

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 7 September 2022

Item 4	
Title	Performance and Budget Monitoring 2022-2023
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the establishment of supplementary expenditure budgets for 2022-2023 as detailed in section 7.0 of the report be approved. 2. That the use of £6,089 from the Schools Arts Service Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.4 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets be approved. 3. That the use of £1.2 million from the Budget Contingency Reserve as detailed in paragraphs 8.5, 8.6 and 8.7 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets be approved. 4. That the use of £120,000 from the Budget Efficiency Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.8 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets be approved. 5. That the use of £100,000 from the Regional Adoption Agency Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.9 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets be approved. 6. That the use of £200,000 from the Transformation Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.10 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets be approved. 7. That the use of £721,000 from the Regeneration Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.11 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets be approved. 8. That the write-off of one Council Tax debts totalling £7,005.66 as detailed in Appendix 8 to the report be approved.

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9. That the 29 virements totalling £14.4 million, for transfers within directorates, as detailed in Appendix 9 to the report be approved.
10. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City and the responsible Cabinet Member of the relevant service area in question, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the relevant Director to allocate budgets from the Corporate Contingency to support Council Priorities and Growth, once business cases have been completed.
11. That it be noted that the General Fund projected outturn for 2022-2023 is currently forecast to be an overspend of £5.4 million due to the forecast impact of the proposed pay award for 2022-2023 as detailed in section 4 of the report.
12. That it be noted that forecast outturn position for the year for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) shows a pressure against the approved budget of £354,000, as shown at Table 2 and in detail at Appendix 5 to the report. This would result in a forecast redemption of debt.
13. That it be noted that 552 council tax accounts totalling £401,879.89, as detailed in Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
14. That it be noted that 56 Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £178,017.01, as detailed in Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
15. That it be noted that 12 housing benefit overpayments totalling £4,286.96 as detailed in paragraph 11.2 and Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
16. That it be noted that 5 sundry debt accounts totalling £9,001.76, as detailed in paragraph 11.2 and Appendix 7 to the report, have been approved for write-off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

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	<p>17. That the Strategic Risk Register as at Appendix 3 to the report be noted.</p> <p>18. That the performance against the key indicators as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.</p>
Options Considered	In accordance with the Council's financial procedures rules, all virements in excess of £50,000, or those that result in a transfer between Employees and Other Controllable Expenditure headings, require the approval of Cabinet. Contributions to and from reserves and the creation of supplementary budgets also require Cabinet approval. The write-offs, virements, use of reserves and creation of supplementary budgets detailed in this report which seek the approval of Cabinet are all considered prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance.
Reasons for Decision	In accordance with the Council's financial procedures rules, all virements in excess of £50,000, or those that result in a transfer between Employees and Other Controllable Expenditure headings, require the approval of Cabinet. Contribution to and from reserves also requires the approval from Cabinet. The write-offs, virements and use of reserve requests detailed in this report which seek the approval of Cabinet are all considered to be prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	12 September 2022

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Item 5	
Title	Exclusion of press and public
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information).
Options Considered	Not applicable
Reasons for Decision	Not applicable
Record of Conflicts of Interest	Not applicable
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable

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Item 6	
Title	Amendment to Capital Programme
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the virement from the Capital Corporate Provision for Future Programmes to the Civic Halls Refurbishment programme as outlined in the report be approved. 2. That the use of the Covid contingency for Civic Halls Refurbishment for general project purposes be approved. 3. That the Council be authorised to enter into a Deed of Variation with AEG Presents to incorporate the additional works outlined in the report.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	8 September 2022