

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 28 July 2021
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Time	4.00 pm	Public Meeting?	YES	Type of meeting	Executive
Venue	Council Chamber - 4th Floor - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1SH				

Membership

Chair Cllr Stephen Simkins (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed
Cllr Ian Brookfield
Cllr Paula Brookfield
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal
Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal
Cllr Linda Leach
Cllr Beverley Momenabadi

Quorum for this meeting is three voting members.

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Agenda

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
- 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)
[To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record]
- 4 **Matters arising**
[To consider any matters arising from the minutes]

DECISION ITEMS (AMBER - DELEGATED TO THE CABINET (RESOURCES) PANEL)

- 5 **Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services** (Pages 7 - 12)
[To approve a variation to a contract]
- 6 **Wolverhampton Youth Employment Hub** (Pages 13 - 18)
[To approve setting up a Youth Hub in partnership with Job Centre Plus to support unemployed young people aged 16-24 years old at The Way Youth Zone in Wolverhampton City Centre]
- 7 **Safer Streets Grant Allocation** (Pages 19 - 26)
[To approve supplementary budgets and delegate authority for the Wolverhampton Safer Streets Fund]
- 8 **Exclusion of press and public**
[To pass the following resolution:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below]

Part 2 - exempt items, closed to press and public

- 9 **Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works Goods and Services** (Pages 27 - 36)
[To approve the award of contracts for works, good or services]
Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Para (3)

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Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Chair)

Cllr Obaida Ahmed

Cllr Ian Brookfield

Cllr Paula Brookfield (Virtually)

Cllr Steve Evans

Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal

Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre

Cllr Jasbir Jaspal

Cllr Linda Leach (Virtually)

Cllr Beverley Momenabadi (Virtually)

Employees

Mark Taylor	Deputy Chief Executive
Ross Cook	Director of City Housing and Environment
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration
David Pattison	Director of Governance
Laura Phillips	Deputy Director of People and Change
Alison Shannon	Chief Accountant
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Dereck Francis	Democratic Services Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received for the meeting.

2 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interests were made.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5 **Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services**

Councillor Ian Brookfield presented the report seeking delegated authority to award contracts for works, goods and services following completion of the tender evaluation process.

Resolved:

1. That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the award of a contract for Cash in Transit when the evaluation process is complete.
2. 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 Provision of Building Fabric Repairs and Maintenance when the evaluation process is complete.
3. 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 Static Guarding Services when the evaluation process is complete.

6 **Food Service Plan**

Councillor Steve Evans presented the report on the Council's draft statutory Food Service Plan for 2021. Delegated authority was requested to approve the final version of the document. He highlighted some of the key achievements of the Environmental Health service during 2020-2021, notably the partnership working with businesses in the city; 414 food hygiene and 374 food standard interventions undertaken; 432 complaints relating to food hygiene standards dealt with; the creation and development of the Covid Support Team; and supporting the setup and management of the Food Hub at Aldersley Leisure Village.

Resolved:

1. That the draft 2021 Food Service Plan as summarised in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change in consultation with the Head of the Commercial Regulation Service to approve the final version of the Food Service Plan.
3. That the requirement to prepare a Food Service Plan be noted.
4. That Service's key achievements in 2020/2021 be noted.

7 **Additional Covid Grants 2021-2022**

The intention to make a key decision on the report 'Additional Covid Grants 2021-2022' at the meeting was not publicised in advance as required by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. The decision was urgent and could not be reasonably delayed for the following reason:

Following a departmental review at the end of the most recent phase (20 June 2021). The Department for Work & Pensions notified the Local Authority on 22 June of their intentions to continue their support by means of the Covid Local Support Grant, with a revised period extended from 21 June to 30 September 21. This came with no prior notice of the grant determination or the extended timeframe.

In light of the above, consent had been obtained for the key decision to be made at the meeting under the Special Urgency provisions.

Councillor Linda Leach presented the report on an update of further extensions to two Covid Grants announced by government. Approval was requested to establish expenditure budgets for a further instalment of the Local Covid Support Grant allocation, building further on previous spends of this grant and the Winter Fund Grant, supporting vulnerable families and individuals in Wolverhampton. Approval was also requested to build in supplementary budgets from an extension to the Infection and Prevention Grant for Adult Social Care.

The recommendations contained in the report were moved by Councillor Stephen Simkins and seconded by Councillor Ian Brookfield.

Resolved:

1. That the establishment of supplementary expenditure budgets totalling £999,457, fully funded from Local Covid Support Grant be approved, and authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with the Director of Children's and Adult Services to approve the delivery plan associated with the criteria of the Local Covid Support Grant.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Director of Children's and Adult Services and the Director of Finance to build in supplementary budgets fully funded by Infection and Prevention Grant once the allocation has been confirmed, and to make payments to care providers in line with the conditions of grant.

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Exclusion of press and public

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Part 2 - exempt items, closed to press and public

The Chair reported that as stated previously the meeting was in confidential session as the information included in the report could, if released into the public domain, prejudice the financial position of the Council or its partners. As such all present are under a legal duty of confidentiality and must not disclose any confidential information - to do so would not only be a breach of the Council's codes (for councillors and employees) but also a breach of the legal duty of confidentiality.

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Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services

Councillor Ian Brookfield presented the report on the award of contracts for works, goods and services.

Resolved:

1. That the contract with Bushbury Hill Estate Management Team Ltd of 14 Kempthorne Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV10 9JG for HeadStart - Place to Go / Work with Parents be varied from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021 with a variation value of £140,550.
2. That the contract with Gazeebo Theatre in Education Ltd of The Gazebo Hub, Chancel Court, 2 Wellington Road, Bilston, WV14 6AA for HeadStart - Place to Go / Work with Parents be varied from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021 with a variation value of £69,802.
3. That the contract with YMCA Black Country Group of 38 Carters Green, West Bromwich, B70 9LG, for HeadStart - Place to Go / Work with Parents be varied from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021 with a variation value of £133,474.

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Report title	Procurement – Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services		
Decision designation	AMBER		
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council		
Key decision	Yes		
In forward plan	Yes		
Wards affected	All Wards		
Accountable Director	Claire Nye, Director of Finance		
Originating service	Procurement		
Accountable employee	John Thompson	Head of Procurement	
	Tel	01902 554503	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Directorate Leadership Team		

Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve a variation to the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Partnership Agreement to deliver Public Health Services to incorporate Covid-19 Infection Prevention and Control Service from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2023 with a variation value of £785,237.00.

1.0 Councillor Jasbir Jaspal, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
1.1 Contract Variation - Partnership Agreement to deliver PH Services

Ref no:		CWC19115
Provider	Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	
Decision Type	Contract Variation	
Corporate Plan Aim	Strong, resilient, and healthy communities	
Originating service	Public Health	
Accountable officer	Neeraj Malhotra, Consultant in Public Health (01902) 558667	
Directorate Leadership Team approval	13 July 2021	
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	15 July 2021	
Procurement Advisor	Ellen Wilkinson, Procurement Business Partner	
Original Contract Commencement date	1 June 2019	
Original Contract duration	10 years	
Original Contract value	£79,218,361	

- 1.2 Background**
- 1.3 Cabinet (Resources) Panel have previously granted approval on 23 July 2019 to enter into a partnership with Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust to secure the delivery of the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme and Sexual Health services for a period of up to ten years from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2029 at a total maximum contract value of £77,488,750.
- 1.4 On 21 April 2021 Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved additional, three-year investment of £1,729,611 into the successful partnership with the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) to strengthen support for children, young people and their families, reduce health inequalities and support those who need us most.

- 1.5 Alongside the delivery of these services, there is an ambition to align all healthcare provision delivered by RWT into the partnership arrangement to maximise efficiencies and resource capacity across the City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) and RWT partnership.
- 1.6 From 1 April 2019, the Local Authority have separately commissioned an Infection Prevention and Control Service with a combined contract arrangement including Tuberculosis Services provided by Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.
- 1.7 The Infection Prevention Service ensures high standards of infection prevention and control are set up and maintained in care home settings. The aim is to reduce the severity of infectious disease outbreaks thus protecting the elderly and often vulnerable individuals in these settings. The service focuses on the following outcomes:
 - Care home outbreak management and control
 - Infection prevention support to manage flu outbreaks in care homes
 - Review of care home audit and inspection regimes
- 1.8 During 2020, in the height of the Covid-19 pandemic it was vital to ensure adequate levels of provision were in place to enable a flexible and local response to infection prevention and outbreak management across all high-risk settings in Wolverhampton.
- 1.9 Local Authorities have a responsibility to support the response of complex local incidents and outbreaks to safeguard and protect the health of our local population.
- 1.10 The capacity of the existing Infection Prevention and control provision was not sufficient to respond to the emerging and fast paced demand of Covid-19 and cater to the wider range of settings affected by Covid.
- 1.11 A service proposal was developed to incorporate the creation of a dedicated Infection Prevention and Control clinical team based within New Cross Hospital to provide specialist provision to the following settings:
 - Care Homes
 - Educational settings (including early years, colleges and University)
 - Hospitals
 - Workplaces considered high risk (e.g. meat processing plants)
 - Hostels/Homeless accommodation/ sheltered accommodation and supported living
 - Faith settings
- 1.12 Key elements of service provision included:
 - Education and Training: proactive engagement to minimise the occurrence of outbreaks by providing infection prevention and control advice.
 - Surveillance and audit: ongoing surveillance in high-risk settings to ensure practices are in place to minimise transmission.

- Outbreak Management: development of a flexible and mobile
- emergency response service to respond to outbreaks across high-risk settings (where alternative provision is not available).

- 1.13 As a result of the fast-paced nature of Covid-19, service provision was required immediately to support the Local Authority to reduce the spread of infections and effectively respond to the management of outbreaks. Following a recruitment process to aid the creation of a new dedicated team, the Covid-19 Infection Prevention and Control service became operational on 1 November 2020.
- 1.14 This additional investment is aligned with the fifth strategic outcome of the Council Plan: that we will build strong, resilient, and healthy communities. Additionally, taking account of the impacts of the pandemic, these funds address the 'Relighting our City' priority of supporting the most vulnerable.
- 1.15 The activity will also support delivery against the Local Outbreak Engagement Plan – Theme 1: Care homes and educational settings and Theme 2: Higher-risk settings, communities and locations.

1.16 Contract Variation

Proposed Contract Variation	
Contract Variation duration	Two years
Contract Variation Commencement date	1 November 2020
Total value	£785,237

1.17 Evaluation of alternative options

- 1.18 Option 1: Do nothing – no additional provision would be arranged to support Covid-19 outbreaks and infection prevention. This would mean limited infection prevention support was available to respond to and control outbreaks in settings other than care homes which would adversely impact the local population and infection rates. Additionally, local authorities have a responsibility to support the response of complex local incidents and outbreaks to safeguard and protect the health of our local population.
- 1.19 Option 2: Commission an outbreak prevention and control service – this would involve varying the current partnership agreement with RWT to include the provision of a hospital grade infection prevention service. Negotiations were held with RWT to reach agreement on the level of service required and the costs associated. The provision requested meant that the capacity of the existing infection prevention and control provision was not sufficient to respond to the emerging and fast paced demand of Covid-19 and cater to the wider range of settings affected by Covid-19. Recruitment of staff to resource the new team was required.

1.20 Justification for Variation

1.21 The contract is being varied for the following reasons;

- The original contract had clauses within it that allow it to be varied.
- The variation will align all commissioned healthcare provision delivered by RWT allowing for efficiencies and flexible use of resources across the partnership arrangement.

1.22 Financial implications

1.23 The costs of the service per financial year are shown in the table below.

Year	Total Cost (£)
2020-2021 (Nov – Mar)	199,750
2021-2022 (Apr – Mar)	367,561
2022 – 2023 (Apr – Oct)	217,926
Total	785,237

1.24 The 2020-2021 costs were met from the Covid Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) and the Covid Clinically Extremely Vulnerable grant. In 2021-2022 the full cost will be met from the COMF. In 2022-2023 the cost will be met from Public Health grant.

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1.25 Legal implications

1.26 The Council must follow the Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contract Regulations 2015 when awarding contracts for services. The Council contracted with RWT under Regulation 12 (7) of the PCR 2015 and these conditions must apply for the arrangement to continue, any subsequent variations to this agreement must also meet the requirements of Regulation 12.

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1.27 Equalities implications

1.28 The Covid-19 pandemic had had a significant impact on particular communities and groups, including people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities, people living in more deprived areas, those working in higher risk occupations, people living in overcrowded conditions and/or those who have relevant, pre-existing health conditions. This funding seeks to support some of the most vulnerable people within our population in high-risk settings to ensure no one in our city is left behind.

1.29 All other implications

1.30 The investment supports CWC's 'Relighting our City' recovery plan and the priority of supporting people who need us most. A key component of this funding is to prevent the onward transmission of Covid-19 and prevent future outbreaks and thereby contributes to the council plan outcome: that Wulfrunians will live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives.

1.31 Recommendation

- 1.32 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to approve a variation to the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Partnership Agreement to incorporate Covid-19 Infection Prevention and Control Service from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2023 with a variation value of £785,237.00.

1.33 Schedule of background papers

- 1.34 Cabinet (Resources) Panel - 23 July 2019 - [Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services](#)
- 1.35 Cabinet (Resources) Panel - 21 April 2021- [Investing to improve health outcomes for the city's children, young people and families in partnership with the NHS](#)

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Report title	Wolverhampton Youth Employment Hub		
Decision designation	AMBER		
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Michael Hardacre Education, Skills and Work		
Key decision	Yes		
In forward plan	Yes		
Wards affected	All Wards		
Accountable Director	Richard Lawrence, Director of Regeneration		
Originating service	Regeneration		
Accountable employee	Julie Obada Tel Email	Head of Skills 01902 556456 julie.obada@wolverhampton.gov.uk	
Report to be/has been considered by	Regeneration Leadership Team Strategic Executive Board	20 July 2021 22 July 2021	

Recommendations for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work, in consultation with Director of Regeneration to:
 - a. Approve the Council entering into the required grant agreement with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to set up the Youth Employment Hub at the Way in Wolverhampton to support young people aged 16-24 years old into employment and training opportunities.
 - b. Approve the creation of the necessary supplementary revenue budgets to deliver the project.
 - c. Approve the Council entering into any agreements necessary for it manage the Hub at the Way.

Recommendation for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

1. That Black Country Impact (Wolverhampton) team will be required to support the Youth Hub with key workers and progression staff employed by the Council. Black Country Impact has received an extension and will continue to support unemployed young people until 2023.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek delegated approval to receive grants from DWP's Flexible Support Fund to set up, manage and deliver the Youth Hub at The Way in Wolverhampton.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 During the past year, the Coronavirus pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on the lives of young people, which has directly resulted in an increase in youth unemployment. Wolverhampton currently has the fourth highest percentage of unemployment in England at 14.7% with a total of 3125 young people claiming benefits (May 2021). This represents an increase of 1275 claimants since before the Pandemic.
- 2.2 The regional Youth Employment Taskforce, chaired by Cllr Ian Brookfield, has led on the development of a co-ordinated youth offer to tackle youth unemployment across the region. A key feature for the city's Youth Offer is to enable young people to access support into skills and employment through a virtual Youth Employment Platform and through the development of physical Youth Hubs.
- 2.3 Youth Employment Hubs are a Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) led initiative intended to support young people 16-24 year old, who are claiming benefits (Universal Credit and Job Seekers Allowance) and have significant barriers to employment. The aim is to provide a young person with a standalone, distinctive, individual package of support that will include mentoring to move them closer to or into work.
- 2.4 The first Youth Employment Hub in the region was officially launched at The Way in Wolverhampton on 8 October by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Brookfield in partnership with the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Andy Street, and Helene Dearn, DWP West Midlands Group Director and a young person who had successfully been supported by Wolverhampton's Black Country Impact Youth Employment Initiative. A second Youth Employment Hub will be at the City of Wolverhampton College premises in Bilston.
- 2.5 Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Youth Employment Hub has not opened to the public and young people have not attended The Way. However, plans are in place to develop and deliver the Youth Offer at The Way as soon as local restrictions allow and working within public health guidance.
- 2.6 The Hub will provide a 'one stop shop' supported by DWP work coaches delivering DWP interventions from the Hub in conjunction with a project worker/manager at the venue. This will allow for work coaches to deliver support to customers removing many of the barriers that young people face when attending the formal setting of a job centre.
- 2.7 The Hub will offer a service to support young people referred from the three Job Centres in the city, Molineux House, Chapel Court and Bilston. These Job Centres cover geographical areas within West Midlands and some of South Staffordshire.

3.0 Approach for Wolverhampton

- 3.1 The Hub represents a physical location for the range of services available to young people in the city to progress them into employment outcomes and will service as a key route for young people to access funded initiatives such as Black Country Impact, Kickstart, apprenticeships, traineeships and work experience.
- 3.2 The Way Wolverhampton Youth Zone is based in School Street Wolverhampton and provides activities for young people in Wolverhampton. The centre will deliver the Youth Hub service during the daytime, whilst also accommodating its other activities.
- 3.3 The Way have embraced the development of the Youth Hub, rooms have been allocated for the reception and café facilities will be open, alongside their other activities which will be run at the same time. This will give a wide offer to young people who are attending the Youth Hub.

Resource

- 3.4 The Council proposes to employ a Co-ordinator and a Receptionist / data officer through funds available from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to provide dedicated resources to coordinate delivery and performance / claims reporting.
- 3.5 The Council will also locate staff employed through the Black Country Impact youth employment initiative within the Hub, to further strengthen the package of support to young people, to help achieve positive outcomes.
- 3.6 Discussions are underway with a range of youth employment, skills and wellbeing providers in the city who will be encouraged to use the facilities at the Hub to promote and engage with young people.

4.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 4.1 **Option One** would be to make no change to the existing arrangements in the city and to continue to provide support to young people through the different offers available from different providers in the city. This new arrangement would ensure that providers are brought together to provide the best possible support to young people in the city through a co-ordinated approach.
- 4.2 **Option Two** would be to partially implement the Youth Hubs offer in the city with City of Wolverhampton College as the lead utilising their location in Bilston as the main location. This would provide a service in the South East of the city particularly from those young people from the Bilston area but would not accommodate for the wider youth unemployment situation across the city.
- 4.3 **Option Three** would be to set up the main Youth Hub in the city at The Way in the city centre led by The Council's Skills and Enterprise Team in partnership with DWP and The Way Management Team. The second Youth Hub will be led by the City of Wolverhampton College in Bilston.

5.0 Reasons for decision(s)

- 5.1 The Youth Hub located at The Way in Wolverhampton will perform a vital role within the Relighting Our City strategy priority Generate More Jobs and Learning Opportunities to support young people in their pathway into sustainable employment.
- 5.2 The Youth Hub will provide a centrally located recognisable venue for unemployed young people to access during the daytime.
- 5.3 The Youth Hub will be led and managed by the Council in partnership with DWP and The Way Wolverhampton ensuring that there is a clear referral route for young people who are claiming Universal Credit and Job Seekers Allowance to access the packages of support available at the Hub.
- 5.4 If the Council does not take the decision to lead, manage and resource the Youth Hub at The Way in Wolverhampton then it will be more difficult to deliver the city's Youth Offer to support young people in our city to access the services that they need to move them into sustainable employment.

6.0 Financial implications

- 6.1 The Council will be required to enter into a grant agreement with DWP to deliver the Youth Hub at The Way in Wolverhampton, for a period of 12 months. Delegated approval is sought within this report.
[VS/16072021/U]
- 6.2 The costs of the Youth Hub including staffing costs are estimated to total £95,855. This will be funded from DWP grant of £85,775 and £10,080 from existing revenue budgets within the Skills service.

7.0 Legal implications

- 7.1 Where the City of Wolverhampton Council acts as lead body for externally funded projects, the Council will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the funder which outlines the project and also sets out rules and regulations that must be complied with. There may be clawback if the Council does not comply with the obligations.
[SZ/16072021/P]

8.0 Equalities implications

- 8.1 The Youth Hub will help to support the equalities implications on young people who have been disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 pandemic which has resulted in an accelerated increase in youth unemployment over the last few months. The scheme will provide the mechanism for moving more young people into sustainable employment.

9.0 All other implications

- 9.1 The Youth Hub will be delivered within the city centre where young people can readily access services without impacting significantly on the environment. Public transport will be recommended as a means of travelling to the Youth Hub.
- 9.2 The Youth Hub will require the creation of two posts including a Youth Hub Co-ordinator and Youth Hub Receptionist.
- 9.3 Recruitment into sustainable employment is one of the key indicators for a healthier lifestyle. This programme will support healthy lifestyles and will ensure that young people have access to relevant health and wellbeing support within the Council and coaching and mentoring support as part of the programme.
- 9.4 The Way Wolverhampton has put in place measures to ensure that it is Covid-19 secure.
- 9.5 DWP have conducted an independent risk assessment of the premises to ensure that it is suitable to deliver the Youth Hub.
- 9.6 The Council will conduct its own risk assessment of the premises prior to delivering the project.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 None.

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Report title	Safer Streets Grant Allocation		
Decision designation	AMBER		
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Health and Wellbeing		
Key decision	Yes		
In forward plan	Yes		
Wards affected	Bilston East, Bilston North, Ettingshall		
Accountable Director	John Denley, Director of Public Health		
Originating service	Community Safety		
Accountable employee	Lynsey Kelly	Head of Communities	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Directorate Leadership Team	29 June 2021	
	Strategic Executive Board	8 July 2021	

Recommendations for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve that the City of Wolverhampton Council can act as Accountably Body for the Safer Streets Grant, as detailed in the report.
2. Approve the establishment of supplementary revenue budgets totalling £187,602 and capital budgets totalling £60,000 fully funded by the £247,602 Safer Streets grant allocation.
3. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Public Health, to utilise the £247,602 Safer Streets Fund from the Home Office for 2021-2022 and to approve the award of grants for activity outlined within the report.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval for the creation of supplementary budgets and delegated authority for spend against the Safer Streets grant funding awarded to the City of Wolverhampton Council from the Home Office.
- 1.2 The funding will be utilised to compliment mainstream activity of the City of Wolverhampton Council and Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) by upscaling place-based activity in targeted lower super output areas (LSAOs) to address neighbourhood crime.
- 1.3 Areas for intervention were selected based on Home Office eligibility criteria for bids outlined within the report, however benefits will reach across the city. All activity associated with the funding will be subject to a full evaluation, adding to an evidence base for crime prevention activity. Where there are further areas that are disproportionately affected by crime, learning from the project will be utilised to inform future strategy, commissioning and intervention across the partnership. Strengthening the evidence base around crime prevention activity will also support in accessing future funding for upscaling activity and focusing on additional areas.

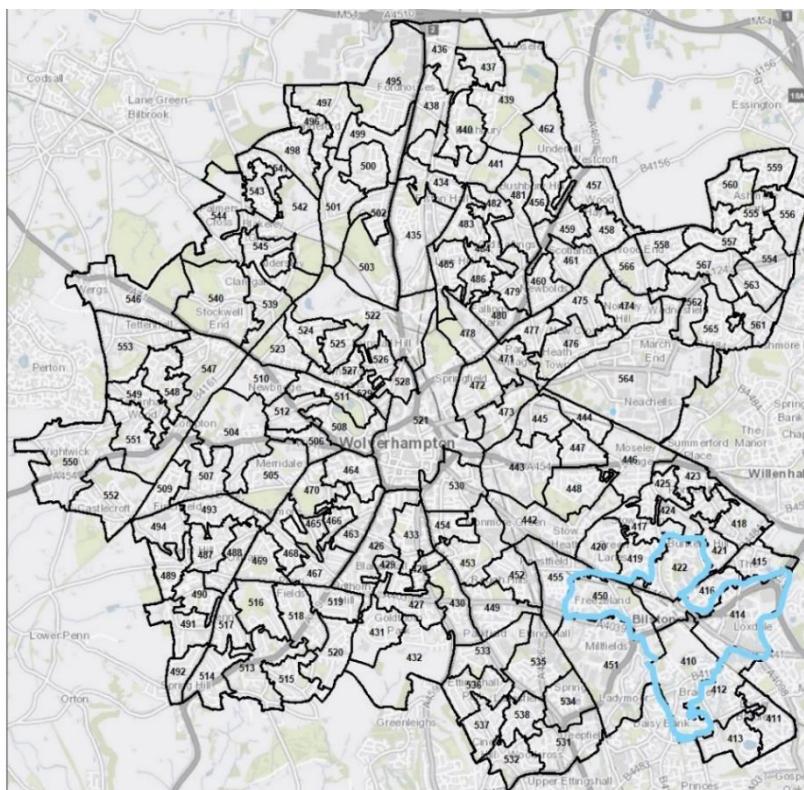
2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Safer Streets Fund enabled Police and Crime Commissioners and local authorities to bid for investment in initiatives that have been proven to prevent neighbourhood crime.
- 2.2 The Council, in partnership with West Midlands Police (WMP) and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), have been successful in bidding for £247,602 from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund to address neighbourhood crime in four eligible LSOAs. The funding will support initiatives to address robbery, theft from person, vehicle crime and burglary in LSOAs incorporating the WMP Bilston Impact Area.
- 2.3 The funding aims to:
 - A. reduce neighbourhood crime in targeted areas, making residents safer and reducing demand on the police
 - B. build evidence to strengthen the case for future investment in targeted crime prevention
 - C. grow local capability to undertake data driven problem solving approaches to crime prevention

3.0 Geographical areas of focus

- 3.1 Bids were invited to focus on a small number LSOAs in which to focus neighbourhood crime prevention activity. Areas for intervention had to meet the following criteria:

- A. Bids had to be developed in partnership.
 - B. Bidders had to apply for funding to provide targeted investment into a small area with disproportionate neighbourhood crime rates. The Home Office recommended bids should focus on a targeted area of between 500 – 3,500 households.
 - C. Bidders had to demonstrate that their chosen area is persistently and disproportionately affected by neighbourhood crime. In order to determine this the Home Office set a range of crime rate benchmarks which had to be met in order for an area to be eligible for funding.
 - D. Intervention had to have a strong evidence-base around effectiveness of crime prevention, a summary of literature, eligible interventions and evidence was provided by the Home Office in a toolkit.
- 3.2 In order to lead a bid, local authorities needed endorsement from the OPCC, who were only able to support three bids across the region. Geographical areas for bids therefore had to align with WMP and OPCC priority areas (impact areas). At the time of bidding there were two impact areas in Wolverhampton, one within Bilston and another within Whitmore Reans.
- 3.3 To inform the bid, data analysis around neighbourhood crime across the city was conducted. The analysis clearly showed an area with disproportionately high rates of neighbourhood crimes which met the criteria for bids. The area covers four geographically adjoining LSAOs which incorporate the whole WMP Bilston impact



area. This was the only area which had a clear cluster of geographically adjoining LSOAs which met the criteria for bids. The area is outlined on the map below:

- 3.4 The Safer Streets funding must be used on activity within this targeted area in order to comply with grant conditions. Despite this, the benefits will reach outside of the specified area. All activity associated with the funding will be subject to a full evaluation, adding to an evidence base for crime prevention activity. Where there are other areas that are disproportionately affected by crime, learning from the project will be utilised to inform future strategy, commissioning and intervention across the partnership. Strengthening the evidence base around crime prevention activity will also support in accessing future funding for upscaling activity and focusing on additional areas.
- 3.5 Funded activity will form part of a wider place-based approach being rolled out across the city. This approach is data driven and will provide targeted intervention, coproducing solutions to community concerns to address health inequalities, deprivation and crime at street-level.

4.0 Activity

- 4.1 Analysis of the LSOAs showed disproportionate rates of all specified neighbourhood crime types and therefore activity will be centred on addressing all eligible crime types set out by the Home Office:
- A. Burglary
 - B. Theft from person
 - C. Vehicle crime
 - D. Robbery
- 4.2 The successful application has been awarded £247,602 for activity to address these crimes during the 2021-2022 financial year. A breakdown of this funding and associated activity is detailed below. Activity was selected in partnership with WMP and the OPCC and utilised the Safer Streets toolkit provided by the Home Office which set out evidence-based crime prevention techniques which could be utilised by the funding.

Activity	Rationale	Funding Allocation
Capital Funding		
Installation of CCTV cameras in targeted areas with high levels of neighbourhood crime	Increased use of CCTV cameras will act as a deterrent to offenders and will provide evidence and intelligence to the police. Camera locations will centre in and around high demand areas for neighbourhood crime.	£45,000

Lighting to be installed or replaced in and around car parking facilities in targeted areas	Data analysis suggests that neighbourhood crime is more likely to take place outside daylight hours. Improving street lighting will act as a deterrent to crime, whilst increasing the likelihood that offenders will be identified and increasing the effectiveness of any CCTV.	£15,000
	Total capital funding	£60,000
Revenue Funding		
Wolverhampton Homes current Safer Homes Scheme to be expanded to include targeting hardening of properties following residential burglary	Data analysis identified that most burglaries in the LSOAs targeted are residential and that there are a high number of repeat victims. A visit to properties after a burglary would deter offenders and reduce the risk of repeat victimisation.	£70,602
Promotion and coordination of neighbourhood watch, street watch and active citizen groups	Neighbourhood watch groups are shown to be effective in tackling neighbourhood crime and therefore supporting groups within targeted areas will contribute to a reduction in neighbourhood crime, particularly burglary and vehicle crime in residential areas.	£15,000
Multi-agency days of action to tackle vehicle crime	There are a number of devices which can prevent theft of vehicles, this equipment will be disseminated to communities during days of action. Disseminating this equipment will not only reduce the risk of vehicle crime but also give agencies the opportunity to engage with residents, build community relations and raise awareness of other crime types.	£40,000

Support for local community groups to increase activity around awareness and crime prevention, including coordination of a youth group	Supporting local community groups will be vital in delivering key messages utilising existing relationships with those embedded within the community. A youth group will also be established in collaboration with young people to promote and complement existing youth activity within the area, promote services, raise awareness of crime and divert young people from criminality.	£50,000
Project support	Support with monitoring outcomes of the project, reporting to the Home Office, coordinating the project board.	£12,000
	Total revenue funding	£187,602
	Total funding allocation	£247,602

- 4.3 The activity outlined above will form part of Wolverhampton's wider place-based approach to addressing deprivation and health inequalities, it will also support in building community capacity and coproducing solutions to local concerns.
- 4.4 Confirmation of the successful bid was received in June 2021 and activity will need to take place by March 2022. A multi-agency project group is now being established to oversee the delivery of the activity, facilitate internal and external stakeholder engagement and measure and monitor outcomes.
- 4.5 This project group will provide regular updates to the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership who will have overall governance of the project. The City of Wolverhampton Council is the recipient of the grant funding and will act as the accountable body, reporting quarterly to the Home Office on spend and delivery against the grant. Where partners are involved in the project's delivery, the Council will enter into a back to back grant funding agreement with delivery partners, fully reflective of the conditions of the Home Office grant, setting out their responsibilities to mitigate the risk of non-compliance and possible grant clawback.

5.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 5.1 Option one - approve the recommendations within the report in order to deliver activity outlined in section 4.2. This will ensure that the Council is delivering on the conditions of the grant. It will also ensure that funding can be utilised to compliment mainstream activity of the Council and Safer Wolverhampton Partnership by upscaling place-based activity in targeted LSAOs to address neighbourhood crime. Activity will be subject to a full evaluation and therefore contribute to an evidence base to inform future commissioning and the possible upscaling of interventions in other areas of the city.

- 5.2 Option two – refuse the creation of supplementary budgets and delegation of funding from the Home Office Safer Streets grant. This is not recommended as the Council would not be able to deliver against the conditions outlined in the grant agreement and could not provide account for expenditure to the Home Office.

6.0 Reasons for decision

- 6.1 Approving the establishment of supplementary budgets and granting delegated authority will allow the Council to work with partners to deliver on the conditions of the grant and enhance intervention around neighbourhood crime in targeted areas.
- 6.2 Restrictions around Covid-19 resulted in decreased levels of neighbourhood crime within the city. Activity outlined within this report will help to prevent an increase in neighbourhood crime as lockdown restrictions ease and support the vital work of relighting our city.

7.0 Financial implications

- 7.1 The Council has been awarded £247,602 from the Home Office to deliver the activity outlined in section 4.2 of the report in line with grant conditions.
- 7.2 This report seeks approval to establish a supplementary revenue budget of £187,602 and capital budget of £60,000 (totalling £247,602) fully funded by grant and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Public Health to utilise the grant and to approve the award of grants for services detailed in section 4.2.

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8.0 Legal implications

- 8.1 Sections five and six of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 require the Council and other responsible authorities to formulate and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder in the area. The activity associated with grant funding outlined within this report will enhance City of Wolverhampton Council and Safer Wolverhampton Partnership crime prevention activity contributing to delivery against this statutory duty. The Council will be required to adhere to the terms associated with the grant funding.

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9.0 Equalities implications

- 9.1 The four selected LSOAs are areas of social deprivation and high crime. Three of the selected LSOAs are in the top 10% of deprivation within the UK, with the other falling into the top 30%. Safety and crime are contributing factors to deprivation and therefore activity outlined within this report will support place-based work to tackle inequalities within the city.
- 9.2 All activity associated with the funding will be informed by a full equalities analysis.

10.0 All other Implications

- 10.1 Activity outlined within this report seeks to address neighbourhood crime. As crime is a wider determinant of health, tackling neighbourhood crime will have a beneficial impact on the health and wellbeing of residents.
- 10.2 Restrictions around Covid-19 have resulted in decreased levels of neighbourhood crime, however as restrictions ease rates of neighbourhood crime are increasing in line with regional and national trends. Activity outlined within this report will help to prevent neighbourhood crime as lockdown restrictions ease and support the vital work of relighting our city.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

- 11.1 No background papers.

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