

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Chair)
Cllr Obaida Ahmed (Virtually)
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 (Virtually)

Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
Mark Taylor	Deputy Chief Executive
Emma Bennett	Executive Director of Families
John Denley	Director of Public Health
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration
David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer
John Roseblade	Director of City Housing and Environment
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 23 March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services

Councillor Ian Brookfield presented the report which sought approval to delegate authority to Cabinet Members to approve the award of contracts once the evaluation process for the respective contracts have been completed.

Resolved:

1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment to approve the award of a contract for Sustainable Warmth Competition grants when the evaluation process is complete.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Director of Adult Services, to award successful providers places on a new supported living framework for Enhanced community living services for people with a forensic history and/or with significant complex challenging behaviour when the evaluation process is complete.
3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with the Executive Director of Families, to approve the award of a contract for Children and Families Support Services when the evaluation process is complete.

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Providing Good Homes - 78 and 80 Byrne Road - Property appropriation and refurbishment

Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal presented the report on a proposal to appropriate empty properties 78 and 80 Byrne Road from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account and to refurbish and remodel the properties as large family living accommodation to add to the Council's housing stock. The proposal was in line with the Council's Empty Homes Strategy to bring empty properties back into use.

Resolved:

1. That the proposal for the appropriation of 78 and 80 Byrne Road from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account be approved.
2. That the proposal for the refurbishment of the properties and remodelling as large family living accommodation at a cost of around £80,000 as set out in section 3 of the report be approved.
3. That the current condition of the empty properties at 78-80 Byrne Road and the investment required be noted.

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Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation (2022-2023)

Councillor Jasbir Jaspal presented the report seeking approval of Safer Wolverhampton Partnership's plans for the Police and Crime Commissioner Community Safety Partnership fund allocation for 2022-2023. The funding would be used for projects tackling interpersonal violence, including violence against women and girls; tackling exploitation; and on supporting the community and addressing vulnerability. They would add value to mainstream delivery against the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.

Resolved:

That the use of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Fund allocation for 2022-2023 by Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP), to deliver and commission activity to support mainstream delivery against strategic community safety priorities in line with grant conditions be approved.

7 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 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).

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 reports 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.

8 Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services

Councillor Ian Brookfield presented for approval the report on the award of contracts for works, goods and services. The report also included, for information, exemptions to Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance during February 2022.

Resolved:

1. That the contract with Jack Moody Recycling Limited of Hollybush Farm, Warstone Road, Shareshill, Wolverhampton, WV10 7LX for Waste Recycling Wood and Chipboard be varied from 1 May 2022 to 31 March 2025 with a variation value of £225,000.
2. That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 28 February 2022 be noted.

9 City East Gateway Phase 3 - Potential Property Acquisition

Councillor Steve Evans reported that as part of the Council's commitment to improve transportation in the region, City East Gateway corridor schemes had been developed and business cases taken forward to seek funding for their implementation. Initially this would be for Phase 1 and 2 which extends from Middle Cross to Hickman Avenue and then a subsequent Phase 3 scheme around the Neachells Lane area. Approval was requested to the acquisition of land to the north west of Neachells Lane that would be required if the City East Gateway Phase 3 scheme is implemented.

Resolved:

1. That the purchase of land situated to the north west of Neachells Lane be approved, subject to securing the required external funding through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, and the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Director of City Housing and Environment, to agree the final value of the land, execute the necessary legal agreements and complete the purchase.