

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

Item 4	
Title	Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Bids Update
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City in consultation with the Directors for Regeneration and Finance and the Chief Operating Officer to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approve the Council entering into the relevant Memorandum of Understandings, Grant Agreements and any other necessary ancillary agreements as required (subject to confirmation of associated final terms and conditions) in the event of successful bid awards. b. Approve any required revisions to the project scope, outputs and outcomes of each bid and project components (with the input of key stakeholders) in the event of a reduced Grant Award (s) to inform the final Full Business Cases. c. Approve that the Council are to Act as Accountable Body for the funding, subject to a successful bid, under the proposed Green Innovation Corridor. 2. That it be noted that the Council has submitted two Levelling Up Fund Round 2 bids for Wolverhampton North East and Wolverhampton South East constituencies respectively on 27 July 2022 following all necessary consultations and MP endorsement and approval for each bid. 3. That it be noted that the Wolverhampton South East Levelling Up Fund bid comprises the Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme and the Wolverhampton North East Levelling Up bid comprises the Springfield Innovation Hub that is the first phase of the Green Innovation Corridor.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. That it be noted that the Outline Business Cases for the Bilston Markets External Works, Public Realm and Active Travel Corridor projects which form part of the Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme and Springfield Innovation Hub, Phase 1 are attached at Appendix 1 and 2 respectively to the report. The Bilston Health and Well Being Hub business case that also forms part of the Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme would be referenced in a separate Cabinet report. 5. That it be noted that the bids were based on approved bid submissions in accordance with Levelling Up Fund (LUV) guidelines as detailed in the body of the report. The projects at Outline Business Case stage would need to progress to the Full Business Case stage which would be presented for final approvals reflecting any and all variations and changes to the delivery of the planned projects. 6. That it be noted that the date for the notification of the bid outcome has provisionally been referenced as calendar year end (this may be subject to change). 7. That it be noted that the final Full Business Cases for each project would be presented to Cabinet at a future date outlining all financial, legal and procurement implications in line with Council governance and best practise.
<p>Options Considered</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Several options were considered with reference to the Strategic Fit, Value for Money and Deliverability criteria to identify the specific projects that would be included in the Round 2 LUF bids. Alternative projects were considered, but not included as they were not developed sufficiently to initiate spend and deliverability within the required LUF timelines. The option of not submitting a bid, was rejected as this would be a missed opportunity to further realise Wolverhampton’s ambitious plans for investment and regeneration. 2. The projects that form part of the bid submissions were deemed most appropriate for inclusion in the final preferred business cases. 3. Should Government award a reduced level of grant for either project, which is an option available to them, this will require a review of the project’s scope depending upon the areas

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	of the bid the Government agrees to fund based on a satisfactory updated BCR. These details once known will be reported through a future Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN).
Reasons for Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The recommendations will enable the accelerated delivery of the project within the LUF programme tight timeframes in the event that the bids are successful.2. The bid criteria required the approval and endorsement of submitted bids by the Council through a validation and sign off by the s151 Officer and MPs endorsement confirmed in writing.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	19 December 2022

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Item 5	
Title	School Caretaker Houses - Disposal and Investment Strategy
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the following former school caretaker houses be declared surplus to Council requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claregate Primary, Fallings Park Primary, Perry Hall Primary *(Pending surrender of lease) 2. That the disposal of the assets listed above via open market disposal method, of either auction or informal tender upon terms and conditions to be agreed be approved. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Director of Assets to approve the terms of the disposal through an Individual Executive Decision Notice. 4. That the investment strategy as outlined in section 3 of the report be noted.
Options Considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The properties could remain within the Council's portfolio, but with no suitable use identified, they would remain void and unused. 2. Where the schools are wishing to retain the caretaker houses for alternative use, they are still incurring revenue costs against them for utilities, security and Council Tax etc, which puts a drain on the already challenging schools' budgets. They cannot be incorporated into the overall school site until a scheme can be progressed as they are still classed as a residential property.

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<p>Reasons for Decision</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the properties identified in sections 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 of the report are not progressed for disposal, the buildings would remain vacant and unused, this could encourage vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The building condition deteriorates rapidly being unoccupied and if left vacant for an extensive period, the only alternative for these buildings would inevitably be demolition. 2. As stated above, if the buildings were left vacant and deteriorated until demolition was the only viable option on safety grounds, this would require funding to carry out the demolition and any associated remedial works to make good the ground afterwards. 3. Where City Assets are responsible for the vacant assets until their future is determined, there will be ongoing revenue costs for security visits, maintenance, rectifying vandalism, council tax etc. 4. The disposal of the properties will generate a combined capital receipt based on current valuations of £690,000 to support the Medium Term Financial Strategy as further detailed in section 7 of this report.
<p>Record of Conflicts of Interest</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Dispensation Granted</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</p>	<p>19 December 2022</p>

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Item 6	
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.

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Item 7	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contract for Platform for Care be awarded to OLM System of 10 Station Road, Cairns House, Teddington, TW11 9AA for a duration of seven years from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2030 for a total contract value of £2,276,031. 2. That the contract for the Infection Prevention Control Service be awarded to Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of Wolverhampton Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 0QP for a duration of four years from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2027 for a total contract value of £600,000. 3. That the contract for the Tuberculosis (TB) Service be awarded to Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of Wolverhampton Road, Wolverhampton West Midlands WV10 0QP for a duration of two years from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025 for a total contract value of £450,332. 4. That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 31 October 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)	19 December 2022