Steve Evans City Environment	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Ross Cook, Director of City Environment	
<b>Originating service</b>	City Environment	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Strategic Executive Board	2 March 2020
	Cabinet	18 March 2020

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the Our Climate Commitment document.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To outlines the progress made around Climate Change since the declaration of a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and provides an update on the consultation on Our Climate Commitment, including the Citizens Assembly.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 18 March 2020 Cabinet considered a report on Our Climate Commitment.
- 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 approves:

1. The Our Climate Commitment document.

- 2.4 Cabinet also noted:

1. Progress to date in reducing the carbon footprint of the City of Wolverhampton Council from 28,500 tCO<sub>2</sub> in 2012-2013 to 16,000 tCO<sub>2</sub> on 2018-2019, a reduction of 45%.
2. The change in how the City of Wolverhampton Council procures its energy will remove a further 50% from its carbon footprint in 2020-2021.
3. That consultation has taken place on the Our Climate Commitment document including holding a Citizens Assembly, engaging with #OneGreenGov and Sustainability West Midlands which has helped shape and develop our final document.
4. That it would receive a further report in the new municipal year highlighting the actions required to meet the aspirations detailed in Our Climate Commitment.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 18 March 2020.

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 18 March 2020.

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 18 March 2020.

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

6.1 The climate change and environmental implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 18 March 2020.

## **7.0 Human resources implications**

7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 18 March 2020.

## **8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 18 March 2020.

## **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

9.1 Cabinet Report – 18 March 2020 – Our Climate Commitment.

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<b>Report title</b>	Safer Wolverhampton Partnership - Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet – 3 June 2020	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Public Health and Wellbeing	
<b>Accountable director</b>	John Denley, Director of Public Health	
<b>Originating service</b>	Community Safety, Public Health	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	Lynsey Kelley	Head of Community Safety
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Scrutiny Board	28 January 2020
	Strategic Executive Board	5 February 2020
	Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Board	22 May 2020
	Cabinet	3 June 2020

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Endorse the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 This report presents the draft Safer Wolverhampton Partnership - Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023 for endorsement.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 3 June 2020 Cabinet considered a report on Safer Wolverhampton Partnership - Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).
- 2.3 Cabinet recommended to Council that:
1. Subject to amendments to emphasise links between the strategy and Anti-Social Behaviour Teams, and to bolster the equalities implications section, Full Council be recommended to endorse the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 3 June 2020.

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 3 June 2020.

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 3 June 2020.

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

- 6.1 The climate change and environmental implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 3 June 2020.

## **7.0 Human resources implications**

- 7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 3 June 2020.

## **8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

- 8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 3 June 2020.

## **9.0 Covid- 19 implications**

- 9.1 The Covid-19 implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 3 June 2020.



## **10.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 10.1 Cabinet report - 3 June 2020 - [Safer Wolverhampton Partnership - Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.](#)

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<b>Report title</b>	Changes to the Constitution as a result of Covid-19 and other urgent changes	
<b>Referring body</b>	Governance Committee	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Paula Brookfield	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance	
<b>Accountable director</b>	David Pattison, Director of Governance	
<b>Originating service</b>	Democratic Services	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
	Tel	01902550320
	Email	jaswinder.kaur@wolverhampton.gov.uk
<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Governance Committee	11 September 2020

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the amendments to the Constitution.
2. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to implement the changes.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 This report outlines the changes made to the constitution for approval by the Council. It is recommended that the Council agrees to the amendments to the Council's Constitution to ensure continuing lawfulness and effectiveness.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 11 September 2020 Governance Committee will consider a report on title of Changes to the Constitution as a result of Covid-19 and other urgent changes.

- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).

- 2.3 Governance Committee will be asked to recommend to Council that it:

1. Approves the amendments to the Constitution.
2. Authorises the Monitoring Officer to implement the changes.

- 2.4 Governance Committee will be asked that it notes:

1. Amendments made by the Director of Governance as authorised by the Constitution.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

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

- 6.1 The climate change and environmental implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

## **7.0 Human resources implications**

- 7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

## **8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

## **9.0 Health and Wellbeing implications**

9.1 The health and wellbeing implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

## **10.0 Covid implications**

10.1 The covid implications are detailed in the Governance Committee report of 11 September 2020.

## **11.0 Schedule of background papers**

11.1 Governance Committee – 11 September 2020 – Changes to the Constitution as a result of Covid-19 and other urgent changes.

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<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meeting of the City Council</b> <b>16 September 2020</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Decisions Made Under Urgent Action Powers	
<b>Referring body</b>	N/A	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
<b>Accountable director</b>	David Pattison, Director of Governance	
<b>Originating service</b>	Governance	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	Jaswinder Kaur Tel Email	Democratic Services Manager 01902 550320 jaswinder.kaur@wolverhampton.gov.uk
<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>		

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. To note all the decisions made under the Council's Urgent Action Powers.

## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of decisions taken under the Council's Urgent Action Powers since the last Council meeting.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 In the light of the Covid-19 situation the Council had to, as a result of the Government's decision on restriction of movement, cancel all Council/Committee meetings until legislation was in place, which allowed remote meetings, and then once that was in place meetings were reintroduced on a phased basis with the first Council meeting since 3 March 2020 taking place on 16 September 2020. In the intervening period the Council's urgent action powers had to be used for any decisions that had to be taken and could not be deferred. These powers were used sparingly and the guiding principles for any decisions were that:

- only those decisions that have to be made (i.e. as a result of Covid-19 or related matters, including support of businesses in this difficult time or as a result of an immovable deadline) would be made.
- the decisions would be made available on a regular basis to Councillors through the update to Councillors and in any event through a weekly roundup of the decisions made through the relevant pages on the Council's website so that the Public can access them.
- the decisions made would be reported to the next available Council

- 2.2 The relevant powers under the Constitution are:

### Council Decision

#### *6.10 Urgent Decisions outside the Budget or Policy Framework*

*An urgent decision which is contrary to the Policy Framework or budget adopted by the Council may be taken by the Cabinet if the Chair of the Scrutiny Board agrees that the decision is urgent. If no such Chair is available (or willing) then the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor may agree that it is urgent before a decision is taken.*

#### *6.11 Cabinet Decision*

*Where an urgent decision on a matter delegated to the Cabinet is required but it is not feasible to arrange a meeting of the Cabinet, the appropriate Director, in conjunction with the Head of Paid Service is authorised to take the appropriate urgent action provided that the action shall have first been discussed with and approved in writing by the Leader (or in the Leader's absence, the Deputy Leader) and two other Cabinet Members and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Board or their nominees.*



*The written authorisation must include details of the proposal and the justification for the course of action. Expenditure must be within existing budgets. Any action taken under this rule must be reported to the next available meeting of the Cabinet for information. Such decisions will not be subject to the usual Call In procedures set out in Part 4, although they may be examined after implementation to determine whether the justification for the course of action was appropriate.*

2.3 This report sets out the decisions that have been made using the Urgent Action powers under the Constitution.

### 3.0 Urgent Action Powers

3.1 The table below details all the decisions taken under the Council's Urgent Action Power's:

## Part 1 – Open Items

### Our Council

Decision maker	Date Approved	Contact Officer
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Louise Miles Councillor Paul Sweet	27 March 2020	Alison Shannon 01902 554561
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Amendments to Council Budget and decisions related to Council actions as result of Covid-19</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established supplementary expenditure budgets totaling £9,375,304 funded by the COVID 19 Emergency Funding for Local Government Grant to support additional costs and loss of income relating to COVID 19.</li> <li>Drawdown £2 million from the Budget Contingency Reserve to support expenditure on COVID 19 projects in excess of the above grant allocation.</li> <li>Established supplementary expenditure budgets totaling £10,502 funded by grant to support rough sleepers to self-isolate as a result of COVID 19.</li> <li>Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve all virements required to support the additional costs and loss of income relating to COVID 19.</li> <li>Agreed to endorse the establishment of the Food Distribution Hub, as detailed in the report, and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment in consultation with the Director of City Environment to enter into contracts with suppliers in relation to the Food Distribution Hub to support and protect the city's most vulnerable residents during the current national emergency.</li> <li>Approved the provision of additional temporary accommodation through an agreement with a local hotel and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, to enter into a contract with the local hotel for the provision of temporary accommodation for homeless and others in need of urgent temporary accommodation.</li> </ol>		

7. Agreed the provision of Business Rates relief, in line with emergency Government Guidance, and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Head of Revenues and Benefits, and the Director of Finance to allocate business rates relief to individual businesses.
8. Agreed to the payment of Business Rates Grants by the Council, in line with emergency Government Guidance, and to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with Director of Finance, to establish supplementary budgets for the cost of Business Rates Grants which will be reimbursed in full by Government grant once Government have confirmed the amount to be allocated to the Wolverhampton.
9. Agreed to the payment of Small Business Grants by the Council, in line with emergency Government Guidance, and to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Head of Revenues and Benefits and the Director of Finance to award grant payments to business under the Small Business Grants Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Grant Fund announced by Government in line with Government Guidance.
10. Agreed to establish supplementary budgets totaling £3,272,264, funded by grant to fund the Hardship Scheme and delegate authority the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Head of Revenue and Benefits and the Director of Finance to make the required reductions in council tax and note that alternative support mechanisms will be considered and, where appropriate, funding will be provided from within the hardship fund to be used where it supports the guidance.
11. Authorised the Director of Governance to sign a contract with Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council for additional mortuary support by the Director of Governance.

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts (Signed with reservations) Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Councillor Paul Sweet	30 March 2020	Denise Pearce 01902 554515

<b>Title and summary of decision</b>
<p><b>Senior Pay Policy Statement 2020-2021</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Senior Pay Policy Statement for 2020-2021.</li> <li>2. Approved the publication of the Senior Pay Policy Statement in line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.</li> <li>3. Noted that the Pay Policy incorporates a new Grade 13 into the Senior Management Pay Structure, in order to provide a more flexible, adaptable structure to support future reviews and rationalisation of senior managers.</li> <li>4. Noted that the Pay Policy has been revised to ensure that it is explicit, that an Individual Executive Decision Notice, reportable to Cabinet (Resources) Panel in the usual manner, is required, if the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Head of Paid Service, makes additional payments below £100,000, on cessation of employment, for reasons other than redundancy.</li> </ol>

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Harman Banger Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Louise Miles Councillor Paul Sweet	7 May 2020	Allison Shannon 01902 554561

**Title and summary of decision**

**Amendments to Council Budget and decisions related to Council actions as result of Covid-19**

1. Established supplementary expenditure budgets totalling £7,278,499 funded by the COVID 19 Emergency Funding for Local Government Grant to support additional costs and loss of income relating to COVID 19.
2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve all virements required to support the additional costs and loss of income relating to COVID 19.
3. Authorised the entering into contracts with food suppliers without going through a detailed procurement process in light of the need for urgent acquisition of food supplies to ensure that food can continue to be provided through the food hub during the Covid-19 situation.
4. Authorised the donation of up to £20,000 by the Council to the One City Fund aimed at supporting struggling families in the City during Covid-19 from the allocated 2020-2021 Ward funds within the Corporate Contingency for Budget Growth subject to the agreement of the relevant ward Councillor, or in the case of a vacant ward seat the Cabinet Member for Resources.
5. Authorised the creation of a reserve to facilitate the carry forward of unspent ward funds from 2019-2020.

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts (Signed with reservations) Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet	29 June 2020	Claire Nye 01902 550478

**Title and summary of decision**

**Budget Amendments**

1. Noted that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a damaging impact on capital projects, internationally, across the UK and in the city, leading to cost pressures associated with new 'social distanced' operating models, materials and how they are sourced. Major development projects such as the Civic Halls and WV Living sites have been affected by this global issue.
2. Approved budgetary provision for specific risks emerging from the Covid-19 global pandemic in relation to the Civic Halls project, that cannot be contained within the contingencies already provided for within the existing budget
3. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy in consultation with the Director for Regeneration, to approve the award of the construction contract for the Civic Halls restoration project, to Willmott Dixon Interiors Ltd of Lock House, Castle Meadow Road, Nottingham, NG2 1AG for a total contract value as prescribed at paragraph 2.3 of appendix 1.

4. That, due to the impact of Covid-19, a capital repayment holiday is provided to WV Living.
5. That, due to the impact of Covid-19, equity as detailed in appendix 1 is provided to WV Living once evidence has been provided to satisfy the Director of Finance and the Director of Governance that the investment will comply with the relevant rules.
6. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve the final terms of the capital repayment holiday and the equity provision.
7. Delegated authority to the Director of Governance to execute the necessary agreements to give effect to the decisions made.
8. That Wolverhampton Homes are authorised to purchase properties from WV Living for the purpose of market rental.
9. That a loan of up to £1.6 million is provided to Wolverhampton Homes to facilitate the purchase of the properties.
10. That budgetary provision is made in the capital programme to facilitate the loan.
11. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve the final terms of the loan.
12. Delegated authority to the Director of Governance to execute the necessary agreements to give effect to the decisions made.
13. Approved the establishment of supplementary income and expenditure budgets for the development and delivery of city events.
14. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy in consultation with Director of City Environment to approve the individual business cases for City Events.
15. Delegated authority to Cabinet Member for City Economy in consultation with Director of City Environment to approve the Council entering into contracts and agreements with or for performers for City Events.
16. Approved a virement of £100,000 from the Corporate Accounts revenue budget to the City Events revenue budget to facilitate the delivery of sporting event.

Decision maker	Date Approved	Contact Officer
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Linda Leach Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet	17 July 2020	Claire Nye 01902 550478
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Capital Outturn and Treasury Management Annual Report 2019-2020 and Monitoring Quarter One 2020-2021</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the revised medium-term General Revenue Account capital programme of £380.8 million, an increase of £2.0 million from the previously approved programme, and the change in associated resources.</li> <li>2. Approved the revised Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme of £462.2 million, a reduction of £20,000 from the previously approved programme, and the change in associated resources.</li> <li>3. Delegated authority to the Director of Finance to lower the minimum sovereign rating in the Annual Investment Strategy, in the event of the UK's credit rating being downgraded by the two credit rating agencies, due to the unprecedented impact of Covid-19 on the economy.</li> <li>4. Noted the Council operated within the approved Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury</li> </ol>		

<p>Management Policy Statement during 2019-2020.</p> <p>5. Noted that revenue underspends of £440,000 for the General Revenue Account and £273,000 for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) were generated from treasury management activities in 2019-2020.</p> <p>6. Noted that revenue underspends of £1.5 million for the General Revenue Account and £434,000 for the HRA are forecast from treasury management activities in 2020-2021.</p> <p>7. Noted that due to receipt of grants from Central Government in response to Covid-19 the Council temporarily exceeded the limit of £10.0 million to be held in the Council's bank account. The temporary increase of the limit to £32.7 million was approved by the Director of Finance under the authority delegated by Council and was in place for the period 1 April 2020 to 9 April 2020.</p>
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## City Environment

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Louise Miles Councillor Paul Sweet	30 March 2020	Stuart Everton 01902 554097
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Bilston Road Improvement Scheme Payments</b></p> <p>1. Authorised CWC to send letters and Settlement Agreements to affected traders setting out the Full and Final value of compensation due and requesting their signature in return for payment.</p> <p>2. Approved payments to those traders where settlement agreements have been certified, signed and returned totaling £46,991.41.</p> <p>3. Approved a virement totaling £200,000 from Corporate Accounts to the Black Country Transport service to support expenditure arising as a result of the Bilston Road Financial Assistance programme.</p> <p>4. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve payments to traders when future settlement agreements have been signed and returned.</p>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Councillor Paul Sweet	30 March 2020	Chris Howell 01902 55 4554
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Statement of Licensing Policy</b></p> <p>1. Approved the revised Statement of Licensing Policy.</p>		

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Councillor Paul Sweet	4 May 2020	John Roseblade 01902 55 5755
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Temporary Amendment to the Travel Assistance Assessment Process</b>		
1. Agreed proposed approach to temporarily amend the travel assistance assessment process by delaying the assessment for independent travel training until social distancing and resource permits.		
<b>Decision maker</b>		
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Paul Sweet	17 April 2020	Steve Woodward 01902 55 4260
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Parks and Open Spaces Strategy – Capital Programme</b>		
1. Approved the capital budgets as detailed in the body of the report totaling £581,188.24 to allow identified works for the projects to be carried out and developer capital grants and contributions to be spent.		
2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve the capital projects for the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy capital programme in accordance with the specific development orders, conditions and agreements through an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN), with all supporting evidence and documentation.		
<b>Decision maker</b>		
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Simkins Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Councillor Paul Sweet	10 June 2020	Crissie Rushton 01902 55 2050
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Reopening of High Street Safely Fund</b>		
1. Approved the Council entering into a grant agreement between the Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLGU) for the Reopening of the High Streets Safely Fund together with any ancillary documents necessary for the Council to receive the funds.		
2. Approved the creation of a supplementary budget of £234,488 fully funded by Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLGU) grant provided by the European Regional Development Fund and expenditure in line with the grant terms and conditions.		

## Regeneration

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet	1 June 2020	Isobel Woods 01902 55 1848
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Discretionary Business Support Grant – Covid-19</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Established supplementary expenditure budgets totalling £2.3 million funded by the COVID Local Government Grant to support the costs of the discretionary business grant.</li> <li>2. Agreed the approach to the distribution of the discretionary business grant as detailed in the report.</li> <li>3. Authorised the use of any underspend in Small Business Grant Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Fund, that Government agrees to being so used, to increase the relevant budget at paragraph 1 and to be spent in line with the principles at paragraph 2.</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Linda Leach Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet	17 July 2020	Isobel Woods 01902 55 1848
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Discretionary Business Support Grant – Covid-19</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed the approach to the distribution of the remaining discretionary business grant as detailed in the report</li> <li>2. Established supplementary expenditure budgets totaling £47,000 funded by new Burdens funding to support the costs of administrating the discretionary business grants scheme.</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre Councillor Paul Sweet	15 August 2020	Isobel Woods 01902 55 1848
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Discretionary Business Support Grant – Covid-19</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed to amend the current discretionary business grant scheme, to revise the timeline and allocation of grant, as detailed in this report.</li> </ol>		

## Governance

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts (Signed with reservations) Councillor Steve Evans Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Paul Sweet	29 April 2020	David Pattison 01902 55 3840
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Decisions related to Council actions as result of Covid-19</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed to amend the authority given in the decision of 27 March 2020 re the establishment of the Food Distribution Hub, to provide support for other vulnerable families and households as set out in the decision and to provide goods and services related to the Hub to other authorities where appropriate.</li> <li>2. Authorised the purchase of an additional cremator for the Council's Crematorium without going through a detailed procurement process in light of the need for urgent acquisition of the cremator to ensure that the service can continue to function during the Covid-19 situation.</li> <li>3. Agreed the proposed approach to payments in relation to Adult Social Care set out in table 1 to the report.</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet	6 May 2020	Jaswinder Kaur 01902 55 0320
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Extend Municipal Year 2019-2020</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed to postpone Annual Council due to take place on 20 May 2020 and extend the Municipal Year 2019-2020 until autumn 2020 to a date to be confirmed.</li> <li>2. Approved the Extended Calendar of Meetings for the extended Municipal Year 2019-2020.</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Paul Sweet	12 May 2020	David Pattison 01902 55 3840
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Approval of absence</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the absence of Cllr John Rowley until 13 November 2020 pursuant to section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.</li> </ol>		



<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Linda Leach Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet	17 July 2020	David Pattison 01902 55 3840
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Approval of dispensation for non-attendance at council meetings</b></p> <p>1. Approved the absence of Councilors Payal Bedi-Chadha, Paul Birch, Paul Appleby, Jacqueline Coogan, Claire Darke, Jasbinder Dehar, Christopher Haynes, Hazel Malcolm, Beverley Momenabadi, Sandra Samuels OBE, Gurmukh (Mak) Singh, Obaida Ahmed, Susan Roberts, Rashpal Kaur and Udey Singh until 16 January 2021 pursuant to section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Dr Mike Hardacre Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Councillor Paul Sweet	31 July 2020	Jaswinder Kaur 01902 55 0320
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Calendar of Meetings 2020-2021</b></p> <p>1. Approved the City of Wolverhampton Council Calendar of Meetings for 2020-2021. 2. Agreed that Annual Council take place on Wednesday 19 May 2021. 3. Noted that all post holders remain in post until the new Municipal Year starts other than where varied in line with the constitution.</p>		

## Adults

Decision maker	Date Approved	Contact Officer
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre Councillor Paul Sweet	16 June 2020	Becky Wilkinson 07462671689
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Adult Social Care Infection Prevention Ring Fenced Grant (2020)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Council entering into a grant agreement between the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and CQC registered care homes in the city to distribute the Infection Control Fund grant as directed by the Department of Health and Social Care, together with any ancillary documents necessary for the Council to receive the funds.</li> <li>2. Approved the creation of a supplementary budget of £3.3m fully funded by the Adult Social Care Infection Prevention Ring Fenced grant 2020 provided by MHCLG and expenditure in line with the grant terms and conditions. This funding will be paid as a Section 31 grant ring fenced exclusively for actions which support care homes and domiciliary care providers mainly to tackle the risk of Covid19 infections and is in addition to funding already received. 75% of the ring-fenced grant must transfer directly to CQC registered Care Homes (2,516 beds in total) and 25% spent by the local authority in line with grant conditions</li> <li>3. Approved the proposed communication and process for allocation and monitoring of 75% of the grant funding to Care Homes in line with the grant conditions as set out in section 3 of this report.</li> <li>4. Delegated authority to the Director of Adult Services, in consultation with the Director of Public health, to approve the plan on behalf of the council for the allocation of the 25% of grant funding to the Wolverhampton System in line with the grant conditions as set out in section 3 of this report.</li> </ol>		

## Children and Young People

Decision maker	Date Approved	Contact Officer
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet	28 April 2020	Emma Bennett 01902 551449
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Temporary Social Care delivery model for Children and Young people during Covid-19</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Temporary Social Care delivery model for Children and Young people during Covid-19 during the Covid-19 situation</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet members, to make any other necessary amendments to the arrangements.</li> </ol>		

## Public Health

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Councillor Paul Sweet	17 April 2020	Lynsey Kelly 01902 55 0042
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation 2020-2021</b></p> <p>1. Approved delegation of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Community Safety Partnership fund allocation 2020-2021 received from the PCC to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) for the purposes of delivering against the City's Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.</p>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Councillor Paul Sweet	6 July 2020	Richard Welch 07387290020
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Outbreak Control Plan - Ring Fenced Grant</b></p> <p>1. Endorsed the Wolverhampton Outbreak Control Plan as detailed in appendix One.</p> <p>2. Approved the creation of a supplementary budget of £1.9 million fully funded by a Central Government Test and Trace Support Grant.</p> <p>3. Delegated authority for expenditure of the support grant to the Director of Public Health in line with grant conditions as detailed in appendix Two.</p>		

## Part 2 – Exempt Items

### Our Council

Decision maker	Date Approved	Contact Officer
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Paul Sweet Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	17 April 2020	John Thompson 01902 55 4503
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>31 March 2020 - Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Director of City Environment, to approve the award of a contract for the Hire and Maintenance of Winter Service Vehicles including Maintenance when the evaluation process is complete; and approve a virement totalling £210,000 from Treasury Management budgets to Fleet Services budget to cover the costs of leasing.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Director of Adult Services, to approve the award of a contract for the Best Interest Assessors framework when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>3. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the award of a contract for Revenues and Benefits software when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>4. Approved the award of the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Paper to Premier Paper Group Ltd of Premier House, Mercury Way, Off Barton Dock Road, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M41 7PA, United Kingdom for a duration of four years from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2024 for a total contract value of £241,669.20.</li> <li>5. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the award of a contract for Cash in Transit when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>6. Approved the exemption from Contract Procedure Rules to award the contract for Community Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities to Trident Reach, Progress Children Services Ltd and Barnardo's Services Ltd for a duration of 17 months from 1 April 2020 to 1 September 2021 with a value of £351,000.</li> <li>7. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services, to approve the award of a contract for the Emotional Wellbeing Offer when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>8. The exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 29 February 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 be noted.</li> </ol>		

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts (Signed with reservations) Councillor Louise Miles Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Paul Sweet	20 May 2020	John Thompson 01902 554503
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Procurement exceptions due to Covid19</b>		
1. Authorised extending a number of contracts by variation to ensure that these key services can continue to be provided until the Covid-19 outbreak and lockdown are resolved.		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman Councillor Paul Sweet	10 June 2020	John Thompson 01902 554503
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Procurement exceptions due to Covid19 (June)</b>		
1. Authorised the Council entering into a contract with BBP Security Services Ltd for the provision of manned security services without going through a detailed procurement process in light of the need for urgent manned security of the food hub during the Covid-19 situation.		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Councillor Paul Sweet	7 July 2020	John Thompson 01902 554503
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Procurement exceptions due to Covid19 July</b>		
1. Authorised the Council entering into a contract with MKG Ltd for the provision of Food Distribution Parcel service without going through a detailed procurement process in light of the Covid-19 situation.		

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Steve Evans Councillor Linda Leach Councillor Paul Sweet	3 September 2020	John Thompson 01902 554503
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Procurement of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorised the Council entering into a contract with Bytes Software Services for the provision of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve the final contract.</li> </ol>		

## Housing

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Paul Sweet Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	17 April 2020	Luke Dove 01902 557121
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Community Asset Transfer – Gatis Street Adventure Playground</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Community Asset Transfer of Gatis Street Adventure Playground, WV6 0ES to ARCCIC (Acts of Random Caring Community Interest Company) T/a Gatis Gardeners for a term of 35 years subject to agreed terms.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive to approve the terms of the Community Asset Transfer and lease.</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Paul Sweet Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	17 April 2020	Luke Dove 01902 557121
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<b>Community Asset Transfer – Burdett House</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Community Asset Transfer of Burdett House, 29-30 Cleveland Street, WV1 3HT to Central Youth Theatre for a term of 35 years subject to terms.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive to approve the terms of the Community Asset Transfer and lease.</li> </ol>		

<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor John Reynolds Councillor Paul Sweet Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	17 April 2020	Luke Dove 01902 557121
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Leasing of Former Goldthorn Hill Allotments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Site Management Agreement for the Former Goldthorn Hill Allotments for an initial two-year term to Goldthorn Hill Pumping Station Allotment Society, subject to terms.</li> <li>2. Subject to the criteria of the initial Site Management Agreement being met, approved an extension of the same for a further term of 25 years.</li> <li>3. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive to approve the terms of the Site Management Agreement.</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Louise Miles Councillor Paul Sweet Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	19 May 2020	Kevin Kingston 01902 55 2350
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Approval of Staged Development Agreements for Affordable Housing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the City of Wolverhampton (CWC) enter into six separate staged payment Development Agreements with WV Living (WVL) for 100 affordable housing units on six sites for up to £8,777,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.</li> <li>2. Authorised the Council to execute the development agreements, contracts, transfers, associated wayleave agreements, deeds of easements, deeds of grant, collateral warranties together with any ancillary agreements.</li> <li>3. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Director of Finance, to agree the purchase price of the affordable homes required under the S.106 homes and planning conditions, based upon an assessment of value provided by a Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) valuer.</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Stephen Simkins Councillor Paul Sweet Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	10 June 2020	Henry Gregory 01902 555159
<b>Title and summary of decision</b>		
<p><b>Increase in Temporary Accommodation Provision.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the use of additional 16 Council housing properties for temporary accommodation use.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Director for City Environment to approve future use of Council housing properties for temporary accommodation or alternative use as required.</li> </ol>		

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<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meeting of the City Council</b> <b>16 September 2020</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Motions on Notice
<b>Referring body/person</b>	Leader of the Council Councillor Wendy Thompson Councillor Simon Bennett
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	N/A
<b>Accountable director</b>	David Pattison, Director of Governance
<b>Originating service</b>	Democratic Services
<b>Accountable employee</b>	Jaswinder Kaur      Democratic Services Manager Tel                      01902 55 0320 Email                    Jaswinder.Kaur@wolverhampton.gov.uk

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**Recommendation for action:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Consider the motions received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

## **1.0 Purpose**

1.1 For Council to consider the motions received:

### **a. COVID-19 Resolution**

The Leader of the Council will propose the following motion:

The City of Wolverhampton Council welcomes and is immensely grateful for the hard work and commitment of its many frontline and key workers, from health and social care staff, to refuse workers and council officers, who have and continue to maintain essential services and support during the current pandemic.

Our Council also commends the response of many Wolverhampton residents who have selflessly given their time and support to their neighbours and families during this crisis.

COVID 19 in the City has taken its toll both in personal and financial losses, and we urge the Government to keep to their word and commit to extra funding to cover the funding gap caused by the pandemic. They must ensure that local councils have everything they need to overcome this crisis.

Furthermore we call on Government to trust and respect local councils and give us the powers we need to support our communities as it becomes increasingly clear that the responsibility of preventing a second wave will be through local lockdowns borne by local government.

### **b. COVID-19 Tribute**

Cllr Mrs Wendy Thompson will propose the following motion:

On behalf of local residents, the City of Wolverhampton Council pays tribute and gives its utmost thanks to all those involved in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, Council proffers its gratitude for the personal sacrifices made by all those responding to the pandemic.

### **c. Re-opening of libraries**

Cllr Simon Bennett will propose the following motion:

Without delay, Council agrees to fully reopen the city's libraries by incorporating Covid secure measures similar to the processes already established by neighbouring authorities, following a change to government guidance on July 4th.

Council also notes the importance of libraries in providing, but not limited to, the loaning of books, audio books, large print items as well as free computer and internet access.