Item 4	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	1. 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 A461 Outline Business Case when the evaluation process is complete.
	2. 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 Black Country Urban Traffic Control Communications when the evaluation process is complete.
	3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of a contract for Contingency Residual Waste Disposal 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 the Refurbishment of East Park when the evaluation process is complete.
	5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Director of City Assets, to approve the award of a contract for Lifts Maintenance when the evaluation process is complete.
Options Considered	The options for each contract are detailed within the evaluation of alternative options section of the individual contract reports.

Reasons for Decision	The reasons for the decisions are detailed within the relevant section of the individual contract reports.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	21 November 2022

Item 5	
Title	Policy to Enable Cost Recovery of Enforcement Action in Licensing
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	1. That the Commercial Regulation Cost Recovery policy be approved for implementation from 1 April 2023.
	2. 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 addition of discretionary services within Commercial Regulation that would utilise the cost recovery method outlined in the Commercial Regulation Cost Recovery policy.
	3. That it be noted that the application fees for various licences, permits, registrations and consents, and discretionary charges within the Commercial Regulation services shall be reviewed each year in accordance with the policy.
Options Considered	The alternative option is to not implement the policy. This would result in the Council not recovering contributions to costs. The setting of fees and discretionary services could be adjudged to be arbitrary and lacking in transparency. This option has been rejected as the impact on the services will result in a disparity between the revenue and the Council resource time spent delivering.
Reasons for Decision	 The adoption of this policy sets out the Council's principle of being fair and equal. The setting of fees and discretionary service charges together with court cost recovery is clearly shown with the policy.
	2. The policy enables greater confidence in the service through open and transparent costings.

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

Item 6	
Title	External Funding Update - UK Shared Prosperity Fund
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	 That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City, in consultation with Director of Strategy and Director of Finance to: a. Enter into a three-year Memorandum of Understanding and annual Grant Funding
	Agreements with West Midlands Combined Authority as lead authority, and accept grant allocation for our allocation for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Multiply.
	 Approve further changes to the proposed UK Shared Prosperity Fund local funding split based on ongoing discussions with the West Midlands Combined Authority.
	 Approve the establishment and spend of supplementary revenue and capital budgets in line with the funding agreement.
	d. Approve payment of grants for delivery of local activity where appropriate and associated agreements.
Options Considered	Option one : allocate local UK SPF allocation to align with city priorities in line with UK SPF intervention areas, outputs and outcomes tackling key challenges and enabling more support to be provided.
	Option two : not spend our allocation of UK SPF would result in a loss of external funding to the city and impact on our ability to address key challenges.
Reasons for Decision	Option one was chosen since external funding enables priority projects to proceed, at a faster pace and with greater impact on key challenges within the city.

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

Item 7	
Title	Council Commitment to become Cornerstone Employer - promoting Council Careers in Schools
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the Council signs up to an agreement with Black Country Consortium to become a Cornerstone Employer.
Options Considered	Option one would be to make no change and not to attend our schools and college as an employer. This would not assist our young people in understanding the vast number of careers available within the Council.
	Option two would be to continue as we are with our staff supporting other employers to attend schools and promote their careers with young people. This does assist young people in their career choices but would mean that they still are a bit aware of the vast number of careers available within the Council.
	Option three would be the preferred option. It is proposed that service areas offer this as part of the staff 2 days of volunteering which is available for every employee to request from their manager. Co-ordination of volunteers in our schools will then be undertaken by funded staff in the Council who provide the Enterprise Advisor function for the Black Country Careers Hub.
Reasons for Decision	The decision is to sign the Cornerstone Employer Agreement with the Black Country Consortium in order to deliver careers information about working in the Council to our schools and College in Wolverhampton.
	• The delivery of the Cornerstone Employer Agreement in schools and the College will be managed by the Skills Team in collaboration with the Organisational Development team in the Council.

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

Item 8	
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 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.

Item 9	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	 That the outcome of the Public Sector Audit Appointments tender process and award of the contract for the Appointment of External Auditors be accepted and authority be delegated to the Chair of Audit and Risk Committee in consultation with the Director of Finance to accept the appointment on final confirmation by PSAA in December 2022.
	 That the contract for Acceptable Waste with Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Limited of Suez House, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, England, SL6 1ES be extended for a duration of 12 months from 12 February 2023 to 11 February 2024 with an extension value of £4.3 million.
	 That the contract for Water Elements Testing be awarded to Integrated Water Services Limited of Green Lane, Walsall, West Midlands, WS2 7PD for Water Elements Testing from 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2024 with a variation value of £487,750.
	 That the contract for Supply of Library Stock be awarded to Peters Ltd, of 120 Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, B5 6RJ for a duration of four years from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2026 for a total contract value of £1,180,340.
	5. That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 30 September 2022 be noted.
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)	21 November 2022