

Cabinet (Resources) Panel

27 April 2022

Time 4.15 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

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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 5 - 10)
[To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record]

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

- 4 **Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services** (Pages 11 - 26)
[To approve the award of contracts for works, goods and services]
- 5 **Providing Good Homes - 78 and 80 Byrne Road - Property appropriation and refurbishment** (Pages 27 - 32)
[To approve the appropriation of the empty properties and their refurbishment to a design that meets the demands for housing need in the City]
- 6 **Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation (2022-2023)** (Pages 33 - 40)
[To approve the use of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Community Safety Fund by the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership to support delivery against community safety priorities]
- 7 **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 items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below]

Part 2 - exempt items, closed to press and public

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| 8 | Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services (Pages 41 - 48)
[To approve the award of contracts for works, goods and 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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City East Gateway Phase 3 - Potential Property Acquisition (Pages 49 - 56)

[To seek authority for the advance acquisition of a property required for the Willenhall Road Phase 3 improvement]

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 Steve Evans
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal
Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal
Cllr Linda Leach
Cllr Beverley Momenabadi

Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
Ian Fegan	Director of Communications and External Relations
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration
David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer
Laura Phillips	Deputy Director of People and Change
John Roseblade	Director of City Housing and Environment
Becky Wilkinson	Director of Adult Social Services
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**
Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ian Brookfield.
- 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 February 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 **Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services**

Councillor Stephen Simkins 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 Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Director of Strategy, to approve the award of a contract for Health & Safety Training when the evaluation process is complete.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, to approve the award of a contract for the Provision of Physiotherapy Service when the evaluation process is complete.
3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of Communications and External Relations, to approve the award of a contract for Digital Advertising Signs when the evaluation process is complete.
4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment to approve the award of a contract for Waste Disposal of Road Sweepings when the evaluation process is complete.
5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Executive Director of Families to approve the award of a contract for Shared Lives for Adults with Disabilities when the evaluation process is complete.

5 **Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2021-2022**

Councillor Stephen Simkins presented the monitoring and progress report on Treasury Management activity for the third quarter of 2021-2022 and highlights of the revised Prudential Indicators which were approved by Council on 2 March 2022.

Resolved:

1. That it be noted that the Council is continuing to operate within the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators approved by Council, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2021-2022.
2. That it be noted that revenue underspends of £904,000 for the General Revenue Account and £720,000 for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) are forecast from treasury management activities in 2021-2022, arising as a result of re-phasing of the capital programme and due to no borrowing being undertaken in 2020-2021 or so far in 2021-2022.

3. That it be noted that mainly due to additional income being received than forecast over the Christmas period, the Council temporarily exceeded the limit of £10.0 million to be held in the Council's bank account by £487,000 from 31 December 2021 until rectified on 4 January 2022.
4. That it be noted that there had been no change to the UK's credit rating and therefore the Director of Finance had not been required to use the delegated authority approved by Council on 17 July 2020 to amend the Annual Investment Strategy.

6 Former Parkfields Housing Office - Future Use Options

Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal presented the report on options for the future use of Parkfields Housing Office. The building was a housing revenue account (HRA) asset and the property was managed by Wolverhampton Homes on behalf of the Council. Since being vacant in 2019 potential uses of the building had been explored by a number of Council Services with none finding the building suitable for their needs. It was proposed to pursue option six, to declare the asset surplus to requirements, demolish the building and redevelop the land for affordable housing within the Council Small Sites Housing Development Programme. This would bring much needed, modern, thermal efficient properties into the Council's stock for allocation to residents in housing need.

Resolved:

1. That the former Parkfields Housing Office building be declared surplus to requirements and option six (demolish the building and re-develop the land for Housing Revenue Account affordable housing) be approved.
2. That a further report on the development options for the site, be received once the building is demolished and site cleared as part of a future phase of the Small Sites Housing Development Programme.

7 Civic Centre Lease - Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal presented the report on a proposal for the partial utilisation of the Civic Centre by Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHFT) on a leasehold basis for their newly established headquarters. The proposal was being recommended as part of the Council's delivery of Our Assets workstream within the Council Plan and the exploration of opportunities for improved utilisation of the Civic Centre by third party occupation. There would be no detrimental impact on the delivery of council services, with the Civic Centre still viewed as the Council's headquarter. It was an opportunity to increase collaborative partnership working across the public sector and to build from the current co-location that had been created in conjunction with the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Resolved:

1. That the partial utilisation of the Civic Centre by way of lease for third party occupation by the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHFT) on commercial terms be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Director Assets to approve the Head

of Terms (including rental and occupational) for the BCHFT's occupation of the Civic Centre and enter into a lease.

3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Director Assets to approve any changes in accommodation design due to the BCHFT's occupation.
4. That it be noted that the leasing of the Civic Centre to selected third parties would allow business cases to be developed for the investment into the Civic Centre and other Council property assets.

8 **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.

9 **Civic Centre Lease - Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**

Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal presented the exempt version of the Civic Centre Lease - Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHFT) report as discussed at item 7 above. The report contained more detail on the draft Heads of Terms for BCHFT's partial utilisation of the Civic Centre on a leasehold basis and other terms and financial aspects of the proposal.

Resolved:

1. That the partial utilisation of the Civic Centre by way of lease for third party occupation by the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHFT) on commercial terms be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Director Assets to approve the Head of Terms (including rental and occupational) for the BCHFT's occupation of the Civic Centre and enter into a lease.
3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Director Assets to approve any changes in accommodation design due to the BCHFT's occupation.

4. That it be noted that the leasing of the Civic Centre to selected third parties would allow business cases to be developed for the investment into the Civic Centre and other Council property assets.

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Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services

Councillor Stephen Simkins 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 January 2022.

Resolved:

1. That the contract for Provision of a Legal Research Digital Platform be awarded to Lexis Nexis (UK) PLC of 3 Gelderd Road, Leeds LS12 6LN for a duration of three years from 31 March 2022 to 30 March 2025 for a contract value of £142,000.
2. That the contract for Strategic Outline Business Case for Black Country Scheme A461 Walk Cycle and Bus Corridor be awarded to Amey Consulting of Chancery Exchange, 10 Furnival Street, London, EC4A 1AB for a duration of 9 months from 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022 for a total contract value of £350,000.
3. That the contract with The Haven Wolverhampton of 18 Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton WV1 4BL for LOT 2: Community Outreach Service for Women and Children who are Victims of Domestic Violence be varied from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2025 with a variation value of £97,984.98.
4. That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 31 January 2022 be noted.

11

Investment in our School Assets 2022-2023

Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre presented the report that set out the priorities for investing in the city's school assets through the Schools Capital Programme 2022-2023. He reported that it was good news that grant funding on £3.131 million had been made available by the Department for Education (DfE) for capital investment into the city's schools for urgent works to prevent school closures or health and safety breaches. However, that was against a condition backlog of urgent items totalling circa £11 million.

Resolved:

1. That the detailed projects for schools' condition allocation capital funding in 2022-2023 as listed in section 4.6 of the report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work in consultation with the Executive Director of Families, to initiate works in relation to emergency works preventing a school closure.
3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work in consultation with the Executive Director of Families, to initiate works in relation to asbestos removal preventing a school closure.

4. That it be noted that the provisional resources available for implementing the 2022-2023 schools 'capital maintenance programme is £3.131 million against a condition backlog of approximately £11 million for priority 1, 2 and 3 items.
5. That it be noted that the resources available for basic need are being committed toward the expansion of the primary and secondary school estate, to support the provision of additional pupil places given a continued increase in demand.

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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 Tel Email	Head of Procurement 01902 554503 John.thompson@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Directorate Leadership Team	

Recommendations for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Delegate authority 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. Delegate authority 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. Delegate authority 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.

1.0 Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing

1.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract – Sustainable Warmth Competition

Ref no:	CWC22032
Council Plan aim	Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods
Originating service	Housing
Accountable officer	Karen Beasley, Interim Service Manager (01902) 554893
Leadership Team approval	8 February 2022
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	16 February 2022
Procurement advisor	Anna Du-Mont, Procurement Manager (01902) 551099

1.2 Background

1.3 City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) was successful in securing funding through a consortium with 60 other Local Authorities and West Midlands Combined Authority, led by Nottingham City Council/Midlands Energy Hub (MEH). The funding brings together two fuel poverty schemes into a single funding scheme which could support the improvement to owner occupier and privately rented homes:

- Local Authority Delivery Phase 3 (LAD3): a third phase of LAD to support low-income households heated by mains gas, up to £1.364 million.
- Home Upgrade Grant Phase 1 (HUG1): for low-income households which do not have gas fuelled heating, up to £456,500.

1.4 It is envisaged that further schemes will be published annually up to 2025, and so this procurement seeks to contract a supplier to deliver the overall Sustainable Warmth Competition schemes, with break clauses annually depending upon funding availability.

1.5 The delivery of these schemes will support CWC's Climate Commitments which sets out how it will make the CWC carbon neutral by 2028.

- 1.6 The procurement of a contractor to carry out the energy efficiency measures to the eligible properties will be using the existing framework from Midlands Energy Hub's Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) and contract arrangements through a form of JCT Contract.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	Three years (1+1+1)
Contract Commencement date	1 June 2022
Annual value	£2 million
Total value	£6 million

1.7 Procurement Process

- 1.8 The intended procurement procedure will be a framework further competition (Nottingham City Council Energy Efficient Retrofit Installers Dynamic Purchasing System: 2021/S 000-004983) in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015, the evaluation scoring balance will be 60% quality and 40% price. Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.
- 1.9 The evaluation team will comprise;

Name	Job Title
Karen Beasley	Interim Service Manager – Housing Strategy
Michelle Garbett	Service Lead – Housing Strategy
Oliver Thomas	Climate Change Project Manager

1.10 Evaluation of alternative options

- 1.11 The following options have been considered:
- Option 1: Not to deliver the scheme funded through the grant. This would mean returning the funding back to Midlands Energy Hub and missing out on £1,820,500 of funding to support fuel poor households within the City.

- Option 2: Utilise the opportunity provided by the grant funding to support approximately 145 households across the city to become more energy independent and reduce carbon emissions.

1.12 Reason for decisions

- 1.13 This programme of work will enable home improvements for up to 145 fuel poor households which will help to improve living standards, reduce energy costs, and improve mental and physical health and wellbeing, whilst also reducing carbon emissions.
- 1.14 The programme demonstrates CWC's commitments to supporting our most vulnerable residents whilst maintaining our parallel commitment to decarbonisation.
- 1.15 The programme will also enable future low carbon and fuel poverty retrofit projects through lessons learned, by allowing the Council to build the in-house expertise necessary to facilitate wider fuel poverty reduction and decarbonisation of the City's 110,000 homes.
- 1.16 Use of the Nottingham City Council Energy Efficient Retrofit Installers Dynamic Purchasing System has been identified as offering value for money as it has already been pre tendered and incorporates the specialisms needed to provide this contract. In addition, the suppliers on the framework have already signed off funding models and insurances required, this would need to start from scratch if the Council went to the open market.

1.17 Financial implications

- 1.18 The capital funding required to deliver these schemes has already been secured through the consortium in the form of a government grant funding via the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial strategy. There is additional funding (10% of the overall funding claim) that will support the cost of the resources required within the Housing Strategy Team and for wider development works to support delivery. This funding is a "capitalisation allocation" and not classed as revenue, so must be capitalised as part of the programme.
- 1.19 It is anticipated there will be further funding opportunities announced by the Government.

1.20 Legal implications

- 1.21 The procurement will be an above threshold procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

1.22 Equalities implications

- 1.23 Funding will be used to support fuel poor households in the specific eligible areas, by helping to reduce energy consumption and bills via energy efficiency measures. Households will undergo eligibility checks by our partners before funding is spent.
- 1.24 The selected wards will be identified by assessing the data for low income, privately-owned households, that are Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated E – G.
- 1.25 A place-based approach to delivery ensures greater efficiencies and greatest value for money for residents through better time and resource management by the appointed contractors.

1.26 All other Implications

- 1.27 Energy efficiency retrofits will help to reduce energy consumption and thus reduce carbon emissions. Each household could see significant reductions in carbon, depending on the chosen measures.
- 1.28 Energy efficiency retrofits will help to improve the fabric of fuel poor properties, many of which may struggle in cold weather. Upgrading the thermal efficiency and general energy efficiency of the building will help to improve living environment and alleviate seasonal impacts of extreme heat and cold.

1.29 Recommendation

- 1.30 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority 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.

2.0 Councillor Linda Leach, Cabinet Member for Adults

2.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract - Enhanced community living services for people with a forensic history and/or with significant complex challenging behaviour

Ref no:	CWC20029
Council Plan aim	Fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it
Originating service	Adults
Accountable officer	Mark Williams, Commissioning Officer (01902) 550364
Leadership Team approval	3 February 2021
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Linda Leach, Cabinet Member for Adults
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	11 April 2022
Procurement advisor	Babita Mal, Procurement Manager

2.2 Background

2.3 This supported living framework is required to specifically provide specialist support for adults with social care needs and;

- Who may be at risk of contact with the criminal justice system and/or,
- Who have a forensic history and/or present who are part of the Transforming Care Programme cohort and/or,
- Present with significant complex challenging behaviour.

2.4 The existing framework has successfully responded to the challenges experienced by practitioners, managers and commissioners in providing services to people with a forensic history. It has created a further pathway for people who use services and has provided a preventative approach through to facilitating discharge following long periods of hospitalisation. The framework has enabled CWC to respond to the challenges in arranging and sustaining community services for people with complex needs, following an assessment of need.

2.5 Wolverhampton's approach gained recognition and acknowledgement by Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) West Midlands who suggested the development of a Black Country-wide specialist/enhanced framework for people aged 16

years and above, with complex learning disabilities and autism in their report entitled; *Market Shaping and Market Management Supporting people with complex learning disabilities and/or autism in Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Sandwell.*

- 2.6 To achieve a place on the new framework all providers will again be assessed for quality, must have a “Good” Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating and fees be in line with the CWC’s funding envelope. Therefore, it can be evidenced that this solution will ensure that value for money is achieved.
- 2.7 Pre-tender work has been completed. CWC invited providers to hear about the tendering opportunity for a new framework that will be created to replace the existing forensic framework. An on-line market engagement event took place. Approximately 65 people from various organisations participated.
- 2.8 The aim of the event was to provide an outline of the commissioning intentions, for commissioners to understand the interest and the market's capabilities, and for potential service providers to gain a wider understanding of the scope, provide feedback and ask questions. The session gave an overview of the current services provided in Wolverhampton, described the CWC’s visions going forward and explained the procurement process which will follow.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	Five Years (4+1)
Contract Commencement date	5 August 2022
(Estimated) Annual value	£1.242 million
(Estimated) Total value	£6.210 million

2.9 Procurement Process

- 2.10 The intended procurement procedure will be an above threshold “Light Touch regime” in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015, the evaluation scoring balance will be 60% quality, 30% price and 10% social value. Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.
- 2.11 The evaluation team will comprise;

Name	Job Title	Organisation (if not CWC)
Mark Williams	Commissioning Officer	
Gill Astbury	Social Work Unit Manager – Forensic LD/TCP Lead	
Jo-Anne Ricketts	Commissioning and Case Management Team	Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Yeukai Chingwena	Advanced Social Worker Practitioner	
Jason Viola-Davis	Senior Specialist Complex Care Commissioning	Wolverhampton CCG

2.12 Evaluation of alternative options

2.13 The Council wishes to recommission the framework.

2.14 A range of options have been considered:

- **Option One:** To change the process followed and enable social workers to make individual placements without the need to approach framework providers. Currently the process is that all requests are made through the framework providers prior to approaching providers who are not part of the framework. This option leaves CWC at risk of challenge as it is non-compliant with procurement rules.
- **Option Two:** (recommended option) Open a new tender opportunity specifically to meet the needs of clients who are either at risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system and/or have a forensic history and/or present with significant complex challenging behaviour.

2.15 It is envisaged ten specialist providers will be awarded places on the new framework to meet the demands all of whom will be required to evidence and give the evaluation panel confidence that they can deliver the standard and quality of service provision that CWC requires. The current framework includes six accredited providers. The number of successful providers included on the framework will be dependent upon the quality of tenders received.

2.16 As part of the tender exercise all providers will be asked to submit an hourly rate for the delivery of the care between £16.52 and £19.00. This continues to reflect the rates offered for the existing framework and is commensurate with the level of specialist support required for equivalent care.

2.17 Consideration should be given to the possibility that existing providers re-joining the new framework might submit higher hourly rates than currently contracted for. This is because existing framework providers have not received any inflationary increases since the

inception of the original framework having tendered their rates for the duration of the contract.

- 2.18 New tendered rates will apply to existing forensic framework placements previously agreed and to new placements only. All existing packages of care not arranged from the existing framework would not automatically increase to the new tendered rates. These will be increased in line with the annual fee review process and/or a change in circumstances following a social worker assessment.
- 2.19 Tendered rates must fall within the hourly rates set. Any bids received which fall outside of these will automatically be excluded from the process. Tendered rates will apply to year one of the contract only. Future percentage increases will be determined by the outcome of the fee review process conducted annually.

2.20 Reason for decisions

- 2.21 A four-year flexible framework (with the option to extend by one further year) is the preferred model. This flexibility allows CWC the option to open the framework on an annual basis or earlier if market needs dictate.
- 2.22 This is the preferred option as a Dynamic Purchasing System allows providers to join at any time and is very resource intensive whereas a flexible framework is open at a set frequency or discretion of CWC. This makes a flexible framework easier for the Council to administer. The current framework is fixed, and providers cannot join throughout the duration of the contract.
- 2.23 A framework also ensured that packages of care are procured within pre agreed contracted rates and ensure providers follow contract management procedure rules.

2.24 Financial Implications

- 2.25 A review of the existing cohort, including those on the Transforming Care Programme, has been undertaken by a Senior Social Work Manager and based on this, an estimation of the future demand for new packages of care has been anticipated to be in the region of £1.242 million per annum.
- 2.26 The impact of existing providers tendering at the maximum hourly rate of £19.00 for existing forensic framework packages of care has been assessed and the projected cost of the increase would be in the region of £350,000 per annum.
- 2.27 All packages of care are funded from Adult Services care purchasing which has a net controllable budget of £81.4 million in 2022-2023.
- 2.28 The Council's Final Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2022-2023 to 2025-2026, which was presented to and approved by Cabinet on 23 February and Full Council on 2 March 2022, includes growth for Adult Services totalling £9.2 million for

2022-2023. This is to fund forecast cost increases related to increased demand for services, the impact of any fee uplift, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, cost pressures associated with supporting additional reablement and discharges from hospital - which are currently funded by Health, managing demand across the current system and the delivery of the adult redesign.

- 2.29 In addition to this, as announced on 7 September 2021 in the 'Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care', local authorities have been provided with specific grant funding to support preparing their markets for adult social care reform and to help move towards paying a fair cost of care. Based on current financial modelling, we believe that this additional grant and growth already built into the budget is sufficient to cover the forecast cost pressures. However, pressures will continue to be monitored and reviewed in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, with updates provided to Councillors as part of the quarterly revenue budget monitoring reports.

2.30 Legal implications

- 2.31 The procurement will be an above threshold procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

2.32 Equalities implications

- 2.33 An equality analysis has been carried out. There are no negative equality implications associated with the recommendation of this report. All service providers appointed will have their own equalities policies and need to adhere to the following as referenced within the Equalities Impact Assessment form; Care Act 2014, No Health without Mental Health 2011, Valuing Service User's Now & PSA 16 Housing Plan 2010, Equality Act 2010, Mental Health Act 1983 Amendment 2007, The Mental Capacity Act 2005.

2.34 All other implications

- 2.35 Adult Social Care in CWC has continued to operate under the Care Act throughout the pandemic, with some flexibilities and minor changes to the way work has been carried out and support / services provided.

2.36 Recommendation

- 2.37 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority 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.

3.0 Councillor Beverley Momenabadi, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

3.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract – Regional framework for Children and Families Support Services (CAFSS) West Midlands Dynamic Purchasing System

Ref no: CWC22038	
Council Plan aim	Strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential
Originating service	Adoption@Heart
Accountable officers	Jan Barlow, Commissioning Officer (01902) 551464
Leadership Team approval	7 April 2022
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Beverley Momenabadi, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	12 April 2022
Procurement advisor	Simon Robinson, Procurement Business Partner – Social Care

3.2 Background

- 3.3 CWC meets its statutory duty to support children and young people who have been adopted and their families through Adoption @ Heart. In meeting this duty, the Council uses a range of therapeutic and other support services, and these services can be procured through the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) being tendered by Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Councils for children and family support services (CAFSS).
- 3.4 CWC hosts this regional adoption agency on behalf of the four Black Country boroughs; Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton and all externally commissioned services go through CWC procurement processes. CWC will join the 13 other West Midlands regional local authorities or children's trusts in this arrangement.
- 3.5 CAFSS will provide non-accommodation services to children, young people and families encompassing a wide range of services across 20 Lots including therapy, assessments, secure transport, mediation, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, positive behaviour support, parental advocacy and positive activities. This report is seeking approval to use the lots that support adopting families through therapy and positive behaviour support. Further approvals will be sought where a decision is taken to use other lots in the contract.

3.6 Current Position

- 3.7 Our data shows the number of adopting families who have been supported by Adoption @ Heart are:

Year	2019-2020	2020-2201	2021-2022
Number of Families	121	161	134

- 3.8 These services are funded entirely through the Adoption Support Fund (ASF).
- 3.9 CWC prioritises maintaining family unity where it is safe and appropriate to do so. Where this is not possible, we commission services that promote stability and permanence partnered with quality and sufficiency.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	Four years
Contract Commencement date	30 May 2022
Annual value	£533,000
Total value	£2.132 million

3.10 Procurement Process

- 3.11 This dynamic purchasing system (DPS) opportunity has been advertised by Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Councils with CWC as a named party. Fourteen West Midlands Local Authorities and Trusts are named with a total value of £231.711 million over the full contract term. The value applicable to the City of Wolverhampton Council's current requirements equate to £2.132 million.
- 3.12 Providers will be admitted to the DPS once they have been evaluated by a regional panel drawn from the 14 authorities to meet the financial and applicable regulatory provisions. This will be an open DPS allowing new providers to join at any time during the contract period.
- 3.13 The DPS will be run in two stages will be a call-off contract and therefore does not guarantee business to any individual provider:

- Stage 1 - All providers who meet the selection criteria within the online Questionnaire and are not excluded will be admitted to the DPS. New providers can also apply to join the DPS at any point during its lifetime.
- Stage 2 - Contracts are awarded during the second stage. A Call-Off competition will be put out inviting each approved provider on the DPS Approved Provider list relating to the particular Lot.

3.14 Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.

3.15 Evaluation of alternative options

3.16 Currently the service works with a range of therapeutic providers across the region but this happens on a spot purchase basis. The other alternative would be establish a regional commissioning framework purely for the Black Country and prior to the establishment of the CAFSS this was the intended plan. Joining the West Midlands (WM) wide framework will provide greater opportunities for consistency and a joined up approach across the four Regional Adoption Agencies that cover the whole region.

3.17 Reason for decisions

3.18 Joining the CAFSS for the purpose of commissioning therapeutic providers for Adoption Support Fund applications will significantly increase the choice of providers for adoptive parents as well as the range of therapies available. There will also be considerable benefits in terms of consistency of costs and the evaluation of the quality of services delivered. Given this is Department for Education (DfE) funding joining the framework will enable the Adoption@Heart service to improve its ability to utilise the funding on behalf of adoptive parents across the region and evidence to DfE that it is doing this effectively.

3.19 Financial implications

3.20 This contract will be funded from the existing Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) Consortium budget, totalling £5.2 million in 2022-2023, which is wholly funded by partner contributions.

3.21 Legal implications

3.22 The procurement process for this contract is being advertised as an above threshold procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

- 3.23 Local authorities have a duty to maintain an adoption service in the area and provide adoption support under The Adoption and Children Act 2002, The Children and Adoption Act 2006, The Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 and associated regulations.

3.24 Equalities implications

- 3.25 The diverse individual needs of all adopted children and young people and their families are specifically addressed through existing processes in place.
- 3.26 CWC is committed to promote equality and diversity, giving every individual the chance to achieve their potential, free from prejudice and discrimination.

3.27 All other implications

- 3.28 The framework supports the key CWC priority of giving children and young people the best possible start in life.
- 3.29 Providers will comply with all government guidelines relevant to Covid.

3.30 Recommendation

- 3.31 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority 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.

4.0 Evaluation of alternative options

4.1 All alternative options are included within the relevant section of the report.

5.0 Reasons for decision

5.1 The reason for the recommendations are included within the relevant section of the report.

6.0 Financial implications

6.1 All financial implications are included within the relevant section of the report.
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7.0 Legal implications

7.1 All legal implications are included within the relevant section of the report.
[SZ/06042022/P]

8.0 Equalities implications

8.1 The relevance to equalities and progress in terms of equality analysis will vary for each proposal included in this report. Accountable officers have and will ensure that evidence is collected and used to demonstrate compliance with the Council's legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

9.0 All other implications

9.1 All other implications are included within the relevant section of the report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 Relevant background papers are included within the relevant section of the report.

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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 27 April 2022
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Report title	Providing Good Homes - 78 and 80 Byrne Road – Property appropriation and refurbishment		
Decision designation	AMBER		
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal City Assets and Housing		
Key decision	No		
In forward plan	Yes		
Wards affected	Blakenhall		
Accountable Director	John Roseblade, Director of City Housing and Environment		
Originating service	Housing		
Accountable employee	Maureen Lothian	Housing Enabling Officer	
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Report to be/has been considered by	City Housing and Environment	5 April 2022	
	Leadership Team		
	Cabinet Member Briefing	13 April 2022	

Recommendations for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve the proposal for the appropriation of 78 and 80 Byrne Road from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
2. Approve 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.

Recommendation for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

1. The current condition of the empty properties at 78-80 Byrne Road and the investment required.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet (Resources) Panel on the current condition of the properties at 78 and 80 Byrne Road and the investment required.
- 1.2 To approve the appropriation of the properties from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
- 1.3 To approve the proposal for refurbishment of the properties and establishment of accommodation which best meets the demands for housing need in the City.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The terraced properties known as 78 and 80 Byrne Road have been empty since 2012.
- 2.2 The properties comprise two pre-1919 terraced properties that were converted into a doctor's surgery and again converted into a number of separate units with shared utilities known as a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO). They have since been converted back into two two-bedroom terraced properties.
- 2.3 The Council acquired 78 and 80 Byrne Road through Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under the Empty Properties Strategy. Following confirmation and vesting, an application was made to the Land Registry to register the Council as proprietor. The Council will be liable to pay the owner/interested parties' compensation at full market value minus any outstanding debts owing to the Council. The properties have been valued at £155,000 and compensation is likely to be paid in 2022-2023 financial year.
- 2.4 The property is situated within a residential area, and the current condition of the property is a visual detriment to the local neighbourhood. There have been 24 incidents of fly tipping in the past five years and will continue to be a regular occurrence whilst the property remains in its present condition.
- 2.5 The potential future use of this property was discussed at a recent Safe and Healthy Homes subgroup meeting. Employees from Housing Enabling and Private Sector Housing were to consider a number of options for the refurbishment of this property to bring it back into use.

3.0 Progress and options

- 3.1 During a recent inspection of the properties, they were considered to be structurally sound, however, there were a number of issues with the general condition as well as the poor design and quality of materials used to erect an extension to the rear of 78 Byrne Road.
- 3.2 A full assessment of the properties was undertaken by technical colleagues from Wolverhampton Homes to develop the refurbishment options. When these were received information relating to the housing needs for properties in this ward was obtained.

- 3.3 A valuation of both properties was carried out by a Chartered Surveyor registered with the Royal institute of Chartered Surveyors. The market value of 78 Byrne Road is considered to be £80,000 (eighty-thousand pounds). The market valuation of 80 Byrne Road is considered to be £75,000 (seventy-five-thousand pounds).
- 3.4 The properties are located near to an area of potential historical mining and thus a Coal Authority Mining Report will be obtained to ascertain the proximity of any mine entries to the properties and any potential impact on the valuation of the property.
- 3.5 Acquisition and subsequent refurbishment of the property was considered of significant social, economic, and environmental benefit to the area.
- 3.6 Following consideration of the options for refurbishment and consultation with Wolverhampton Homes Lettings team it was recommended that the best use of the properties would be as large family living accommodation.
- 3.7 This requires the appropriation of the two properties from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The properties could then be refurbished and converted into a large five-bedroom family home. The property could be brought up to Decent Homes standard incorporating the design for a lifetime home i.e., level access, widened doors and shower room on the ground floor, giving scope for a family with disabled member/s to be housed, if required, without the need for significant redesign or expenditure on adaptations.
- 3.8 The proposed cost to refurbish and convert the two properties into a single five-bedroom property is expected to be around £80,000.
- 3.9 Appropriation of this pair of properties to the HRA would enable extensive refurbishment to be carried out, which would help meet the City's growing demand for larger family accommodation enabling it to be allocated to a family, possibly in temporary accommodation.

4.0 Evaluation of alternative options

Do nothing

- 4.1 The Council owned properties will remain in their current deteriorating condition and will not meet the Decent Homes Standard without significant investment. The properties will continue to attract fly tipping and anti-social behaviour which could be to the detriment of the neighbourhood and wellbeing of its residents.

Sell on the open market

- 4.2 There is the option to dispose of the properties on the open market, however, this could bring a potential risk, as the properties may be purchased by a developer/investor for private rental. This will not guarantee an improved condition and once let, may lead to referrals to the Housing Standards Team. Although the properties could be sold with conditions to improve them to an agreed standard, before completing the sale.

- 4.3 Also, there is a risk of reputational damage as it could be seen that the Council 'off loads' difficult to maintain properties to the private sector when large, affordable housing is in great demand in the City. This would be contrary to the Council's current acquisition programme to increase the number of affordable units, in particular, purchasing suitable large family houses.

5.0 Reasons for decision

- 5.1 Due to the current demand for large family houses, it is recommended that the recommendations are approved. The property would be added to the housing stock and allocated to a family in housing need, possibly in temporary accommodation.
- 5.2 The Council currently has thirty, five-bedroom properties in its stock. There are currently no properties of this size within the Blakenhall area. The number of five-bedroom properties which have become available citywide for relet over the last 12 months is zero.
- 5.3 There are currently 43 families on the housing register in need of a five-bedroom property. Seven of these families are currently in emergency accommodation at a cost of approximately £200-£300 per week.
- 5.4 In order to address the current demand for larger properties, the Market to Affordable Housing Conversion programme has set as one of its priorities, the need to acquire 4+ bedroom properties. Within the last two years, the Council has acquired 2 x four-bedroom, former council properties but has been unable to identify suitable five bedroom+ properties. The Council continues to seek the availability of pairs of former council semi-detached and adjoining terraced properties that could be reconfigured and converted into a larger single property.
- 5.5 The appropriation and refurbishment of this property would provide an opportunity for this council owned asset to be converted into a larger family property and added to the Council's housing stock.
- 5.6 Bringing this property back into use and into council stock is in line with the Empty Homes Strategy which states, 'Bringing empty homes back into use nearly always involves improving the homes to a standard for their new owners or renters. Using empty homes contributes to reinvigorating neighbourhoods and improving the quality of housing has a positive effect on residents' health'.

6.0 Financial implications

- 6.1 The Council acquired 78-80 Byrne Rd through a CPO. The cost of the acquisition will be met from the Housing General Fund capital budget for Empty Property Strategy. The properties have been valued at £155,000. To appropriate the asset to the HRA will require an increase to the HRA capital financing requirement (borrowing) equal to the valuation with an equivalent reduction to the General Fund capital finance requirement.

- 6.2 The estimated refurbishment costs of around £80,000 bring the total cost of provision of these properties as five bedroom home to around £235,000 which is comparable with acquiring such a property on the market and ensuring it reaches the lettable standard.
- 6.3 There are also potential savings from an end to fly tipping and anti-social behaviour associated with these properties and from potentially providing a permanent home for a family currently residing in temporary accommodation.
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7.0 Legal implications

- 7.1 The Council has fiduciary duties to act in the best interest of its taxpayers. As such, the Council operates both the HRA and the General Fund as separate accounts pursuant to Section 74 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 7.2 In alignment with the recommendations set out in the body of this report, the Council has statutory duties in respect of homelessness under Part VII of The Housing Act 1996 as amended by The Homelessness Act 2002.
- 7.3 In relation to the acquisition of land, Section 120 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers a council to acquire by agreement any land inside or outside its area for the purposes of its functions under any enactment, or for the benefit, improvement or development of its area.
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8.0 Equalities implications

- 8.1 The proposals in this report would help deliver a high quality, affordable, much needed large family home.

9.0 All other implications

- 9.1 The proposals in this report will contribute to the improvements of tenants living conditions and environment and the refurbishment of the property will provide a more energy efficient accommodation.
- 9.2 The human resources implications will be managed within the Housing Services Team.
- 9.3 The property valuation has been approved by a Chartered Surveyor registered with the Royal institute of Chartered Surveyors to ensure good value to the Council.
- 9.4 The current condition of this property is potentially having an impact on the neighbouring properties and community because of persistent fly tipping and anti-social behaviour. The property will be refurbished bringing it up to a Decent Homes standard and allocated to a family in housing need, potentially leaving emergency/temporary accommodation and into a permanent home.

- 9.5 The outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) declared by the World Health Organisation as a 'Global Pandemic' on 11 March 2020 has impacted on global financial markets. The housing market may see an increase in demand for affordable housing and low-cost home ownership due to changes in resident's financial position as a result of COVID-19.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 None

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 27 April 2022
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Report title	Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation (2022-2023)	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Health and Wellbeing	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All wards	
Accountable Director	John Denley, Director of Public Health	
Originating service	Community Safety	
Accountable employee	Lynsey Kelly Tel Email	Head of Communities 01902 550042 Lynsey.kelly@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Public Health Leadership Team	15 March 2022
	Strategic Executive Board	14 April 2022

Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve 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.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval of use of the 2022-2023 CSP Fund allocation by SWP in line with grant conditions.
- 1.2 To set out SWP plans for the fund to deliver and commission activity to add value to mainstream delivery against the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023 by SWP member organisations.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) makes an annual allocation of grant to the seven CSPs within the West Midlands Metropolitan area to support delivery of their strategic plans.
- 2.2 Wolverhampton CSP priorities are set out in SWPs Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy (2020-2023).
- 2.3 The following strategic priorities feature within the strategy:

Strategic Priority	Outcomes
Reducing Offending	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced adult and youth offending• High volume and high-risk offenders managed effectively• Improved use of pathways to change offender attitudes and behaviours• Earlier identification for those in need of support• Work effectively with the partnership to implement interventions to change behaviours, deter criminality and prevent offending, utilising enforcement where appropriate.
Preventing Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote a shared understanding that any form of violence is unacceptable• Work effectively with partners to support offenders and utilise appropriate enforcement when necessary• Reduced prevalence of violent crime across all ages• Ensure Wolverhampton is a safe place to live, work and visit• Influence and input into delivery provided by the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit to ensure that it meets local need
Harm Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase reporting of crime, particularly hidden crimes• Earlier identification of those at risk• Recognition that reducing harm is everyone's business• Empower residents to build a community response to harm reduction

Strategic Priority	Outcomes
Building Community Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are encouraged to be more actively involved in their local area and take pride in it • Build on trust and confidence to increase reporting of crime • Residents take responsibility for their communities and support each other • Strengthen community cohesion.

3.0 Local Delivery

- 3.1 Wolverhampton has strong ambitions when it comes to reducing crime and disorder in the City and the activity funded by this grant will compliment a wide suite of activity funded through mainstream resources of City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) and partners as well as other grant funding streams. The focus of SWP remains on collaborative working and ensuring crime and community safety activity delivered by partners across the City is aligned and coordinated. The annual CSP grant allocation allows SWP to fund additional activity to compliment this mainstream delivery.
- 3.2 The activity outlined will also support in delivery against the objectives set out in the City of Wolverhampton Council Plan with a focus of protecting the most vulnerable residents at risk of harm and exploitation and supporting inclusive, welcoming communities where people feel safe and support each other.
- 3.3 Following consultation with SWP Board members and approval from the Chair, proposed plans for the use of Wolverhampton's £150,000 allocation for 2022-2023 are detailed below:

Wolverhampton Local Delivery (2022-2023)	
Harm Reduction/ Violence Prevention	
Tackling interpersonal violence, including violence against women and girls.	
Domestic Abuse Specialist post <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution towards the Violence Against Women and Girls Specialist post to ensure a continuation of specialism within the Authority. • Training to partners and communities around domestic abuse and violence against women and girls. • Coordination of partnership board to address interpersonal violence (including domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and harassment, forced marriage, female genital mutilation and honour-based violence) in partnership. 	£40,000
Harm Reduction/ Violence Prevention	
Tackling violence and exploitation	
Targeted activity around exploitation and modern-day slavery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will support the work of Wolverhampton Exploitation Hub which has a total investment of over £400,000. 	£10,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public awareness campaigns and events/conferences to raise awareness of modern-day slavery and exploitation. Training around exploitation and modern-day slavery to upskill partners and communities. 	
Youth violence and exploitation targeted outreach support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of outreach support to target locations where there is an identified risk to young people of exploitation or violence, including focused work within West Midlands Police (WMP) Impact areas. This will compliment CWCs universal detached outreach service which has an annual value of almost £150,000. 	£40,000
Specialist school holiday provision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of school holiday activities to engage young people in a positive way and provide diversion from exploitation and criminality. School holiday activity will be delivered in targeted locations where young people are at increased risk of criminality and exploitation, including WMP Impact areas. This will complement the wider Holiday Activity and Food Fund (HAF) funded offer provided by CWC which totalled £1.4 million for summer 2021. 	£30,000
Harm Reduction/ Reducing Offending/ Building Community Capacity Supporting the community and addressing vulnerability	
Activity to reduce victimisation and repeat victimisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in the delivery of a place-based approach and empower grass roots delivery, including targeted activity in WMP impact areas. Coordinated approach to addressing neighbourhood crime. Target hardening of properties to reduce repeat victimisation. Working with communities to empower them, build trust and confidence and increase reporting of crime and information sharing. Responding to public place violence, including a focus on female and vulnerable victims. Providing personal safety advice and equipment to communities (including vulnerable groups) to prevent victimisation and repeat victimisation. 	£15,000
Community engagement, cohesion and hidden crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination of Community Cohesion Forum. Engagement with faith and community groups to increase cohesion. Training and awareness of Prevent via Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) training within communities and with key partners. Raise awareness of under reported crimes, including hate crime, and hidden domestic abuse crimes. Addressing perceptions of crime – including targeted activity to address fears and concerns around the safety of women. 	£15,000
Total	£150,000

- 3.4 The PCC has taken the decision that where local delivery supports priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, there is scope to draw on other funding streams within the PCCs remit to fund these services centrally. The establishment of a West Midlands Community Safety Partnership in 2017 has allowed greater oversight of spend across the seven metropolitan areas from the PCC grant, to identify efficiencies in how some of these services are commissioned.
- 3.5 The below activity is funded regionally by the Police and Crime Commissioner and therefore not included within local allocation delivery plans. The proposed local activity will compliment and align with regional delivery, which will benefit Wolverhampton:
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) for victims of domestic abuse
 - Domestic Homicide Reviews
 - Youth Offending Teams allocation
 - Victims Fund allocations
 - New Chance (interventions with vulnerable females at risk of criminality)
 - Community Safety Partnership analysts
 - Arrest Referral (Drug Intervention Programme)
 - Restorative justice West Midlands programme (anti-social behaviour intervention)
 - Force-wide car cruising injunctions

4.0 Police and Commissioner Allocations

- 4.1 The table below shows the direct allocation given to each local authority area for 2022-2023. These amounts do not include any services provided on a regional basis. The allocation for Wolverhampton of £150,000 is equal to the allocation received in 2021-2022. There has also been commitment from the PCCs office that the funding allocations will be the same for the financial year 2023-2024.

Area	Community Safety Partnership Allocation £000
Birmingham	660
Coventry	165
Dudley	135
Sandwell	165
Solihull	90
Walsall	135
Wolverhampton	150
Total	1,500

- 4.2 The PCC allocation is ringfenced for Community Safety use by SWP in line with conditions of grant. The grant is received by City of Wolverhampton Council as accountable body for SWP, requiring delegation of the resource to be agreed by Cabinet (Resources) Panel.

5.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 5.1 Option one - Cabinet (Resources) Panel to approve delegation of the Police and Crime Commissioner Funding to deliver the strategic aims of the Community Safety Partnership and ring fence the expenditure to the costed plan as shown in section 3.3 of the report. This will allow the partnership to deliver against the statutory responsibilities of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Modern Slavery Act 2015, Counter Terrorism Act 2015 and Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.
- 5.2 Option two – Cabinet (Resources) Panel to refuse delegation of income from the Police and Crime Commissioner. This is not recommended as the Community Safety Partnership would not be able to deliver against the statutory responsibilities and could not provide account for expenditure to the Police and Crime Commissioner in line with the agreed expenditure shown in section 3.3 of the report.

6.0 Reasons for decision(s)

- 6.1 Approving the recommendations set out in this report will allow the Council and the CSP to deliver against statutory and strategic responsibilities and continue to run a strong and resilient CSP in Wolverhampton.

7.0 Financial implications

- 7.1 The PCC grant is ringfenced for Community Safety use by SWP in line with conditions of grant. The grant is received by Wolverhampton City Council as accountable body for SWP.
- 7.2 The cost of Council activities detailed in the body of this report will be met in full from the 2022-2023 PCC grant of £150,000.
- 7.3 Wolverhampton has strong ambitions when it comes to reducing crime and disorder in the City and the activity funded by this grant will compliment a wider suite of activity funded through mainstream resources of CWC and partners as well as other grant funding streams. For example, the allocation for activity to raise awareness of exploitation will complement the wider work of Wolverhampton's Exploitation Hub (which has an annual investment of over £400,000 from CWC and West Midlands Police as well as significant in-kind investment from wider partners) and the targeted activity around youth violence will be used creatively to complement the HAF funded holiday provision and CWC funded detached youth work service (these had a combined investment of over £1.5 million during 2021-2022).

- 7.4 The focus of SWP remains on collaborative working and ensuring crime and community safety activity delivered by partners across the city is aligned and coordinated. The annual CSP grant allocation allows SWP to fund additional activity to compliment this mainstream delivery.
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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. Subsequent revisions to the Act (Police and Justice Act 2006) places a duty on Community Safety Partnerships to prepare strategic assessments with the purpose of informing the partnership plan revisions. The activity outlined within this report will support the work of the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership in delivering against these duties.
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9.0 Equalities implications

- 9.1 The programme of delivery for 2022-2023 is based on an assessment of need and contributes towards implementation of the strategic priorities in the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023. This will result in crime reduction measures and a place-based approach being implemented within some of the City's most deprived neighbourhoods and providing support to some of the City's most vulnerable residents through targeted interventions.
- 9.2 The programme of delivery detailed will directly support implementation of the strategy, actively addressing inequalities of individuals and communities which are disproportionately impacted by certain crimes on the basis of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexuality and disability. A full equality analysis has been undertaken on the strategy.

10.0 All other implications

- 10.1 Health and Wellbeing Implications - Delivery of the services outlined will impact positively on the health and wellbeing of communities and contribute to reducing deprivation in the city; achievement of the strategic priorities of reducing offending, violence reduction and reducing victimisation will reduce the physical and mental harm of becoming a victim of crime.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

- 11.1 No background papers.

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