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<b>Item 4</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Capital Programme 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 Quarter Two Review
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>That Council be recommended to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The revised, medium term General Revenue Account capital programme of £338.8 million, an increase of £27.9 million from the previously approved programme, and the change in associated resources.</li> </ol> <p>That Cabinet approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The virements for the General Revenue Account capital programme detailed at Appendix 4 to the report for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. existing projects totalling £2.8 million.</li> <li>ii. new projects totalling £899,000.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The virements for the Housing Revenue Account capital programme detailed at Appendix 4 to the report for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. existing projects totalling £15.3 million.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>That Cabinet notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That there are two separate reports also on today's agenda, titled as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary School Expansion Programme 2023</li> <li>• Stow Heath Primary School Proposed Resource Base</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>These reports are not currently seeking budget approval, however, they are seeking approval to delegate authority to allocate budgets once further detail is known. Any approvals would be built into future reports to councillors.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The report provides an update on progress of capital projects during 2022-2023 and anticipated budget requirement for future years. The evaluation of alternative project options is detailed in individual investment proposals.

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<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	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.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	8 December 2022

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<b>Item 5</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Treasury Management Activity Monitoring - Mid Year Review 2022-2023
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>That Council be asked to note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement has been undertaken and the Council has operated within the limits and requirements approved in March 2022.</li> <li>2. That a revenue underspend of £3.4 million for the General Fund and a revenue overspend of £996,000 for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) are forecast from treasury management activities in 2022-2023.</li> </ol> <p>That Cabinet notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the outcome of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) consultation on proposals to update the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting for infrastructure assets is still to be finalised.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	As this is a monitoring report on treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2022-2023, there are no alternative options available.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	This report provides an update on treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2022-2023.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Item 6</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Performance and Budget Monitoring 2022-2023
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>That Cabinet approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The establishment of supplementary expenditure budgets for 2022-2023 as detailed in section 7.0 of the report.</li> <li>2. The use of £380,000 from the Budget Contingency Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.4 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets.</li> <li>3. The use of £80,800 from the Regeneration Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.5 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets.</li> <li>4. The use of £95,000 from the Digital Inclusion Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.6 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets.</li> <li>5. The contribution of £285,800 to the Licencing Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.7 of the report.</li> <li>6. The use of £116,000 from the Our Technology Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.8 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets.</li> <li>7. The use of £64,000 from the Private Sector Housing - Civil Penalties Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.9 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets.</li> <li>8. The use of £2.0 million from the Public Health Reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.10 of the report and the establishment of associated supplementary budgets.</li> </ol>

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9. The write-off of one sundry debt totalling £13,160.87 as detailed in Appendix 8 to the report.
10. The write-off of two Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £19,511.33 as detailed in Appendix 9 to the report.
11. The 31 virements totalling £154.6 million, for transfers within directorates, as detailed in Appendix 10 to the report.
12. The Strategic Risk Register which is shown at Appendix 3 to the report.
13. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment and the Director of Finance to negotiate and finalise any changes required to the 2022-2023 management fee payable to Wolverhampton Homes and approve any necessary virements.
14. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve any necessary virements required to support the pay award and allocation of the Efficiency target and Vacancy factor held corporately.

That Cabinet notes:

1. That the General Fund projected outturn for 2022-2023 is currently forecast to be an overspend of £1.5 million due to the forecast impact of the proposed pay award for 2022-2023 as detailed in section 4 of the report.
2. The forecast outturn position for the year for the HRA shows a pressure against the approved budget of £3.2 million, as shown at Table 2 and in detail at Appendix 5 to the report.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. That 393 Council Tax accounts totalling £256,204.26, 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.</li> <li>4. That 18 Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £148,382.50, 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.</li> <li>5. That 11 housing benefit overpayments totalling £2,487.92 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.</li> <li>6. That one sundry debt account totalling £168.00, 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.</li> <li>7. The performance against the key indicators as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Options Considered</b></p>	<p>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 the report which seek the approval of Cabinet are all considered prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance.</p>
<p><b>Reasons for Decision</b></p>	<p>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 the 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.</p>

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<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	21 November 2022



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<b>Item 7</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the City of Wolverhampton Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) and Action Plan (2022) be adopted.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration, to agree the final version of the Overarching Strategic Framework for the Black Country (2022).</li> <li>3. That the supporting Wolverhampton Playing Pitch Assessment Report (2022) be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p><b>Option 1</b> - to not carry out the Study. This would have left the Council without current information with which to inform decisions on disposal, investment in and management of outdoor sports facilities. It would also have not met the Council’s obligations under national and local planning policy and guidance.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> - to carry on the Study for Wolverhampton only. This would have provided a less robust evidence base to support local decision making and would not have addressed potential cross-boundary issues with other Black Country Authorities.</p> <p><b>Option 3</b> - to carry out a Black Country-wide Study as outlined. This provides a robust evidence base for joint working and identifies cross-boundary issues where collaboration between Black Country Authorities could better meet identified demand.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The reason for the decision is to allow the Strategy and Action Plan to be used as a basis for decision-making on investment in, management of and potential disposal of outdoor sports facilities. If Cabinet do not approve the adoption of the PPOSS, the Council will not have an approved accurate and up to date evidence base and action plan to inform decisions. It will not be

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	compliant with national planning guidance and local planning policy and will not have an evidence base for applications for external funding.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Councillor Stephen Simkins declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest in so far as he is a Board Member of Bilston Town Community Football Club.
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	21 November 2022

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<b>Item 8</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Stow Heath Primary School - Proposed Resource Base
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work, in consultation with the Executive Director of Families, to approve the allocation from the High Needs Capital Fund to the Stow Heath capital project in order that it may be progressed in a timely manner.</li> <li>2. That the commencement of a period of Initial Consultation required under statutory processes on the proposed establishment of a Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Resource Base at Stow Heath Primary School be approved.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work in consultation with the Executive Director of Families, to consider the outcome of Initial Consultation on the proposed establishment of a SEND Resource Base at Stow Heath Primary School and to determine whether to proceed to Formal Consultation (Representation).</li> <li>4. That the Council be authorised to enter into all legal agreements in relation to this scheme.</li> <li>5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work in consultation with the Executive Director of Families to approve the details of all agreements authorised under recommendation 4 of the report.</li> <li>6. That it be noted that the outcomes of both Initial and Formal Consultation on the establishment of Resource Provision at Stow Heath Primary School would be presented at a future Cabinet meeting for a final decision.</li> </ol>

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<b>Options Considered</b>	In order to meet the timescales set by the Department for Education (DfE), there are no alternative options as the establishment of resource base provision at Stow Heath Primary School is linked to the rebuild under the DfE's Schools Rebuilding Programme.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	This is a unique opportunity for additional SEND Resource Base provision to be incorporated in the design of the rebuild of Stow Heath Primary School which will support the increased demand for specialist places.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	21 November 2022

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<b>Item 9</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Secondary School Expansion Programme 2023
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the formal proposal for schools to be included in the Secondary School Expansion Programme 2023 be approved.</li> <li>2. That the Secondary School Expansion Programme 2023 to provide temporary solutions to meet short term demand to ensure that an oversupply of school places is not created be approved.</li> <li>3. That it be noted that the budget for the expansion scheme at Colton Hills Community School would be approved via existing approved delegation, once the required budget is finalised.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that in light of the scale of recent secondary expansion programmes practical opportunities to continue to expand the existing estate are constrained.</li> <li>5. That it be noted that the Council is not in full control of all the factors relating to the effective and timely supply of school places.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	Limited alternative solutions exist within the school estate. Proposed schemes have been prioritised in line with the Council’s strategic policy as detailed in ‘City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning 2020-2022’.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	This programme would help secure the required school places to ensure the Council’s statutory duty (to ensure the sufficiency of provision) can continue to be fulfilled.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Item 10</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Citywide Non-traditional Property Investment and Regeneration Programme - Procurement of a contractor and progress update
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a budget of £25.0 million for the redevelopment of the Tarran Bungalow estates as Phase One of the Non-Traditional Property Re-development project be approved.</li> <li>2. That the procurement to appoint a contractor to deliver the proposals for Phase One of the Non-Traditional Property Re-development Project be approved.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with Director of City Housing and Environment to appoint the most appropriate contractor for Phase One of the Non-Traditional Property Re-development Project following the completion of the procurement exercise.</li> <li>4. That further reports on the future phase of the regeneration proposals for non-traditional properties be received.</li> <li>5. That holding any new non-traditional void properties which are included in the investment programme to allow investigation surveys to be undertaken to support the design options for decarbonisation be approved.</li> <li>6. That further reports on the progress made on the future phases within the investment programme to deliver improvements to the remaining non-traditional properties be received.</li> <li>7. That the progress made on delivering the re-development proposals for the Tarran bungalow (prefabs) estates (Phase One) be noted.</li> </ol>

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	<p>8. That the progress made regarding customer engagement for the Tarran bungalow estates (Phase One) across the city be noted.</p> <p>9. That the progress made on delivering the phased investment programme to improve the condition of non-traditional properties owned by the Council throughout the city be noted.</p>
<p><b>Options Considered</b></p>	<p><b>Option One: Do nothing</b> - The non-traditional properties require investment or have been recommended for demolition. The current condition of some of the properties will continue to deteriorate and the health and wellbeing of the tenants will be affected. There could be claims submitted under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 as the properties remain unimproved or not demolished.</p> <p><b>Option Two: Ad-hoc demolition only</b> - A programme could be developed to demolish recommended non-traditional properties as and when they become void. This would extend the programme by some considerable time and would mean that properties would be vacant for potentially years until the adjoining property/properties became void. This would further increase the maintenance responsibilities as properties will require additional security measures and removal of fly tipping and potentially attract anti-social behaviour. The vacant properties would be a blight for the remaining residents living on the estates.</p> <p><b>Option Three: Minimal investment to remaining stock</b> - The condition of some of the non-traditional properties recommended to be retained and improved will further decline over a number of years, if a programme of investment works is not approved. Again, there could be claims submitted under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 for those properties unimproved.</p>
<p><b>Reasons for Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Regeneration Programme</b> - The properties recommended for demolition are beyond repair and investment is not a viable option. The structural condition of the properties is deteriorating, and they have reached the end of their lifetime.</p> <p><b>Investment Programme</b> - The investment works proposed will deliver much needed improvements to non-traditional homes and the scope of works will involve structural repairs and improvements to the external envelope such as external wall insulation, new windows, and roof</p>



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	covering, to improve the thermal efficiency of the homes, and these measures are likely to be supported by SHDF Wave 2 funding.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	21 November 2022