Item 4	
Title	Youth Offending Team Inspection Outcome
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That Council be recommended to: 1. Endorse the adoption of the Youth Offending Team inspection action plan. The Cabinet notes: 1. The 'Good' inspection rating of the Youth Offending Team and how the positive work will continue to further improve services for young people in the city.
Options Considered	Given the statutory requirements regarding the YOT and the report from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) inspection, the YOT management Board agreed the action plan for submission to HMIP on 25 February 2022 and alternative options were not considered to be appropriate in this instance.
Reasons for Decision	To have a YOT is a statutory function and this report and action plan represent a response to a recent Youth Offending Team inspection. The action plan is a requirement stipulated by HMIP following the inspection. The YOT management board approved the plan for submission to HMIP on 25 February 2022 in order to comply with HMIP timescales and deadline.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	7 April 2022

Item 5	
Title	Wolverhampton Homes Delivery Plan 2022-2023
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	 That Council be recommended to approve: The Wolverhampton Homes Delivery Plan 2022-2023. The arrangements for monitoring the delivery of the Wolverhampton Homes Delivery Plan to be reported to Cabinet.
Options Considered	The Council entered into a 15-year management agreement with Wolverhampton Homes (WH) in 2013 to continue to deliver housing management services on behalf of the Council. It is a requirement of this management agreement that the Council and WH work to develop and adopt a delivery plan which sets out how WH will deliver the services delegated to them and help to deliver the Stock Maintenance and Improvement Programme. In so doing WH in conjunction with the Council aim to contribute to improving housing across the City by offering better quality housing choices and safe and secure housing for all.
	The alternative option would be not to adopt an annual delivery plan. Where a delivery plan cannot be agreed, the management agreement sets out that it will be determined in accordance with its dispute resolution process.
Reasons for Decision	It is recommended that the WH Delivery Plan at appendix 1 to the report is adopted. It is accompanied by draft performance indicators to be finalised between the Council and WH for 2022-2023, at Appendix 2, both of which have been developed in conjunction with the Council. Appendix 3 sets out WH's procurement plan for 2022-2023 as required by the management agreement.

	Additionally, the Council continues to monitor and review WH to ensure that the organisation remains high-performing, well-governed and delivering a housing service in line with the Council's strategic objectives.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	7 April 2022

Item 6	
Title	Oxley Health and Wellbeing facility and Residential Accommodation
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That Council be recommended to approve: 1. The project and appropriate capital budgets funded through grant and prudential borrowing as detailed within the report, subject to confirmation of successful grant bids. That Cabinet approves:
	The development by the Council of a modern health, wellbeing facility and residential accommodation on the Council owned former Oxley Day Training Centre site.
	2. Delegated authority to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance to agree and enter into the required funding agreements, Heads of Terms, Lease agreements with the health facility occupiers and Heads of Terms and Lease agreement with the Registered Provider upon selection together with any ancillary agreements.
Options Considered	In addition to the proposal there are alternative options explored to seek beneficial use of the site and opportunities to unlock the Council asset. Whilst evaluating the options and determining the preferred option in the outline business case, it was imperative to ensure good value for money, maximising outputs from the asset with job creation, remediation of brownfield land and addressing community needs with the provision of modern health facilities and affordable housing are accomplished.
	Option 1: Do nothing – The buildings have already been programmed to be demolished and this is included in the Corporate Asset Capital Programme, seeking approval. Beyond this activity there would be no new proposals and the asset would continue to result in non-recoverable maintenance and management costs.

	Option 2: Freehold disposal of the asset – This option would result in the asset to be auctioned to the highest bidder. Option 3: Develop a Modern Health and wellbeing facility – This option would result in the asset being designed and built by the Council with pre-lets to health care GPs, RWT district nurses team and a Pharmacy, all with long term leases.
Reasons for Decision	Based on the proposal and alternative options, the recommendation for Cabinet is to pursue the proposals as outlined in section 3.0 of the report, which would offer a mixed-use scheme with a modern health facility and residential accommodation for key workers and affordable housing. Without public intervention, provision of land and funding the opportunity to develop a prominent site in the heart of the Oxley community and close proximity to the city's transport links, is unlikely to progress and will continue to be stalled, due to the viability issues.
	Option 1 is difficult to pursue and be seen as 'lack of activity' by the Council. Option 2 is not advised unless alternative sites are made available for a health facility in Oxley, which currently is not possible based on property and land searches. Finally, option 3 to develop a health facility only will result in the lost opportunity to attract grant funding, the site would also be underutilised considering there is opportunity to provide an additional use, such as housing, further it does not meet the needs of the wider community and so this is not recommended to be pursued.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	7 April 2022

Item 7	
Title	Performance, Budget Monitoring and Budget Update 2021-2022
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the establishment of supplementary expenditure budgets within the 2021-2022 approved budget as detailed in section 9.0 and Appendix 3 to the report for grant funded expenditure be approved.
	2. That the use of £7,000 from the Wholesale Market Sinking Fund to fund car park resurfacing at Wholesale Markets as detailed in paragraph 10.4 of the report be approved.
	3. That the use of £190,000 from the Budget Contingency Reserve to fund the additional resources required to support a temporary expansion in recruitment processes across the Council as detailed at paragraph 10.5 of the report be approved.
	4. That the contribution of £47,000 from the Budget Contingency Reserve to fund additional resources in the Information Governance Team to ensure continued statutory compliance as detailed in paragraph 10.6 of the report be approved.
	5. That the use of £1.8 million from the Adults Social Care Reserve to fund growing demand within various services as detailed in paragraph 10.7 of the report be approved.
	6. That the write-off of six Council Tax debts totalling £40,607.02 as detailed in Appendix 9 to the report be approved.
	7. That the write-off of two Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £63,595.44 as detailed in Appendix 10 to the report be approved.
	8. That the write-off of six Sundry Debts totalling £147,325.73 as detailed in Appendix 8 to the report be approved.

- 9. That 21 virements totalling £6.7 million, for transfers within directorates, as detailed in Appendix 11 to the report be approved.
- 10. That it be noted that the General Fund projected outturn for 2021-2022 is currently forecast to be a breakeven position (excluding the impact of Covid-19). This forecast is after the transfer of £4 million into the Future Years Budget Strategy Reserve in accordance with the 2022-2023 budget strategy and £3.4 million contribution towards reducing the utilisation of capital receipts flexibility in line with the 2021-2022 budget strategy.
- 11. That it be noted that it is anticipated that the cost of redundancies can be met from reserves.
- 12. That it be noted that a £11.5 million surplus on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projected compared with a budgeted surplus of £13.1 million as shown at Table 3 and in detail at Appendix 5 to the report. The projected reduction to the surplus of £1.6 million would reduce redemption of debt by £1.6 million.
- 13. That it be noted that 733 council tax accounts totalling £456,782.91, as detailed in paragraph 11.2 and Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
- 14. That it be noted that 28 Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £194,901.74, as detailed in paragraph 11.2 and Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
- 15. That it be noted that 16 housing benefit overpayments totalling £1,451.30 as detailed in paragraph 11.2 and Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
- 16. That it be noted that 73 sundry debt accounts totalling £45,619.10, as detailed in paragraph 11.2 and Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

	17. That the performance against the key indicators as set out in appendix 1 to the report be noted.
Options Considered	In accordance with the Council's financial procedures rules, all virements in excess of £50,000, or those that result in a transfer between employees and other controllable expenditure headings, require the approval of Cabinet. Contributions to and from reserves and the creation of supplementary budgets also require Cabinet approval. The write-offs, virements, use of reserves and creation of supplementary budgets detailed in this report which seek the approval of Cabinet are all considered prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance.
Reasons for Decision	In accordance with the Council's financial procedures rules, all virements in excess of £50,000, or those that result in a transfer between Employees and Other Controllable Expenditure headings, require the approval of Cabinet. Contribution to and from reserves also requires the approval from Cabinet. The write-offs, virements and use of reserve requests detailed in this report which seek the approval of Cabinet are all considered to be prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance and the Leader of the Council.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	28 March 2022

Item 8	
Title	Digital Wolverhampton Strategy
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the Digital Wolverhampton Strategy be approved.
	2. That minor amendments to the strategy be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Digital City in consultation with the Director of Strategy to approve.
Options Considered	Option 1 : Do not adopt the Digital Wolverhampton Strategy. Whilst the Council has approved the Wolverhampton Digital Infrastructure Strategy in January 2020, a failure to acknowledge the learning from Covid, and need to address broader issues in relation to digital inclusion, innovation and the economy could result in poor outcomes for the city.
	Option 2 : Adopt the Digital Wolverhampton Strategy, setting a strategic framework that maximises benefits locally and tackles the digital divide, improving the digital skills and to provide digital support to businesses.
Reasons for Decision	Option 2, the approval of the Digital Wolverhampton Strategy is the preferred option as it builds on progress made in the rollout of futureproofed digital infrastructure to maximise benefits to the residents and businesses. It supports innovation in delivery of services, growing the digital economy and supporting residents to access job opportunities, as well as addressing the digital divide.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for	24 March 2022
implementation (subject to call-in)	

Item 9	
Title	Open Space Strategy and Action Plan
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	 That the commissioning of a new Open Space Strategy and Action Plan be approved. That the importance of cross-directorate working to the successful implementation of the Open Space Strategy and Action Plan be noted.
Options Considered	Option one - to review and update the Open Space Strategy and Action Plan. This would result in an out of date plan, no evidence base to support the open space policies in the emerging Black Country Plan which would leave it subject to challenge, insufficient information on which to base decisions about the management and investment in open space and a lack of evidence on which to base developer contributions and funding applications. Option two - to review the standards and recommendations in the Open Space Strategy and Action Plan without revising the evidence base. This would result in inaccurate decisions being
	made on the basis of out of date information and again would leave the Strategy and Black Country Plan open to challenge, as well as making developer contributions harder to negotiate.
Reasons for Decision	The reason for the decision is to provide an up to date Open Space Strategy and Action Plan for the city to support the management of the city's open spaces including decisions on disposal, investment, developer contributions and funding bids. Not to make the decision would leave the city without an up to date Strategy and Action Plan, leaving its management, investment and funding decisions without an adequate evidence base and subject to challenge.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None

Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	28 March 2022

Item 10	
Title	Financial Wellbeing Strategy: Tackling the Cost-of-Living Crisis
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the Financial Wellbeing Strategy: Tackling the Cost-of-Living Crisis and the funding allocated for implementation be approved and endorsed.
	2. That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Executive Director of Families for any final minor updates to the strategy.
	3. That it be noted that this item was considered for pre-decision scrutiny on 15 March 2022 by Scrutiny Board and would therefore not be available to call in once a decision is made by Cabinet.
Options Considered	Given what we know about the level of need in the city to pursue option one is not the preferred option. By doing nothing, residents in need will struggle further and the impact of financial hardship will continue and escalate, impacting detrimentally on the lives and opportunities of residents of our city.
	Option two is the preferred and recommended option. By implementing the Financial Wellbeing Strategy, it will allow a graduated response to support being offered at early, emerging and essential (crisis) levels where needed. By refocusing on early and emerging need the requirement for essential support should reduce. Those who do need essential support can be supported more intensively in the short term to enable opportunity to address the cause of the crisis to prevent further similar situations.
Reasons for Decision	The strategy will help support avoidance of escalation of need and identify support at the earliest opportunity. It will support partnership working as the key to delivery, working with our community, voluntary and faith partners to strengthen resilience within communities.

	The wealth of local data and information to evidence the need for financial support cannot be underestimated. Through the collection of local data, we have established an understanding of the level and type of hardship experienced by households in the city. In the shorter-term residents of the city affected by financial hardship will continue to require urgent essential crisis support, but by adopting this strategy we can work in our local communities to support that immediate crisis need and prevent and reduce the level of future crisis support required. The implementation of the strategy will give an opportunity to move from reliance on essential crisis support to a position of increased financial resilience for residents
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	24 March 2022

Item 11	
Title	Council Tax Discretionary Reduction
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the use of balances of grant funding and court costs refund to reduce the amount of council tax payable by working age households in receipt of council tax support during 2021-2022 and the establishment of supplementary budgets totalling £743,000 fully funded from grant and other income be approved.
Options Considered	 The Council could choose not to use the remaining grant funding as proposed, which would then be required to be returned to Government. This option has been discounted to ensure that residents of Wolverhampton receive the maximum amount of funding available. The Council could choose not to pay onto council taxpayers the amount received through the refund of court costs and allocate the amount to the general fund. This option has been discounted as the Council could be subject to challenge for not having used the funds in an appropriate way for the benefit of council taxpayers. The Council could choose to create an application process and invite applications from council taxpayers. This option has been discounted as households most in need are unlikely to contact us and it would also be costly to administer. The Council could choose to refund the overpayment of court costs at the rate of £2.50 per defendant to those who had been overcharged. This would not be practicable to administer nor would it be cost effective.
Reasons for Decision	Providing a Council Tax Discretionary Reduction is the most effective way to use the funding available to support those most likely to be in need. It will provide a decrease in the amount of council tax to be paid for households who have been identified as in the highest financial need using grant funding and an amount of income which was directly related to council tax.

Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	28 March 2022

Item 12	
Title	Investing in our Well Connected Communities - Transport Capital Programme 2022-2023
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the list of projects for development and implementation as part of the Transportation Capital Programme 2022-2023 and future years, as set out in Appendices 3, 4, and 5 to the report be approved.
	2. That the Head of Transport be authorised to proceed with development work for each project detailed in Appendices 3, 4, and 5 to the report including surveying, site investigation, options appraisal, feasibility analysis, traffic modelling, detailed design, statutory advertising and public consultation, as appropriate.
	3. That the creation of supplementary budgets for 2022-2023 be approved for the projects marked 'Approve' in the 'Decision' column of Appendices 3 and 4 to the report for implementation, subject to the availability of funding.
	4. That the virement of existing approved budgets for 2022-2023 totalling £270,000 within the Transport Capital programme to other projects as per section 6.12 of the report be approved.
	5. That the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment be authorised to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN), implementation of the projects on the list marked 'IEDN' in the 'Decision' column of Appendices 3 and 4 to the report, subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation, availability of funding and any other relevant considerations.
	6. That the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment be authorised to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice, the bringing forward of projects from Appendix 5 to Appendix 3 or 4 to the report and thereafter to approve them for implementation during 2022-2023 subject to

- the satisfactory outcome of public consultation, availability of funding and any other relevant considerations.
- 7. That the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, and the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment and the Director of Finance be authorised to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice, appropriate virements between existing approved budgets within the transport capital programme maximising use of resources.
- 8. That the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to serve all necessary notices in respect of the projects listed in Appendices 3 and 4 to the report and, subject to there being no unresolved objections, make traffic regulation orders as required.
- 9. That the Head of City Transport and/or Black Country Director of Transport be authorised to make applications and bids for additional external funding noting that agreement ahead of submission would be obtained from the Director of Finance and appropriate governance would be followed to amend budgets on receipt of such funding.
- 10. That the Director of Finance be authorised to approve the Council entering into funding agreements with the various funding bodies to receive grant funding in respect of the projects included in the report.
- 11. That the Director of Finance be authorised to approve the Council entering into funding agreements with the various funding bodies to receive revenue grant funding in respect of the Local Authority Capability Fund, Capacity Funding and City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) development funding.
- 12. That the Black Country Director of Transport be authorised to enter into funding agreements with Black Country Authorities to passport Black Country Transport scheme funding in accordance with the approved collaboration agreement and to provide funding to Black Country Consortium in accordance with the Local Authority Capability Fund (LACF) Grant Agreement.

	 That use of Local Authority Capability Fund, Capacity Funding, CRSTS development funding and Midland Connects Funding included in the report be approved. That the expenditure and progress made in delivering £58.1 million worth of projects in the Transportation Capital Programme during 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and forecast in 2021-2022 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be noted. That the Council's continuing success in bidding for additional funding and delivering new projects through the Active Travel Funding, Local Growth Fund, Access to Growth, and the West Midlands Combined Authority be noted.
Ontions Considered	16. That the inclusion of revenue funding as part of the CRSTS Development Funding package and Local Authority Capability Fund to support the development of the programme and the wider Black Country Programme be noted.
Options Considered	Options appraisals form part of each individual project development and prioritisation and are not discussed in detail in this report. As this is a comprehensive programme of improvements to manage and maintain the essential highway network, a do-nothing option is not viable.
Reasons for Decision	The decision to approve the recommendations of this report is necessary to enable delivery of the Capital Programme in 2022-2023.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	28 March 2022

Item 13	
Title	Former Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary: proposed in-principle compulsory purchase order
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	1. That it be agreed to authorise in-principle the making of a compulsory purchase order ("CPO") to acquire the necessary interests in the land shown indicatively by the hatched area shown on Appendix 1 to the report required to deliver the proposed regeneration of the Site pursuant to section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and, in the case of any new rights, pursuant to section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, because it considers that:
	a. the acquisition would facilitate the carrying out of the development, redevelopment or improvement of land; and
	 the development, redevelopment or improvement of the land is likely to contribute to the achievement of any one or more of the promotion or improvement of the economic, social and environmental well-being of Wolverhampton.
	2. That the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy in consultation with the Director of Regeneration, be authorised to approve all necessary steps to commence the process for the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO, including securing the appointment of suitable external advisors and preparing all necessary CPO documentation.
	 That a further report be put before Cabinet to approve the final extent of the land to be acquired following the finalisation of the necessary preparatory work.
Options Considered	Option 1 would be to not obtain in-principle authority to make the Order and to continue to work with the current owners (or their successors) to ensure the site is redeveloped. There is little evidence that this approach would yield any positive results given the lack of progress of the past few years and non compliance with the s215 Notice. Given the state of the heritage assets and their continuing deterioration it is not considered that a "wait and see" option can be justified.

	Option 2 would be to implement the recommendations of this report and confirm the in-principle use of CPO powers. Intervention by way of compulsory purchase would only formally be progressed when it remains the only option to secure the site's redevelopment over the short term.
Reasons for Decision	The redevelopment of the site would have significant benefits for the economic, social and environmental well-being of Wolverhampton. Authority in principle to use CPO powers would provide a robust framework within which to continue proactive and positive dialogue with the current owners and would provide certainty that that regeneration activity will occur within a reasonable timeframe.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	28 March 2022

Item 14	
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.

Item 15	
Title	Compulsory Purchase Order 66-70 Lichfield Street
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	 That the making of the City of Wolverhampton Council (Grand Theatre Expansion) Compulsory Purchase Order ("the Order") under Section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 for the acquisition of land and new rights at 66-70 Lichfield St for the purposes of securing an expansion of the adjacent Grand Theatre be approved. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration, to: Take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry; Acquire interests in land and new rights within the Order either by agreement or compulsorily including prior to the making of the Order; Approve agreements with land owners and occupiers setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, including where appropriate seeking exclusion of land or new rights from the Order and/or making arrangements for rehousing or relocation of any occupiers. That the Chief Operating Officer be authorised to execute all necessary legal agreements
	relating to the Order and the acquisition of land.

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)	28 March 2022

Item 16	
Title	Oxley Health and Wellbeing facility and Residential Accommodation
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	 That Council be recommended to approve: The project and appropriate capital budgets funded through grant and prudential borrowing as detailed within the report, subject to confirmation of successful grant bids. That Cabinet approves: The development by the Council of a modern health, wellbeing facility and residential accommodation on the Council owned former Oxley Day Training Centre site. Delegate authority to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance to agree and enter into the required funding agreements, Heads of Terms, Lease agreements with the health facility occupiers and Heads of Terms and Lease agreement with the Registered Provider upon selection together with any ancillary agreements. That Cabinet notes: The letter of support from the Clinical Commissioning Group for the proposed scheme.
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)	7 April 2022