

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 14 December 2022

Item 4	
Title	South Staffordshire, Stafford and Birmingham Local Plan Consultation Responses
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the principles set out in paragraph 3.24 of the report be approved as the basis of the Council's response to the South Staffordshire Local Plan (SSLP) Regulation 19 consultation. 2. That the recommended issues set out in Appendix 1 be approved as the basis of the text of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) on the SSLP to be agreed with South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC) and other relevant parties, and authority to approve and sign the SoCG be delegated to the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy in consultation with the Director of Regeneration. 3. That the interim officer response set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved as the Council's response to the Stafford Local Plan (SLP) Preferred Options consultation. 4. That the interim officer response set out in Appendix 3 to the report be approved as the Council's response to the Birmingham Local Plan (BLP) Issues and Options consultation. 5. That the Wolverhampton approach to the duty to cooperate following the cessation of work on the Black Country Plan as summarised in section 2 of the report be noted.
Options Considered	The alternative option is for the Council not to respond to the consultations. This option is not viable, given the implications of the SSLP, SLP and BLP for Wolverhampton could be significant.
Reasons for Decision	The SSLP, SLP and BLP could have significant implications for Wolverhampton therefore it is important that the Council submits a response to each stage of consultation.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None

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Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	19 December 2022

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Item 5	
Title	City of Wolverhampton Council Enforcement Policy in Relation to the Relevant Letting Agency Legislation
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the City of Wolverhampton Council Enforcement Policy in Relation to the Relevant Letting Agency Legislation be approved.
Options Considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One option would be to not adopt an enforcement policy in relation to the relevant letting agency legislation. To enforce the legislation the enforcing authority is required to adopt an enforcement policy. There is a statutory duty to enforce the relevant lettings agency legislation. By not adopting an enforcement policy the City of Wolverhampton Council would be in breach of its statutory duties. 2. Another option would be to develop a bespoke enforcement policy in relation to the relevant letting agency legislation. This would allow the City of Wolverhampton to comply with its statutory duty to enforce the legislation. However, it would likely lead to enforcement being inconsistent with our closest similar neighbours.
Reasons for Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City of Wolverhampton Council requires an enforcement policy in relation to the relevant letting agency legislation to be able to enforce the legislation, it does not currently have such a policy. 2. Adopting the Bristol City Council Enforcement Policy in Relation to the Relevant Letting Agency Legislation will allow the City of Wolverhampton Council to enforce the legislation in a consistent manner.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None

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Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	19 December 2022

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Item 6	
Title	Expansion of Broadmeadow Special School
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposal to fund additional accommodation to meet pupil need and demand at Broadmeadow Special School (Phase 1) be approved. 2. That Legal Services be authorised to enter into or execute or seal any legal documentation in relation to this scheme to protect the Council’s interests. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work, in consultation with Executive Director of Families, to approve the virement from the currently approved capital budget High Needs Capital Programme – Future Schemes to a budget for this specific project, once the actual level of budget required is finalised. 4. That it be noted that the Central Learning Partnership Trust (CLPT) have an existing agreement with the Local Authority to lease the ground floor of the Whitmore Reans Strengthening Families Hub, which is adjacent to Broadmeadow Special School. This lease would need to be extended in addition to the provision of additional accommodation under Phase 1 of the scheme. 5. That it be noted that Phase 1 is intended to be a temporary solution. The proposed Phase 2 of the scheme would see Broadmeadow Special School further increase in capacity to meet additional demand and would be relocated to another site in purpose-built provision. Investigations regarding Phase 2 are currently ongoing. 6. That it be noted that any proposal to relocate Broadmeadow Special School and increase in capacity would be presented at a future Cabinet meeting.

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Options Considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The school requires the additional accommodation to ensure that a sufficient teaching and learning environment is available and there are limited options due to the size of the school site.2. Several options for Phase 1 have been considered regarding the layout of the modular buildings on the school site which have been discounted due to not being suitable or not providing value for money.
Reasons for Decision	This scheme would secure the required accommodation for the number of commissioned places.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 7	
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 any individual and the financial or business affairs of any particular 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 8	
Title	Update on Streamlining Black Country Ways of Working – Black Country Consortium Ltd
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the closure of the Black Country Consortium Limited be approved. 2. That the following Association of Black Country Authorities Leaders’ approvals made at their meeting held on 19 October 2022 be noted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acknowledge the track record and positive contribution enabled by Black Country Consortium Ltd. b. A calling of a directors meeting of Black Country Consortium Ltd in January 2023 with a recommendation to voluntary wind up the company at a date to be advised and agreed during 2023. c. A commitment to working towards a goal of a clear regional arrangement for data and intelligence clarifying roles and responsibilities and in the interim hosting of Black Country Consortium Economic Intelligence team via Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council who will still continue to provide via a service level agreement data and intelligence to Black Country Councils as required. d. A fit for purpose and timely arrangement for a TUPE transfer arrangement for Active Black Country, currently hosted via Black Country Consortium Ltd (BCC Ltd) to an independent entity arrangement, noting local authority hosting offers in principle from the City of Wolverhampton Council and Sandwell MBC. e. A potential hosting/ integration of current cultural/ visitor economy expertise by one of the BC local authorities.

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	<p>f. Historical BCC Ltd company deferred pensioners and pensioners liabilities split as a liability equally across the four BC Councils.</p> <p>g. A report to individual local authority Cabinets (November/December 2022) to endorse the closure of BCC Ltd.</p>
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)	19 December 2022