

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 6 July 2022

Item 4	
Title	Capital Budget Outturn 2021-2022 including Quarter One Capital Budget Monitoring 2022-2023
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>That Council be recommended to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The revised, medium term General Fund capital programme of £367.8 million, a net increase of £152,000 from the previously approved programme, and the change in associated resources. <p>That Cabinet approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The virements for the General Fund capital programme detailed at Appendix 4 to the report to the report for; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. existing projects totalling £4.2 million; ii. new projects totalling £1.2 million. 2. The virements for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme detailed at Appendix 4 to the report for; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. existing projects totalling £14.6 million; ii. new projects totalling £500,000. 3. Delegate authority to the Deputy Director of Assets to approve virements from the Provision for future programmes budget within the Corporate Asset Management capital programme to individual schemes in order that corporate priorities can be addressed in an agile and timely manner. <p>That Cabinet notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That there are two new projects which are subject to separate detailed project reports also on today's agenda to Cabinet (Resources) Panel meeting. The inclusion of these projects is for budget approval purpose and is on the assumption that the approval to progress with these projects is given. As the progression is dependent on this decision, if the projects are not approved, the capital programme will be reduced accordingly. The name of these projects are;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Residential Homes; • Noose Lane to School Street Active Travel Route.
Options Considered	The report provides an update on progress of capital projects during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and anticipated budget requirement for future years. The evaluation of alternative project options is detailed in individual investment proposals.
Reasons for Decision	To seek Cabinet’s recommendation to Council to approve the revised capital budgets. This will ensure that the capital programme budget reflects the latest forecasts and requirements.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	21 July 2022

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Item 5	
Title	Treasury Management - Annual Report 2021-2022 and Activity Monitoring Quarter One 2022-2023
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>That Council be asked to note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council operated within the overall approved Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement during 2021-2022. 2. That revenue underspends of £1.0 million for the General Fund and £738,000 for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) were generated from treasury management activities in 2021-2022. 3. That the General Fund and HRA treasury management activities for 2022-2023 are currently forecast to be within budget. This would continue to be monitored, and updates provided in future reports. <p>That Cabinet notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The financial information included in this report is based on the 'Capital Budget Outturn 2021-2022 including Quarter One Capital Monitoring 2022-2023' report also on the agenda for this meeting. The capital report is subject to two reports being separately approved by Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 6 July 2022. Therefore, if this approval is not obtained, a revised version of this report would be presented to Council on 20 July 2022. 2. The Council's external borrowing has remained unchanged from 2020-2021 as there were no repayments of loans due in 2021-2022 and no new loans were taken out during the financial year.

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	<p>3. That CIPFA have recently consulted on temporary proposals to update the CIPFA code of practice on Local Authority Accounting for infrastructure assets. At the time of writing, the outcome of the consultation has not been published. However, in response to the issues being considered by CIPFA, the Council is currently reviewing its accounting policy and would be discussing the findings with the Council’s external auditors. This may result in additional charges being made on Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the General Fund for 2021-2022 onwards. Once this work has been concluded, an update would be reported to Cabinet.</p>
Options Considered	As this is a monitoring report of treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, there are no alternative options available.
Reasons for Decision	The report provides an update on treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 6	
Title	Select Committee Report: The Wolverhampton Pound: Procurement, Contract Management and Commissioning
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That Council be recommended to: 1. Endorse the recommendations in The Wolverhampton Pound Select Committee Action Plan attached at Appendix 2 to the report.
Options Considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Select Committee considered a range of evidence and information when considering and agreeing its findings and recommendations from a diverse range of stakeholders, partners and providers. • The draft report has been shared and discussed with stakeholders for comment and amendments made where appropriate to ensure that the recommendations are realistic and achievable.
Reasons for Decision	The recommendations and findings contained in the report show that with a progressive approach to procurement and contract management, comes innovation, creativity and the commissioning of services and products that are right for our City and our citizens. One size does not fit all and good communication and engagement with our partners, the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), existing suppliers, and potential suppliers will allow us to ensure that we are procuring the right goods and the rights services in the right way for us.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 7	
Title	Wolverhampton’s Youth Justice Plan 2022-23
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>That Council be recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the adoption of the Youth Justice Plan 2022-2023. <p>That Cabinet notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The specific achievement of the Youth Offending Team during 2021-2022 including a reduction in first time entrants, a reduction in re-offending rates and a reduction in the number of young people receiving a custodial sentence.
Options Considered	The local authority has a statutory duty to submit an annual youth justice plan relating to their provision of youth offending services. The youth justice plan 2022-2023 has been developed following consultation with partner agencies, staff and young people.
Reasons for Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The local priorities that have been identified for Wolverhampton not only respond to the local areas of need but also represent an alignment with the strategic priorities identified by the YJB and the recommendations from the YOT inspection (October 2021). 2. The core vision of the YJB as set out in the YJB Strategic Plan 2019-2022 is: “A youth justice system that sees children as children, treats them fairly and helps them to build on their strengths so they can make a constructive contribution to society. This will prevent offending and create safer communities with fewer victims.” 3. The youth justice plan 2022-2023 seeks to achieve this vision and some of the key areas that will be given significant priority include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building upon the work with Children and Young People in Care (CYPIC) to further reduce their risks of criminalisation.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the educational engagement and outcomes for all young people at the YOT, ensuring young people with SEND/ EHCP have access to high quality provision. • Extending the whole family / carer offer within the service. • Addressing areas of disproportionality and promoting wider partnership engagement to reduce areas of significant disproportionality. • Ensuring YOT staff are appropriately trained and confident in having conversations to understand Black, Asian and other minority ethnic children’s experiences. • Improving the quality of contingency planning in all cases, when managing and mitigating a child’s risk of harm to others. • Continuing the delivery of the DIVERT scheme to further promote the decriminalisation of young people and divert them from the criminal justice system. • Ensuring the integrated health offer is fully embedded in DIVERT scheme in order to promote the commitment that a child will not enter the criminal justice system as a result of an unmet health need. • Expanding the YOT prevention offer. • Promoting the voice of the victim in both preventative and statutory intervention. • Contributing to the co-ordination and proactive response to youth violence, both strategically and operationally. • Empowering young people to share their views and genuinely have an influence on service design and delivery.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	21 July 2022

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Item 8	
Title	Draft Black Country Plan - Additional Housing Sites in Walsall
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Draft Black Country Plan – Additional Housing Sites in Walsall (Appendix 1) and Sustainability Appraisal Report (Appendix 2), be approved for consultation during summer 2022. 2. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration, to approve any necessary minor amendments to the Draft Black Country Plan – Additional Housing Sites in Walsall and Sustainability Appraisal Report prior to commencement of the consultation process.
Options Considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Wolverhampton Council is committed to the Black Country Plan preparation process. The alternative option would be to make no change to the existing Wolverhampton Local Plan. This would mean that the City would not have an up-to-date Local Plan in place for a number of years. • Failure to have a Local Plan that is based on sound evidence could result in the City having insufficient land to meet the need for housing, employment and other land uses that are necessary to support the economic and environmental well-being of the area. It could also result in development taking place in the wrong locations, leading to an inefficient use of resources, traffic congestion and other harm. Having an up-to-date Local Plan in place is also essential to defend the Council’s position at planning appeals. Lack of an up-to-date Plan risks intervention from central government and may compromise our ability to make decisions locally.

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Reasons for Decision	It is important that Wolverhampton is covered by an up-to-date Local Plan and Local Development Scheme, in order to meet statutory requirements and to support regeneration and investment in the City and protect areas of value from development. Cabinet approval is required for each consultation stage of the Black Country Plan preparation process.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	11 July 2022

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Item 9	
Title	Helping our Children and Young People to be Healthier and Happier - what we learnt from HeadStart
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the learning from Headstart into future planning of wellbeing services for children and young people be endorsed.
Options Considered	Options were considered in relation to the National Lotteries requirement that learn and embed is based on the evidence from the test and learn of the HeadStart programme. The evidence from national surveys, local surveys, community feedback, young people.
Reasons for Decision	The decision has been based on evidence of what works in relation to improving wellbeing and resilience in young people. The National Lottery funding requires local areas to have a learn and embed plan based on the test and learn of the programme. Budgets have been realigned to reflect the plan.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	11 July 2022