

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on Wednesday, 11 November 2020

Item 5	
Title	Council Tax Support Scheme
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the proposals to revise the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021-2022 as outlined in the report, be approved subject to consultation with the West Midlands Combined Authority and the Fire and Police precepting bodies.
Options Considered	The alternative option is not to make any changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme. However, this would not provide the benefits to the claimants that the proposals offer. It would also not provide the efficiencies in the administration that can be gained by automating the process as a result of the changes.
Reasons for Decision	In order to provide the benefits to both the claimant and the Council outlined in section 3 of the report, it is recommended that the proposals are taken forward to consultation.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	17 November 2020

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Item 6	
Title	Administration of the Black Country Community Discharge Grant
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That City of Wolverhampton Council accepts, holds and distributes the Community Discharge Grant (CDG) awarded by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on behalf of the Black Country region which includes the administrative areas of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton Transforming Care Partnership (TCP). 2. That the Council accepts the role of accountable body to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care for the grant. 3. That the Council enter into such legal agreements as necessary to receive the grant as lead authority on behalf of the Black Country TCP and any further grant payments in 2021-22 and 2022-23. 4. That the Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to accept the grant of £657,414 for the Black Country Region. 5. That the creation of a supplementary revenue budget in accordance with the MOU document, fully funded by the grant be approved. 6. That it be noted that City of Wolverhampton Council would not be responsible for decisions regarding the approval of grant applications and monitoring of the use of the grant, this would remain the role of the Black Country TCP Board, of which we are a key partner.
Options Considered	Option One would be for no change to the existing plan; for the Council to accept hold and distribute the Black Country Transforming Community Partnership Discharge Grant as lead authority. This will demonstrate the Council's commitment to achieving the 'Building the Right Support' strategy, as well as supporting and enhancing this work locally and regionally. This

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	<p>option further demonstrates the Council’s commitment to young people and adults with a learning disability and autism, leading good lives with good health and wellbeing outcomes. This is the recommended option.</p> <p>Option Two would be to request that another Black Country authority, undertakes the role of administering the CDG. The Council has tentatively offered to undertake this role, subject to Cabinet (Resources) Panel agreement. Should the Council refused to accept the role of lead authority or accountable body, it could be perceived that there is a lack of commitment on the part of CWC and the other Black Country Authorities to deliver the strategy. This option would still require the Council to remain a committed member of the Black Country TCP.</p>
<p>Reasons for Decision</p>	<p>The Black Country Transforming Care Partnership Community Discharge Grant payable for the financial year 2020-21 is £657,414. Indicative allocations for 2021-22 and 2022-23 will be made ahead of each financial year using the Barnett formula and will be subject to consultation.</p> <p>The 2020-21 grant allocation, whilst for use across the Black Country region, will also benefit young people and adults within Wolverhampton. This is an investment in supporting people with a disability and/or autism to lead fulfilled lives within safe and supportive environments. Taking a lead role in administering the grant demonstrates our continued commitment and ambition to reduce hospital admissions, achieve timely hospital discharges and provide personalised support for adults with a learning disability and/or autism.</p>
<p>Record of Conflicts of Interest</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Dispensation Granted</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</p>	<p>17 November 2020</p>

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Item 7	
Title	Land at Tremont Street
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive to approve the appropriation of the Land at Tremont Street from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for housing development.
Options Considered	The asset could alternatively be sold on the open market in return for a capital receipt, but this would be at the detriment of losing a vital asset within this part of the City that forms an integral part of the Heath Town Regeneration proposals.
Reasons for Decision	The proposed appropriation provides a viable, robust and sustainable solution to ensure that the asset is efficiently utilised and will provide development of 66 new build apartments for Council housing use. This ensures that expanding housing demands are continuing to be supported throughout the City.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 8	
Title	Leasing of Land at Well Lane - Memorial Statue
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the transfer of land at Well Lane, Wednesfield to the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, Well Lane for the purpose of siting a memorial statue on a 99-year peppercorn lease, subject to terms be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive to approve the terms of the lease.
Options Considered	The asset could alternatively remain as is, but this would be at the detriment of losing an excellent opportunity to utilise the land for the siting of a memorial monument that represents an important part of history which has significant importance to not only residents of Wednesfield, but throughout the City.
Reasons for Decision	The proposed lease and memorial provides a viable, robust and sustainable solution to ensure that the asset is efficiently utilised and if approved, will support the Council's inclusive approach to the use of assets within Wolverhampton and ensure that all areas of the City's diverse community are represented.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 9	
Title	Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees be noted.
Options Considered	Not applicable in relation to the summary report
Reasons for Decision	In accordance with the Council's Constitution, a summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees must be reported to the next available meeting of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	12 November 2020

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Item 10	
Title	Exclusion of press and public
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information Relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
Options Considered	Not applicable.
Reasons for Decision	Not applicable.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	Not applicable.
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable.
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable.

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Item 11	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, to approve the award of a contract for Window Cleaning when the evaluation process is complete. 2. That the exemption to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 30 September 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 12	
Title	Renewal of Black Country Car Cruising Injunction (2021)
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it be approved that an application to the High Court inviting the Court to renew the Black Country Car Cruising Injunction (granted 1 December 2014, effective from 2 February 2015 and expired 1 February 2018; renewed 9 January 2018 until 1 February 2021) for a further three years until 23:59 hours on 31 January 2024 is in the interests of the City of Wolverhampton Council area. 2. That the making of an application to the High Court inviting the Court to vary the terms of said injunction such that a prohibition be included the effect of which would be that those actively spectating at a car cruise event are deemed to be participating in a car cruise and thus in breach of the injunction be approved. This would bring the Black Country Car Cruising Injunction in line with the car cruising injunctions covering the Birmingham and Solihull areas. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance in consultation with the Director of Governance to execute Individual Executive Decision Notices to the effect that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The City of Wolverhampton Council (“the Council”) enters an agreement pursuant to sections 101 and 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 with the Borough Councils of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, for the Council to lead a project and conduct litigation with the aim of inviting the High Court to extend the injunction for a further three years from its expiry (i.e. until 23:59 hours on 31 January 2021); and for each of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall to repay the Council one quarter of the Council’s legal costs and disbursements in making such application to the Court; and b. When the Director of Governance and the Cabinet Member for Governance are satisfied as to the quality and cogency of the evidence in support of the intended application, the Council’s Legal Services Department be authorised to issue an application to Court inviting the Court to vary (extend) the injunction for a further three years from its expiry.

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	<p>4. That it be noted that an application to Court every three years inviting the Court to extend the injunction for a further three years or inviting the Court to grant the injunction in perpetuity is not feasible. Therefore, on a medium term/long-term basis, as car cruising is a national issue, the Council would explore the option of leading a project in cooperation with the West Midlands Combined Authority, West Midlands Police Force to lobby Parliament to address the nuisance of car cruising through legislation. Separate papers would be received in due course in this regard.</p>
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	17 November 2020