

7 March 2023

Time 6.00 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Scrutiny

Venue Council Chamber - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

Membership

Chair Cllr Paul Sweet (Lab)

Vice-chair Cllr Ellis Turrell (Con)

Labour

Cllr Philip Bateman MBE
Cllr Val Evans
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN
Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman

Conservative

Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Simon Bennett
Cllr Udey Singh

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Agenda

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MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1 **Apologies for absence and Substitutions**
[To receive any apologies for absence and notification of substitutions].
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
[To receive any declarations of interest].
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023** (Pages 3 - 10)
[To approve the minutes of the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 24 January 2023].
- 4 **Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023** (Pages 11 - 18)
[To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023 as a correct record].

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5 **Blue Badges** (Pages 19 - 22)
[To consider the improvement working taking place on the Blue Badges Service].
- 6 **Levelling Up Funding** (Pages 23 - 44)
[To consider a report on Levelling Up Funding].
- 7 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 45 - 60)
[To consider the Forward Plan of Key Decisions].
- 8 **Scrutiny Work programme** (Pages 61 - 92)
[To consider the Scrutiny Work Programme].
- 9 **Date of Next Meeting**
[The date of the next scheduled Scrutiny Board is 14 March 2023 at 6:30pm].

Attendance

Members of the Scrutiny Board

Cllr Paul Sweet (Chair)
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE
Cllr Val Evans
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Simon Bennett
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Ellis Turrell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN
Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Dr Paul John Birch J.P. (Substituting for Cllr Sweetman)
Cllr Rashpal Kaur

In Attendance

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Inclusive City Economy)
Cllr Obaida Ahmed (Cabinet for Resources and Digital City)

Employees

Martin Stevens DL (Scrutiny Team Leader)
Claire Nye (Director of Finance)
John Roseblade (Director for City Housing and Environment)
Marianne Page (Service Manager – Transport Strategy)
Ruth Taylor (Service Lead for Placemaking in City Housing and Environment)
Laura Noonan (Electoral Services and Scrutiny Manager)
Earl Piggott-Smith (Scrutiny Officer)

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

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- 1 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman and Cllr Susan Roberts MBE.
- Cllr Paul Birch, JP BEM was officialy substituting for Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman.
- Cllr Rashpal Kaur was officially substituting for Cllr Susan Roberts MBE.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Zee Russell, Cllr Rita Potter and Cllr Barbara McGarrity all declared an interest under item 3, Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2023-2024 including rent and service charges, as Members of the Wolverhampton Homes Board.

3 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2023-2024 including rent and service charges

The Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City presented the report on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2023-2024 including rent and service charges. The Council appreciated the difficult times people were living in and the report recognised that fact. The plan enabled the Local Authority to meet their housing requirements and the needs of tenants.

The Director of Finance remarked that the report set out the HRA budget for next financial year and the longer-term business case. There had been an error in one of the appendices which was circulated with the original report. A revised appendix had been issued. She stated that the financial modelling underpinning the budget proposals was based on a set of key assumptions. Inflation was one of the key factors. Increasing inflation had put pressures on the revenue and capital costs. The report outlined the inflation levels assumed over the medium term. The assumptions would need to be kept under review in light of the economic climate.

The Director of Finance commented that the HRA took into account potential right to buy sales and the purchase of new build of properties to offset the reductions. The Council were forecasting an overall decline of housing numbers over the next five years. This in turn had an impact on rental income. The HRA Capital Programme relied on borrowing to fund the investments and therefore interest forecasts were another key element of the financial assumptions. The report set out the forecast over the medium term but these would have to be kept under review. Interest rates had increased over the last twelve months.

The Director of Finance remarked that the expenditure budgets had been formed by advice and information through Housing Strategy colleagues and from Wolverhampton Homes. The plan sought to ensure that the Council had sufficient resources for revenue, such as repairs and maintenance. The levels of reserves had been reviewed in light of the risks facing the HRA. It was her advice that the £7 million in reserves was adequate at the current time. Having taken into account the business requirements, the proposal was to increase rates by 7%. The report outlined the background to the cap on the rents and the consultation the Government undertook which led to a rent cap being imposed of 7%. It was recognised that in light of the increased costs in living that tenants could struggle to pay additional rent. There was a proposal in the report to set aside a funding pot to provide support during the next financial year, which would be kept under review.

The Director of Housing and Environment commented that the Council did have an ageing stock of social housing. The HRA paid for refurbishments, repairs of voids, improvements, de-carbonisation and energy efficiency, the replacement programme for non-traditional housing and new build programmes. Even with that investment there was still an estimated overall reduction in housing stock.

The Vice-Chair commented that almost a quarter of all homes in the City were managed by Wolverhampton Homes. He stressed the difficult times people were living in. Council Tax rates and Social Housing rates were increasing by the maximum possible allowed. He was of the view that had the Government not imposed a cap on social housing rate increases, that rents would have increased by a higher amount. The increase would impact on thousands of residents living in Wolverhampton. He commented that this was a choice of the Council and it did not need to take this particular course of action. Referring to capital expenditure, in his own Ward, he was not certain where this was being spent. He had been trying for several months to have some new garage doors installed at some of the garage sites. Some of the garages did not have any doors on them.

The Vice-Chair commented that he felt that there had been a disproportionate amount of investment on the East of the City, compared to the West. He felt the investment should be spread across the City in all Wards, with every Wolverhampton Homes tenant having value for money from the rents they paid.

A Panel Member stated that the Council were combatting a 11.1% inflation rate at the present time against a back drop of an inflation rate of 9.2% over the last few months. Over the last twenty years the average inflation rate had been 2.7% in Britain.

Members discussed the cost of living, the rising rates of inflation, the importance of maintaining investment in the Social Housing in the City and the needs of other residents in different types of housing.

The Cabinet Member for Inclusive City Economy spoke on the packages of support that would be available to vulnerable residents. It was important that residents which were struggling contacted the Council to ensure the Council could help them where possible.

The Cabinet Member for Digital Resources and Digital City commented that the Council had no choice other than to increase the rents due to the rising costs of inflation. A support fund was available for residents which would be reviewed as time progressed.

A Panel Member quoted statistics comparing housing rents to other Councils in England.

The Chair spoke on the challenges in Social Housing with regards to maintenance and investment.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

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City Centre Public Realm Improvements Programme

The Service Lead for Placemaking in City Housing and Environment introduced the presentation on the City Centre Public Realm Improvements Programme, a copy of the presentation is attached to the signed minutes.

She gave information on the background of the programme. The Service Manager for Transport Strategy displayed a map showing the three phases. Phase 2 was yet to commence. An image showing the City Centre Destination Plan was displayed.

An image showing the Public Realm and Transport Links was displayed. There was a central spine of cycle facilities in all of the Public Realm improvement areas. There were also new bus stops and upgraded bus stops to enhance the public transport experience. A slide was displayed showing the significant increase in new taxi bays and taxi ranks.

The Service Lead for Placemaking in City Housing and Environment described the outputs the Council wished to achieve as follows: -

- Improve links between the City Centre and new and future developments (Interchange, high street, Civic Halls, box space, City Centre West).
- Improve street scene, high quality finishes, green spaces.
- Provide secure pedestrian areas, reduce traffic, air quality.
- Connect existing and new cycle links.
- Support local businesses, create new event spaces.

The original end date for Phase 1, Victoria Street was February 2023. Phase 1 would be substantially completed by February 2023. The events area at Bell Street would be completed by March 2023. The hostile vehicles bollards would be finished by March 2023. The original end date for Phase 3, The Halls, was October 2022. The area in front of the Civic Halls and North Street was substantially complete in December 2022. Red Lion Street, Corporation Street and additional works in Mitre Fold were due to be completed in March 2023. The hostile vehicle bollards would be finished by March 2023.

The Service Lead for Placemaking in City Housing and Environment presented a slide on Eurovia: Social Value (2021-2022). They had provided a dedicated Social Value and Communications Manager. She presented a CGI picture showing the concept of Phase 2. £3 million of funding had been secured from the Town's Fund. The plan was to submit a £9.5m City Region Sustainable Transport bid business case in March 2023. Extensive engagement had been undertaken and led by City of Wolverhampton Council. The first stage engagement had concluded in December. Over 200 businesses and 150 residences engaged as well as key stakeholders and interest groups. 284 responses had been received with the majority in favour of the proposals. Phase 2 was likely to be less invasive than phases 1 and 3. The infrastructure and traffic movement was already in place.

The Service Lead for Placemaking in City Housing and Environment stated that business support would be integral to the Phase 2 works. The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order ran out in June 2023. A detailed design would begin in April 2023. The Member Reference Group in September had endorsed the engagement plan. In February, Cabinet would be receiving a report on the outcomes of the concept design engagement.

A Panel Member asked if any compensation would be awarded to the businesses on Victoria Street, who had seen a reduced foot fall in the area. The Director of City Housing and Environment responded that they were looking at what support could be offered to businesses who could show a demonstrable loss during the works. The

Council had engaged the services of some business advisors and they were currently reviewing the process. A payment had been made to a number of businesses who had shown loss during the initial phase of the support package.

A Panel Member asked for the figure of the initial budget for all three phases and the expected end budget. They asked for further details on the engagement process that had taken place and whether there had been any mention of a hardship fund for businesses affected. He asked what was going to be put in place for businesses which clearly could show they'd been impacted. Their third question related to ensuring that the Council did not have similar legal issues to what they had faced with the contractor who had carried out works at the Civic Halls. Their final question was on the £9.5 bid which was intended to be submitted in March. He asked what was the plan for if this bid failed and how confident they were of finding alternative funding should the bid not be successful.

The Service Lead for Placemaking in City Housing and Environment responded that there had been no budget attached to the initial delivery plan of the Public Realm works. The plan had set out the intentions for the programme. On Phases 1 and 3 there had been significant engagement over a period of three years. Face to face engagement had taken place with all the businesses in the Phase 1 and Phase 3 areas. When the country entered lockdown, due to Covid-19, they had only be able to communicate with them by email. As soon as they were able to legally engage with face-to-face communications with businesses following an easing of the Covid restrictions, they did so. Through Eurovia they also had a Public Liaison Manager who and a Project Manager who were on site each day.

The Director for City Housing and Environment made it clear that there was no legal requirement to provide compensation to businesses for Highway works, it was different to utility works. The Council were however looking at what support could be made available to businesses where it was deemed right and proper. The project was very different to the Civic Halls and they had a high degree of confidence they would remain with budget.

A Member of the Panel asked about day-to-day issues for repairing walkways in the City. She was particularly concerned about the disabled area around the outside of the art gallery and asked for it to be inspected. She also had specific questions about squares of tarmac near to the new paving in the City Centre, which seemed unsightly. The Director for Housing and Environment responded that there were a series of inspections which took place which would pick up any dangerous defects in the walkway. They were inspected on a monthly cycle. Reasonable and proportionate work would take place in Lichfield street until the Phase 2 works commenced. The new Public Realm areas were protected for five years from planned utility company works, other than those classed as an emergency. They were required to make the area good following works. Before Christmas, the businesses had requested that works stop in order to allow them to attract more customers. This meant some areas were blacked over with tarmac to keep them safe in the interim. The cycle areas would eventually be coloured green. Some areas that were currently tarmac would have blocked paving.

A Panel Member asked for reassurance that the paving used for the Public Realm works would not have to be replaced on a regular basis. He made reference to the cycle lane on Queen's Square showed in the map. He was concerned that taxis

were parking in cycle lanes in the City Centre during the middle of the day. He asked what enforcement would take place. With reference to the Box Park, he asked what would happen if events were not well attended.

The Director for City Housing and Environment responded that the new paving was of a higher specification to what had been used previously such as that on Dudley Street. The paving was laid on a concrete bed. If Taxis were parking in cycling lanes, it would be enforced, if there were enforceable restrictions. The events space would provide extra space for businesses to have tables and chairs outside. The events team were working on a programme of events to increase footfall. The market was strong for an events space.

A Member gave a view that Brexit had caused the City to suffer due to no longer being eligible for European funding.

The Cabinet Member for Inclusive City Economy suggested that the Box Park could be added to the future Scrutiny Work Programme. He was excited about what it could bring to the City.

A Panel Member raised the importance of an effective communications plan for the City and the importance of timing. He suggested this could be added to the work programme for Scrutiny Board in the future. The Service Manager for Transport Strategy remarked that she would be able to send the current Communications Plan for the Phase 2 Works of the Public Realm.

The Vice-Chair raised concerns that the views of residents and businesses had not been taken into account enough during the Public Realm Works. He also raised concerns about some of the changes that had been made to public transport, such as the bus stop not being directly outside the entrance to the Art Gallery. He raised a query about the Phase 2 plans, which showed a cycle lane going down the middle of the pedestrianised area in Victoria Street. He asked if the access to the Civic Centre underground car park would be available off North Street, which at the present time people had to access via Wulfrunian Street. He questioned whether any Phase 2 work was required on Lichfield Street. He expressed a view that the works that had taken place on Salop Street made the street look emptier.

The Service Manager for Transport Strategy responded that the design for the cycle route on Victoria Street were in keeping with other cycle route designs in the City, where pedestrians had been able to co-exist successfully with cyclists. Active travel had increased as a result. She was confident that the wider footways would allow all the activities to take place. The access to the North Street entrance of the underground Civic Centre car park would be maintained, unless there were events taking place requiring access restrictions.

Members expressed views about the current state of some of the streets in Wolverhampton including how they had changed over time. Concerns were raised about the number of, to let properties in and around the City Centre.

A Panel Member expressed concern about the location of some of the bollards in the public realm areas. Some businesses had told her that they were not having the communications with the Council which they desired. She was worried about the

overall health of the business sector. She felt communication with them was vitally important going forward and appropriate support.

The Director of City Housing and Environment gave an assurance he would look into the placement of the bollards. He also gave an assurance that they would engage with individual businesses, especially those which felt they needed more communication.

The Cabinet Member for Inclusive City Economy gave an assurance he was happy to receive suggestions for helping to manage the changes in the City Centre.

There was a discussion about St Peter's Church and their requirements. Officers gave an assurance that they were in regular communication with them.

A Panel Member referenced the example of Birmingham Council who had invested in a Hotel for the City. He suggested the Magistrates Court in Wolverhampton could be converted into a four-star hotel.

Members expressed views of the importance of Scrutiny in the decision making process.

Resolved: That the report on the City Centre Public Realm Improvements Programme be noted.

5 **Scrutiny Work programme**

A Panel Member asked for the Communications Plan for the City to be included on an agenda for a future meeting.

6 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next scheduled Scrutiny Board was confirmed as Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 6pm.

Attendance

Members of the Scrutiny Board

Cllr Paul Sweet (Chair)
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE
Cllr Val Evans
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Simon Bennett
Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Ellis Turrell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN
Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman

In Attendance

Cllr Obaida Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City)

Employees

Martin Stevens DL (Scrutiny Team Leader)
Tim Johnson (Chief Executive)
David Pattison (Chief Operating Officer)
Emma Bennett (Executive Director of Families)
Claire Nye (Director of Finance)
Charlotte Johns (Director of Strategy)
Richard Lawrence (Director of Regeneration)
Alison Shannon (Chief Accountant)
Lee Booker (Scrutiny Officer)

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1 Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of interest**
Cllr Phil Bateman declared a non-pecuniary interest for item four – 2023-2024 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026, as a Director of Birmingham Airport, as the Chair of Ashmore Park and Phoenix Nursery School Board of Governors, and he was Acting as a Chair of the Board of Governors of Wood End Primary School (from 27 April).

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 2023-2024 Draft budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026

The Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City introduced the report on the 2023-2024 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026. It had been a particularly difficult time to prepare a balanced budget due to the high levels of inflation impacting on the Council, residents and businesses. In order to set a balanced budget they had to increase Council Tax.

The Director for Finance commented that the report contained information on the feedback from the Scrutiny Panels, which over the Autumn period and into the New Year had looked at performance and budget information relating to their remit. She gave a presentation summarising the main points of the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes. The presentation slides on the Draft Budget gave information on the following areas:-

- The Provisional Settlement.
- Draft Inflation and Growth.
- Information relating to the budget in Adult Social Care.
- The Draft Net budget by Service.
- Council Tax – It was necessary to increase the Council Tax by 4.99% in order to set a balanced budget. The net forecast budget was £306.1 million.
- Key Risks and uncertainties in 2023-2024 and MTFS, which included cost of living and rising inflation and an increase in demand for services such as in Adult Social Care.
- Efficiency Targets – Wherever possible these targets would be distributed prior to the 1 April 2023 and would be monitored throughout the year through the quarterly monitoring reports.
- The Strategy to manage risks in 2023-2024. The budget was based on prudent assumptions supported by detailed modelling and benchmarking with peers. Corporate Contingencies were held to mitigate the impact of expected inflation and demand but where the probability and impact were not sufficiently known to build into service budgets. Reserves were held to mitigate the impact of specific risks and also against unforeseen events.

The Director of Finance presented slides on the future challenge for the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The Funding Settlement was for one-year only. The Provisional Settlement was based on the Spending Review 2021 funding levels,

updated for the 2022 Autumn Settlement. There were high level assumptions for 2024-2025, the National figures had been published for some grants such as Social Care, but not for all the grants that the Council received.

The Director of Finance stated that the following assumptions had been made in the MTFS on funding:-

- Council Tax would increase by 2.99% - in line with the referendum threshold and 1.99% thereafter.
- Adult Social Care precept levy – 2% for 2023-2024 and 1% for 2024-2025.
- The Business Rates retention scheme would continue with no detrimental impact of a Business Rates reset or changes to the retention scheme.
- Top Up grant would increase by inflation over the medium term.

The Director of Finance remarked the following medium term assumptions has been made:-

- The draft forecast deficit was around £16.4 million in 2024-2025, rising to around £22.9 million by 2025-2026.
- There continued to be uncertainty about future funding.
- The MTFS projections were based on a number of assumptions and estimates and took a prudent view on the financial position. Detailed work to continue to refine these assumptions would take place during 2023-2024.
- The Council would continue to review emerging pressures and particularly in relation to Adult Social Care.

The Director of Finance remarked that in order to maintain a 5% reserve for next financial year it was proposed that £1.6 million be transferred from the Budget Strategy Reserve.

The Vice-Chair praised the financial settlement from Government which he described as generous. The Council was raising the Council Tax to the maximum they could without having to hold a public referendum. He felt there were other ways which could be used to help prevent the increase.

A Member of the Panel asked about the Bert Williams Café. He believed the café area at the Bert Williams Centre was now empty. It was a large space which the Council owned. He asked what the future plans were for the space and whether the area would be leased out. He was aware that the Council had used the space for various events in recent times. The Director of Finance responded that Officers would respond in writing to the Councillor.

Members asked questions about why some of the budget figures had increased. Explanations were given by Officers. It was confirmed that the budget pressure on street lighting would have been higher had the programme to introduce LED lighting

not gone ahead. The savings from the LED lighting had been factored into the budget.

A Panel Member asked for a breakdown of pay related growth in the Corporate Accounts and the extra costs due to inflation for utilities. The Director of Finance confirmed she was happy to respond with the figures in writing.

A Panel Member praised the work that had been completed to put forward a balanced budget for the financial year ahead.

A Panel Member spoke on the changing national situation with three Prime Ministers in a short time. A balanced budget was an achievement to be recognised. He also spoke about the recent report from external auditors which had found no evidence of significant weaknesses in the Council's arrangements for ensuring that it made informed decisions and properly managed risk.

There was a debate about the role of external auditors and their remit. The Chief Operating Officer stated that he would ask Grant Thornton to explain their role at the next Audit and Risk Committee.

The Vice-Chair asked for the figures on what the income was for the financial year 2022- 2023 on markets and car parking before any topping up from the Council budget. The Director of Finance responded she would write to Board Members with the information.

A Panel Member spoke on the opportunity for change that a balanced budget brought, this enabled a plan for the future. She spoke on the investment opportunities that the refurbished Civic Halls would bring to the City. The Director of Regeneration responded that AEG were expecting 300,000 plus visitors per annum to the Halls and £10 million annually to come into the local economy per annum, from when it opened it June 2023.

The Vice-Chair asked if in person public consultations would take place again in the future on the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy. The Director of Finance responded that attendance had been low in the past when they had been held a few years ago. Ongoing conversations with local people about the budget linked to priorities was now the current methodology with a whole suite of engagement activity taking place over the year.

Members debated how to engage members of the public and businesses using different methods to attract greater responses. One of the ideas was to link consultation on the budget and Council priorities with other events of high local public interest.

Resolved: That the 2023-2024 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026 report be noted.

5 **Our City: Our Plan Refresh**

The Director of Strategy gave a presentation on the Our City: Our Plan Refresh, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes. The Our City: Our Plan was the Council's Strategic Framework for Levelling Up. The Our City: Our Plan was reviewed annually. The refresh had included:-

- Strategic Narrative: New Policy areas captured e.g. cost of living crisis.
- Objectives and Outcomes: Consistent with previous version.
- Key Activity: Activity Updated.
- Performance Framework: Changes to Performance indicators where required due to exceptional circumstances.

The Director of Strategy remarked that the plan had been developed through extensive engagement with local people. The key principles in the 2023/2024 Performance framework were as follows: -

- All indicators were published in the plan and did not change throughout the year unless there were exceptional circumstances.
- Indicators were classified by system / Council to make clear where the Council had less direct overall control on performance.
- Reporting was on a quarterly basis, and reference targets, historical data and benchmarking wherever data was available.
- Reporting on a quarterly basis would continue to be alongside financial performance and the strategic risk register, to Cabinet and Scrutiny Board.

The Director of Strategy summarised the changes which were being made to performance indicators as detailed in the slides.

Members asked questions about engagement and consultation. The Director of Strategy responded that there were a number of different mediums used. Surveys was one of the methods used. In the final report to Cabinet, before Full Council, she would provide further information on the response rate and methods used.

The Vice-Chair gave the view that he felt the Our City: Our Plan could be more ambitious. As an example, he stated the Plan could give a target for reducing youth unemployment by a certain percentage by next year.

A Panel Member raised the importance of a thriving local economy within the Council's Wards. She wanted to see monitoring and evaluation of the strategic impact of the Council on economic growth in the Wards. The Director of Strategy responded that the performance management approach was continuing to mature in terms of the data and how Power Bi dashboards were being used to allow Councillors to view the data in an accessible way. Where possible they would try and be able to show data in a ward-by-ward format.

A Panel Member asked how the Council was utilising the fame of successful sports persons in the City to encourage others to live active and healthier lifestyles. He also asked about alcohol problems in specific communities and what the Council was doing to help address the problem. Finally, he asked what promotion the Council did to encourage people to keep places tidy and clean and clean up after dogs.

The Executive Director of Families referred to the work which Schools undertook in contacting sports persons directly to work with them. The Council also invited sports stars to the Children and Young People in Care Awards. She was aware that some of the youth organisations in the City had also reached out to professional sports persons from Wolverhampton. The Council were currently developing a strategy on physical activity which she was sure could be received by one of the Scrutiny Panels in the future.

The Director for Strategy remarked that she was well aware that different communities were impacted differently with certain problems. The Healthy lifestyles survey was attracting thousands of responses and EDI information was an integral part of the survey. She would follow up on the dog fouling question. The Scrutiny Team Leader advised that the Residents, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Panel would be considering alcohol harm in the City at their next meeting on 16 February 2023.

A Panel Member asked about Yoo Recruit and the Council's plans for the future. The Chief Operating Officer advised that a report on Yoo Recruit would be received by the Resources and Equality Scrutiny Panel in March 2023.

A Member of the Panel commented that the Our City: Our Plan, whilst it mentioned partnerships, it did not specifically mention volunteering or specific events like Wednesfield in Bloom or local clubs. He praised, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and the amount of volunteer groups in the City which had received the national honorary award. He felt this needed to be included as part of the overall plan. Voluntary groups were encouragingly working together to create youth clubs again in the City.

The Director of Strategy acknowledged that the voluntary and community sector were key partners in the City who carried out vital work. In the Healthy Inclusive Communities Priority there was a broad objective about the Council wanting to support and grow the community and voluntary sector. She acknowledged there could be more detail in the report to emphasise the importance of the voluntary and community sector and took this on board for a future report.

A Panel Member raised the importance of post 16 qualifications. The executive Director for Families endorsed the Member's view.

A Panel Member raised a concern about the businesses on Victoria Street in the City Centre. She asked about the financial support which a consultant was looking into. The financial support seemed to have been time limited to June 2022 and not until the end of December 2022. The Director of Regeneration responded that there had been a number of meetings with the Council and the businesses concerned. It had been agreed at an early session the parameters for the dates of payments in consultation with the businesses. He would respond in writing as to whether there had been further representations from businesses about the payment dates and any plans to change the dates.

Resolved: That the Our City: Our Plan Refresh be endorsed.

6 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

There were no comments raised on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

7 **Scrutiny Work programme**

The Vice-Chair stated he was pleased to see that an item on the Levelling up round 2 bids had been added to the Scrutiny Work Programme. A Member of the Panel added that she thought the report should include full details on all the bids that had been submitted and which one's had been granted or refused.

The Vice-Chair also commented that he had asked for an item on the use of the City's Hotels for accommodating asylum seekers.

8 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next scheduled meeting of Scrutiny Board was confirmed as 7 March 2023 at 6pm. The Chair indicated that due to the size of the proposed agenda for the 7 March meeting, there could be a need to have a second meeting in March of the Board. Members would be notified in due course if a second meeting was required.

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Briefing Note

Title: Blue Badge Update

Date: 24 February 2023

Prepared by: Dee Nichols

Job Title: Section Lead – Customer Services

Intended Audience:

Internal

Partner organisation

Public

Confidential

1. Purpose

To provide a performance update for the Blue Badge service to Scrutiny Board, as committed to in the meeting of 26 July 2022.

2. Overview

Blue Badge processing times have improved since our last update to Scrutiny on 26 July 2022.

There have been a number of improvements made by reviewing our processes and implementing the improvements from the last report which have had a positive impact on the service performance. One of the improvements was to trial a new structure which included an Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA) to process applications which fall under the non-automatic eligibility criteria.

In November 2022 we appointed an OTA, followed by the appointment of two additional FTE CSO's to manage enquiries and the processing of Blue Badge applications.

3. Performance

During the period 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022, we received **3982** Blue Badge applications.

The table below shows the breakdown of the average application processing time for each quarter. There is a reduction of **12** calendar days in processing time for applications received in Q3 in comparison to Q1. The government guidance is to process within 84 days.

	Number of Blue Badge applications received in quarter	Average processing time of application processed within quarter.	Percentage of applications processed in 10 days or less
Q1	1370	32 days	12%
Q2	1450	29 days	10%
Q3	1162	20 days	35%

We have continued to deliver Blue Badge surgeries to support customers who do not have access to digital technology or are unable to complete their application online. The surgeries have been delivered from the Civic Centre, Wednesfield Library, Bilston Library and more recently from The Institute in Tettenhall. We will continue to review the locations and use data and feedback to ensure that we offer the surgeries where there is a need.

Below is a breakdown of application performance data from the **3982** applications received:

- 90% (3596) were completed online
- 9% (350) via paper
- 1% (36) applicants via our surgeries
- 95% (3760) have been processed with applicants receiving an outcome
- 3% (110) are waiting for Desk Based Assessment or Mobility Assessment by an OT
- 2% (70) awaiting further information from the applicant
- 1% (42) applications are at other various stages including awaiting payment, appeals and waiting for the cheque to clear.

On average the service receives 90 applications, 135 phone calls and 68 emails per week.

4. Benchmarking

We launched a benchmarking group which current consists of four other Councils Solihull, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham County Council and Warwickshire. The meetings are scheduled quarterly and are used to compare and discuss performance, common themes, issues, market trends, processes and improvements.

Outside of the Benchmarking group meetings, we continue to regularly engage with neighbouring Councils (Birmingham, Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell) to identify areas of best and good practice and to compare case management processes and timescales. These Councils have been invited to the Benchmarking group but have not yet attended.

5. Customer Feedback and Councillor enquiries

We review all customer feedback received to ensure that we can monitor, improve and tailor the service we deliver. Feedback received includes:

- 10 Councillor Enquiries relating to Blue Badges were received via the Councillor Enquiry Unit (CEU)
- 19 customer feedback comments on the services were received via our website, which consisted of four positive comments, one neutral with no comment, and eleven negative feedback which related to parking provisions and technical difficulties with downloading the online form and three general questions.
- We have not received any corporate complaints during this period.

6. Improvements underway

The Blue Badge paper and online application forms are owned by DfT however, we continuously look at ways we can continue to support and improve the customer journey. The following service improvements have been implemented:

- Working in partnership with Zebra Access and the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team we have created a Blue Badge Video which is now live on our website [Blue Badge Scheme | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#). The video shows a step-by-step guide on how to complete a blue badge application with audio and subtitles.
- We have promoted our support surgery dates and locations with local libraries and GP surgeries. We have also included The Institute in Tettenhall as a surgery location. We have undertaken 104 appointments between 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022. The Civic Centre being the most popular location with 57 appointments followed by Bilston Library with 23, Wednesfield Library with 22 and The Institute with 2 (since go live in November 2022).
- OTA joined the Blue Badge team on 15 November 2022. Since the appointment of this role there has been an improvement to the timescale for processing desk-based assessments. The average processing time prior to having a dedicated OTA was 52 days. These are now being processed within 15 days.
- We are still working closely with the Independent Living Service for our Physical Mobility Assessments as well as the review of our Hidden Disability applications.
- We have appointed two additional Customer Service Officers to the team.
- NEC (supplier for the Blue Badge processing system) are shortly due to release an update which will allow applicants to be able to upload supporting evidence, identification and other documents directly onto the application via a secure link. This should reduce the amount of email traffic the team currently receive.
- Since GovPay went live in February 2022, 74% of applicants have paid for their badge online. We will continue to promote the ability for customers to pay for the badge online to ensure that those who can are able to do so with confidence.

We will continue to support residents in the community with completing applications and work with our residents, partners and suppliers to continuously improve our processes and timescales.

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Levelling Up Funding

Scrutiny Board
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Agenda Item No: 6

Purpose

Further to the discussion and debate on Levelling Up received at Scrutiny Board on 6 December 2022, request for scrutiny of the recent Levelling Up Fund Round 2 announcements.

For Wolverhampton this included:

- Page 24
- Green Innovation Corridor (phase 1)
 - Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme

Scrutiny Board on 6 December considered:

- Governance
- Key asks
- LEP integration
- UKSPF
- Trailblazer Devolution Deal



**LEVELLING
— UP —**

Levelling Up the United Kingdom
Executive Summary

Levelling Up – Key Asks

Levelling Up in Wolverhampton

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Our City: Our Plan is our strategic framework for levelling up – we have one plan for our ‘place’, derived bottom up and collectively owned with clear interface with LU missions

Cabinet endorsed approach to [‘Levelling Up Wolverhampton’](#) on 27 July 2022

Levelling Up – Framework and Key Asks

	Good homes in well connected communities	More local people into good jobs and training	Thriving economy in all parts of the city	Healthy, inclusive communities
Challenge	Housing Quality and Supply	Low Skills and High Unemployment	Low Productivity	Health Inequalities
Catalytic Project	City Centre Programme and Key Sites	City Learning Quarter	Green Innovation Corridor	Bilston Health and Wellbeing Hub
System Change (policy, pilot and programme)	Private Rented Sector Housing	Education, Skills and Employment System Redesign	Growing the Low Carbon Economy	Place Based Pilot

Not exhaustive. Key will be links into existing activity, TDD proposals and UK SPF to maximise impact.

Bilston Health and Wellbeing Hub

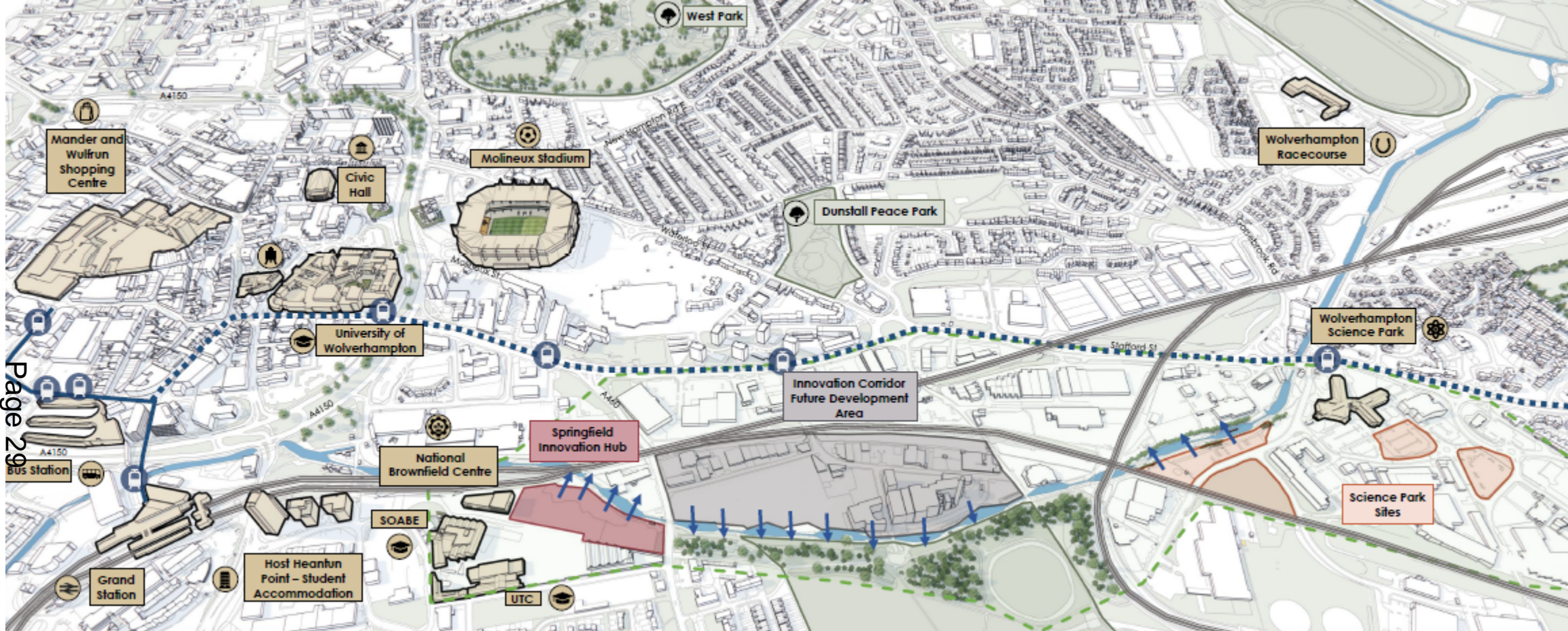
- Regeneration of Bilston town centre
- A health, care and wellbeing village in the heart of the Bilston Community – healthy life expectancy here is lowest in the city
- Co-locates NHS, Social Care, Wellbeing and Leisure service

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<p>Community Health Hub</p> <p>1 A single community health hub building enabling fully integrated care and implementation of health and social care Strategies.</p>	<p>Development of employment & Health space</p> <p>4,248_{m2}</p>	<p>Carbon footprint</p> <p>Reduction of the Council's carbon footprint</p>	<p>Residents with access to new wellbeing hub</p> <p>18,000</p>	<p>Benefit Cost Ratio</p> <p>2:1</p>
<p>Remediation of brownfield land</p> <p>up to 4ha</p>	<p>New / improved area of public realm and events space</p> <p>9,225_{m2}</p>	<p>New trees planted</p> <p>100</p>		
<p>Gross Investment</p> <p>£33.9m</p>	<p>Construction Jobs & upskilling</p> <p>250</p>	<p>Reduced annual running costs</p> <p>£150k</p>	<p>EV charging points</p> <p>Development of EV charging infrastructure</p>	

Green Innovation Corridor



- New employment and incubation space

Jobs created	Canal towpath improvements	Benefit Cost Ratio	Area of Brownfield Site Regenerated	New public realm	Business assists	Gross Investment	New commercial floorspace	Floorspace Rationalised
1,047	1.1 km	3:1	6.4ha	2.56km	1,000	£225m	18,843 _{m2}	12,242 _{m2}

Levelling Up Fund

Levelling Up Funding - Background

- Levelling Up Fund - £4.8bn
- Set up to contribute to the levelling up agenda through investment in:
 - Infrastructure
 - Regenerating town centres and high streets
 - Upgrading local transport
 - Cultural and heritage assets
- Up to £20m
- Sponsored by MP – therefore the maximum number of bids Wolverhampton can bid for is 3

Levelling Up Funding - Timescales

- **October 2021** - Levelling Up Fund Round 1 decisions announced
 - Wolverhampton secured funding for the City Learning Quarter, sponsored by Stuart Anderson MP
- **February 2022** - Levelling Up White Paper published. Ongoing engagement with DLUHC as a priority place identified in the White Paper
- **August 2022** - Levelling Up Fund Round 2 – deadline for submissions
 - Wolverhampton submitted funding for Green Innovation Corridor Phase 1, sponsored by Jane Stevenson MP and Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme, sponsored by Pat McFadden MP
- **January 2023** - Levelling Up Fund Round 2 decisions announced

Levelling Up Funding - Process

- ↓ Long-list of projects presented to MP
- ↓ Short listed project(s) chosen by MP
- ↓ Multi-disciplinary bid team set up supported by specialist consultants
- ↓ Members of the bid team identified to write relevant sections of the bid
- ↓ Consultants provided benefit cost ratio (BCR) – e.g. GIC 3:8:1 significantly above LUF threshold of 1:0:1
- ↓ Bid team met weekly to review progress - feedback from lead consultants was these were some of the strongest LUF bids they were supporting
- ↓ Final bid signed off by Section 151 officer
- ↓ Sign off by sponsoring MP
- ↓ Bid submitted

Levelling Up Funding – Costs

Bilston HARP

429 hours
of staff
time

£78,000
consultant
costs

Green Innovation

390 hours
of staff
time

£74,000
consultant
costs

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- £125,000 LUF capacity grants
- 819 hours of staff time and £152,000 of consultancy costs

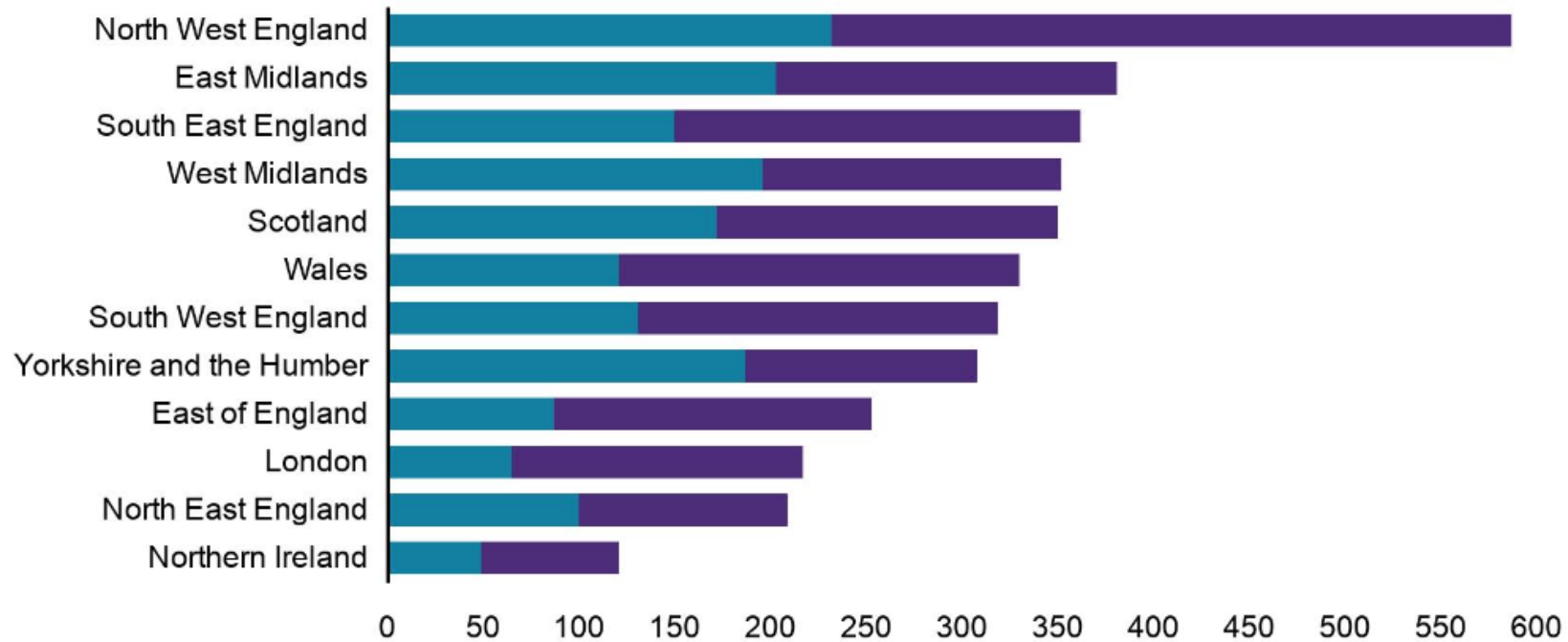
Levelling Up Funding – Outcome of Round 2

- Round 2 announced £2.1bn of funding in January 2023 across the UK

Funding awarded by region

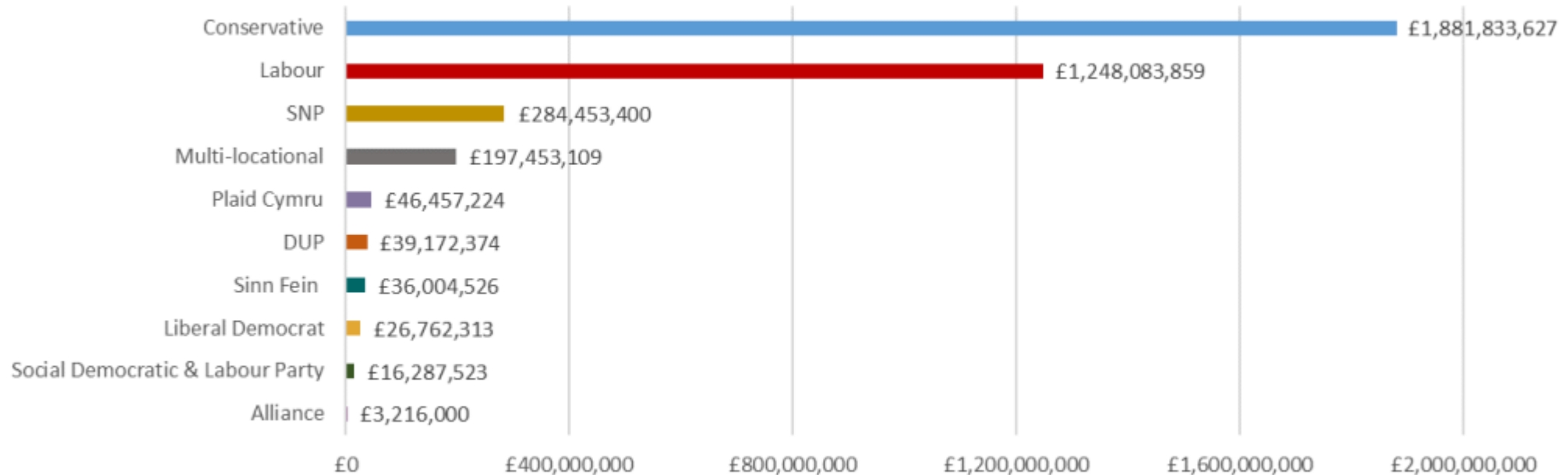
£millions

- Round 1 funding
- Round 2 funding



Levelling Up Funding – Outcome of Round 1 and 2

Figure 3: Funding allocated by political party based on the location of the winning project, round 1 and 2



Source: WMREDI analysis based on data from [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 2023](#)

- In round 1 the funding was relatively evenly distributed by political party affiliation
- In round 2 there was a shift towards funding being awarded to projects based in Conservative constituencies
- This is being reviewed by the inquiry into Levelling Up

Levelling Up Funding – West Midlands

- Summary of successful bids in the West Midlands:

Local Authority Name / Area	Bid Name	Bid Value
Staffordshire Moorlands	Regeneration of Leek Town Centre	£17,110,892
Herefordshire, County of	Hereford City Transport Package	£19,990,449
Shropshire	Smithfield Riverside Redevelopment Programme and Transforming Movement and Public Spaces in Shrewsbury	£18,701,269
Malvern Hills	Malvern Theatres	£19,941,040
Telford and Wrekin	Broadening Aspirations through Education and Culture	£20,000,000
Sandwell	Haden Hill Leisure Centre	£20,000,000
Walsall	Willenhall Garden City	£20,000,000
Staffordshire	Investing in Mid-Staffordshire's Major Road Network	£19,836,184
Total allocation of funds for the West Midlands=		£155,579,834

Source: [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 2023](#)

Levelling Up Funding – Wolverhampton

- Outcome letter sent on 18 January 2023.
- On 21 February feedback for the Green Innovation Corridor received. Feedback from Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme is still outstanding as at 12 noon, 27 February.
- Ongoing discussions with DLUHC – high quality bids, over subscribed pot.
- Nationally only two LA's in Northern Ireland secured funding in both rounds.
- Feedback from City Investment Board 17 February 2023 – Jane Stevenson MP confirmed due to securing funding in round 1, would not secure funding in round 2.
- **A rule discounting bids from areas that received funding in the first round was introduced during shortlisting.**

Levelling Up Funding – Green Innovation Corridor Feedback

- Headline – this was a **relatively strong bid**
- Bid was clearly written and took a guidance-led approach to appraisal.
- The data presented provided a clear case for change and based on reliable sources.
- Strong bid which could be further strengthened with more detail on consultation and conclusions drawn from engagement, options appraisal and further explanatory notes to support Benefit Cost Ratio calculations, though it was noted that the BEIS model was used.
- Could be strengthened with more information on governance of Joint Venture and timescales to secure match funding, though it was noted that this was early stages and noted expressions of interest.
- Satisfactory financial proposal, commercial strategy and delivery plan.
- Good alignment to national and local strategies, clearly set out contribution to the Levelling Up missions.

Levelling Up Funds Geographical Split

Geographical split of funding – UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Local Allocation

UK SPF intervention	Project	Geographical area
Communities	Funding for place-based community activities that support local priorities including financial wellbeing, digital inclusion, employment and skills.	City wide
Vibrant High Streets	Funding for public realm and activities that attract visitors and improve footfall on high streets.	City Centre, Bilston, Wednesfield
Green Infrastructure	Match funding for Smestow Valley LNR bid	Tettenhall Regis/Wightwick
Local business	Start-up support	City wide
Local business	iGNITE enterprise hub	Based in city centre but targeting businesses city wide

Levelling Up External Funding Bids

Funder	Project	Successful/Unsuccessful
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	UK SPF local allocation will fund Communities & Place, Local Business Support and People & Skills (from 2024/25)	Regional Investment Plan signed off late 2022 - £3.7m
Future High Street Fund	City Centre West programme of large-scale transformation and improvements to the public realm	Successful - £15.76m
Towns Fund	Wolverhampton Investment Plan includes local employment, skills, digital connectivity, carbon reduction and regeneration projects across the three principal centres	Successful although reduction in funding ask to £25m
LUF Round 1	City Learning Quarter	Successful - £20m
LUF Round 2	Green Innovation Corridor	Unsuccessful
LUF Round 2	Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme	Unsuccessful

Levelling Up External Funding Bids – successful transport bids

Funder	Project
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	<p>Annual funding of £4.5 million for local transport initiatives and highway maintenance</p> <p>City Centre Public Realm – Access and Movement – £9.5 million (with a further £2.5+ million from Towns Fund)</p> <p>A449 Stafford Road Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor - £8 million</p> <p>A454 Willenhall Road, Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor - £18.2 million between Wolverhampton and Walsall</p> <p>A4123 Birmingham New Road Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor - £29 million between Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley</p>
	<p>Black Country Walking and Cycling Projects - £8 million across 4 Authorities</p> <p>Electric Vehicle charging Infrastructure – circa £6 million across 4 Authorities</p>
Active Travel Funding (tranche 2 and 3)	<p>A4124 Wednesfield Road – £540,000 in Tranche 2 (and £250,000 from Better Streets Fund) and a further £1.6 million in Tranche 3 to deliver a high quality cycle route</p> <p>Ring Road - £480,000 to deliver a high quality cycle route</p>

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Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Agenda Item No: 7

Date: 21 February 2023

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The Forward Plan

This document sets out known 'key decisions' that will be taken by the Cabinet or one of the Cabinet Panels (the Executive) over the coming months.

Forthcoming decisions are published online to meet the statutory 28 day rule for each meeting of the Executive. Where it has not been possible to meet the 28 day rule for publication of notice of a key decision or an intention to meet in private, the relevant notices will be published as required by legislation as soon as possible.

What is a key decision?

A key decision is an Executive decision which is likely:

- to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (in Wolverhampton, this is defined as expenditure or savings **in excess of £250,000**), and/or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising **two or more wards** in the area of the local authority.

The report relating to a decision, together with any other documents being considered, will be available five clear days before the decision is to be taken (unless the documentation contains exempt information). Copies are available on the Council's website or can be requested from Democratic Services.

The forward plan also provides notice of when the Cabinet may decide to exclude the press and public during consideration of a particular matter due to the potential for disclosure of confidential or exempt information. The grounds upon which local authorities can exclude the press and public are specified by law, details of the exempt categories are available on request from Democratic Services.

Councillors or members of the public wishing to:

- make a representation about why a matter should be heard in public, or
- submit information to the decision-making body about an item in the forward plan, or
- request details of relevant documents, or
- seek advice about the Council's decision-making arrangements,

should contact the Democratic Services team:

Email: democratic.services@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Telephone: 01902 550320

Address: Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

Forthcoming key decisions

Title of key decision:	Wards affected:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Public or private:	Lead Cabinet Member:	Employee to contact:
Our Council					
Treasury Management Strategy 2023-2024 To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2023-2024.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
Capital Programme 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 Quarter Three Review and 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 Budget Strategy To approve the Capital Programme 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 Quarter Three Review and 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 Budget Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
2023-2024 Final Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-2024 - 2025-2026 To present a balanced budget for 2023-2024 aligned to the Council Plan priorities and an update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2023-2024 to 2025-2026, for recommendation to Full Council.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561

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22 February 2023 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
22 February 2023 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Feb 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
Senior Management Pay Policy Statement Senior Management Pay Policy Statement.	Not applicable	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sukhvinder Mattu Service Lead HR Policy and Strategy Tel: 01902 553571
Pay Gap Reporting Pay Gap Report.	Not applicable	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sukhvinder Mattu Service Lead HR Policy and Strategy Tel: 01902 553571

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<p>Performance and Budget Monitoring 2022-2023 To provide an integrated finance and performance update against the Relighting Our City priorities.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
<p>Future HR Operating Model To consider a Future HR Operating Model.</p>	Not applicable	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	David Pattison Chief Operating Officer Tel: 01902 553840
<p>Customer Experience Strategy Framework for how we will work as One Council to deliver first class customer services to our communities.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	Lamour Gayle Head of Customer Engagement and Registrars Tel: 01902 555536
<p>Workforce Equality Monitoring - Annual report Workforce Equality Monitoring - Annual report.</p>	Not applicable	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sukhvinder Mattu Service Lead HR Policy and Strategy Tel: 01902 553571

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Black Country Coroner collaboration agreement To agree a new Black Country Coroner collaboration agreement.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change	Dave Millington Green Spaces and Bereavement Manager Tel: 01902 556104
Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2022-2023 To approve the Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2022-2023 report.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	Alison Shannon Chief Accountant Tel: 01902 554561
22 March 2023 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
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<p>Hickman Avenue Depot Redevelopment Project Construction of new buildings at Hickman Avenue Depot to assist the relocation of Stowheath Kitchens, Meals on wheels, Catering & Cleaning and street lighting services.</p>	East Park	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Mar 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ballal Raza Programme Manager
<p>26 April 2023 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 Apr 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p>26 April 2023 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 Apr 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p>Housing Asset Management Strategy 2023 - 2026 Approval to launch Housing Asset Management Strategy 2023-2026.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 24 May 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893

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<p>24 May 2023 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 May 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p>24 May 2023 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 May 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
Thriving economy in all parts of the city					
<p>City Centre Public Realm Improvements Programme- Phase 2 (Lichfield Street/Queen Square) outcome of stakeholder and public engagement Outcome of the public and stakeholder engagement on the City Centre Public Realm phase 2 project and next steps.</p>	St Peter's	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change	Ruth Taylor Programme Manager – Connected Places

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<p>Consultation on Reforms to National Planning Policy - Wolverhampton Response To approve a City of Wolverhampton Council response to the Government consultation on Reforms to National Planning Policy which was published on 22 December 2022.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy	Michele Ross Lead Planning Manager - Sub Regional Strategy Tel: 01902 554038
<p>Wolverhampton Investment Prospectus To approve the new Wolverhampton Investment Prospectus.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy	Christopher Kirkland Head of City Investment
<p>Wolverhampton Investment Prospectus – Delivery Strategy This report seeks authority for specific delivery mechanisms to bring forward key sites and initiatives referenced in the Wolverhampton Investment Prospectus.</p>	St Peter's	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy	Peter Taylor Regeneration Manager Tel: 01902 555851
<p>New Procurement Strategy To note the publication of the new City of Wolverhampton Council Procurement Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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Strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential					
Determined Admissions Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2024-25 Outcome of consultation and determination of admissions arrangements.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Chris Burden Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work	David Kirby Service Manager School Organisation and Support Tel: 01902 554152
Education Capital Programme The proposed expansion of resource base and special school provision and a proposed replacement of temporary accommodation.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Chris Burden Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work	Bill Hague Head of School Business and Support Tel: 01902 555100
Young Opportunities (YO!) To set out the vision for ensuring all children and young people in the city have access to a broad range of opportunities to engage in and develop their aspirations.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Beverley Momenabadi Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Andrew Wolverson Deputy Director Commissioning and Transformation of Children's Services Tel: 01902 555550

Title of key decision:	Wards affected:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Public or private:	Lead Cabinet Member:	Employee to contact:
Fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it					
Our City: Our Plan Refresh 2023/2024 To approve a refreshed Our City: Our Plan for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy Tel: 01902 550414
Financial Wellbeing Strategy Progress Review To report on the progression of the Financial Wellbeing Strategy (Oct 21 - Sept 22).	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	Alison Hinds Deputy Director of Children's Social Care Tel: 01902 553035
Adult Social Care Annual Report- Local Account 2021-2022 Local Account 2021-2022.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Linda Leach Cabinet Member for Adults	Laura Carter Deputy Principal Social Worker
Care and Support Provider Review 2023/2024 To present the annual review of fees for adult social care and support providers.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Linda Leach Cabinet Member for Adults	Andrew Wolverson Deputy Director Commissioning and Transformation of Children's Services Tel: 01902 555550

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Adult Services Equipment and Stores Renewal To seek approval of entering into a new five 5 year lease at Units 4-6 Racecourse Road for occupation by Adults Services.	St Peter's	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Feb 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Vince Sibley Interim Head of Assets Tel: 01902 550316
Healthy, inclusive communities					
Energy from Waste Plant Update To present an update on the Energy from Waste Programme.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Feb 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change	Anna Spinks Anna Spinks Programme Manager - Energy from Waste
Getting Wolverhampton Moving Strategy Timeline and associated financial contributions for the development and delivery of a physical inactivity strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Mar 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Andrea Fieldhouse Active People and Places Manager Tel: 01902 556224
Place based and Love Your Community Campaign To endorse the place based approach and delivery and implementation of Love Your Community Campaign.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Joanna Grocott Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954

Title of key decision:	Wards affected:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Public or private:	Lead Cabinet Member:	Employee to contact:
Good homes in well connected neighbourhoods					
Wolverhampton Homes Delivery Plan 2023 -2024 Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan for 2023 – 2024.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Lynda Eyton Client Relationship Manager - Housing Management Agents Tel: 01902 555706
Investing in our Well-Connected Neighbourhoods Transport Capital Programme 2023-2024 Transportation Capital Programme Report for the 2023-2024 financial year.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change	Marianne Page Head of Strategic Transport Tel: 01902 551798
Loxdale Brownfield Land Remediation and Housing Redevelopment Project The relocation of existing Council Services and land remediation for the development of new homes.	Bilston East	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Mar 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ballal Raza Programme Manager

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<p>Stowheath Brownfield Land Housing Redevelopment Project The relocation of existing council services and land remediation for the development of new homes.</p>	East Park	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Mar 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ballal Raza Programme Manager
<p>Disposal of Land and Property at Joey's Lane, Bilbrook Disposal of Land and Property at Joey's Lane, Bilbrook.</p>	Not applicable	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Mar 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Rhiannon Beach Housing Asset Officer Tel: 01902 551512
<p>Resident Influence and Insight Strategy for Council Owned Housing 2023 - 2026 Approval for a Council Housing Resident Influence and Insight Strategy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 26 Apr 2023	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<p>Wolverhampton Homes Management Agreement - Review To provide an update on the independent review of the management agreement with Wolverhampton Homes for the delivery of housing functions on behalf of the Council.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 Apr 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Lynda Eyton Client Relationship Manager – Housing Management Agents Tel: 01902 555706

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Title of key decision:	Wards affected:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Public or private:	Lead Cabinet Member:	Employee to contact:
<p>Bilston Asset Transformation Programme - Bilston Health & Wellbeing Facility Bilston Asset Transformation Programme - Bilston Health Wellbeing Facility.</p>	Bilston East; Bilston North; East Park	Cabinet 24 May 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Ballal Raza Programme Manager
<p>Revision to the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy Revision to be made to the Private Sector Assistance Policy following review.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 May 2023	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<p>Hampton View, Heath Town - Surrender of lease and future options. To approve the terms negotiated for the early surrender of the lease arrangement with Sanctuary Housing; to approve the future options for the residential block and associated buildings.</p>	Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 May 2023	Fully Exempt	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893

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Title of key decision:	Wards affected:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Public or private:	Lead Cabinet Member:	Employee to contact:
More local people into good jobs and training					
Youth Employment Hub - Year 2 Funding To seek approval to receive grants to continue to manage and deliver the Youth Hub in Wolverhampton city centre.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 Feb 2023	Open	Councillor Chris Burden Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work	Sue Lindup Skills and Employability Manager (Adults) Tel: 01902 550624
Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement To approve the Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement.	All Wards	Cabinet 22 Mar 2023	Open	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital City	Robert Jones Finance Manager
City East Gateway A454 Phase 1 and 2 - Willenhall Road Progress Report To present a progress report on the project including a review of implementation options. Potential authority to proceed to FBC including land acquisition approval.	East Park; Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 May 2023	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change	Marianne Page Head of Strategic Transport Tel: 01902 551798

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Scrutiny Work Programme

Version Date: 27 February 2023

The Scrutiny Work Programme – 2022 to 2023

Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be powerful committees that can contribute to the development of Council policies and hold the Cabinet to account for its decisions. Another key part of the overview and scrutiny role is to review existing policies, consider proposals for new policies and suggest new policies.

Overview and scrutiny should be carried out in a constructive way and should aim to contribute to the delivery of efficient and effective services that meet the needs and aspirations of local inhabitants. Overview and Scrutiny Committees should not shy away from the need to challenge and question decisions and make constructive criticism.

The Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny Panels will conduct their proceedings in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Each Scrutiny Panel will, subject to guidance from the Scrutiny Board, be responsible for setting and reviewing their priorities and work programme for the year.

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Any member of the Scrutiny Board or a Scrutiny Panel shall be entitled to give notice to the Head of Paid Service that he/she wishes an item relevant to the functions of the Panel be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Board or Panel. On receipt of such a request the Head of Paid Service will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda.

In addition to their rights as Councillors, members of the Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny Panels have additional right to documents, and to notice of meetings, as set out in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4.

The Scrutiny Board and Panels may scrutinise, and review decisions made, or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any Council functions. As well as reviewing documentation, in fulfilling the scrutiny role, it may require any Cabinet Member, the Head of Paid Service and/or any Designated Officer to attend before it to explain in relation to matters within their remit:

- a) any particular decision or series of decisions;
- b) the extent to which the actions taken implement Council policy; and/or
- c) their performance,
- d) and it is the duty of those persons to attend if so required.

Key Links:

[Part 2 - Article 7 - Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Part 2 - Article 4 - The Full Council.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Part 4c - Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#) [Part 4d - Access To Information Procedure Rules.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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Scrutiny Board**Chair:** Councillor Sweet**Vice Chair:** Councillor Turrell

Strategic oversight

- WMCA interface
- MTFs (overall oversight on Revenue/Capital/Assets)
- Overall performance (including Our City: Our Plan)
- Levelling Up
- Pre Decision
- Call in
- Petitions
- Wolverhampton Pound
- Oversight of Select Committee work – reporting on outcomes

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer/Report Author Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Wolverhampton Pound Select Committee report	The report from the Select Committee.	David Pattison	Julia Cleary	Martin Stevens	14 June 2022	6 June 2022	Complete
Quarter 3 Social Care, Public Health, Corporate Complaints and Compliments Report	Quarter 3 - Report as standard.	David Pattison	Sarah Campbell	Martin Stevens	14 June 2022	6 June 2022	Complete
Performance and Budget Outturn 2021-2022	Performance and Budget Outturn 2021-2022.	David Pattison	James Amphlett and Alison Shannon	Martin Stevens	26 July 2022	18 July 2022	Complete
Blue Badge Update	As requested at Board in June.	Charlotte Johns	Lisa Powell	Martin Stevens	26 July 2022	18 July 2022	Complete

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Quarter 1 – Performance Report including budget	Quarter 1 Performance Report as received by Cabinet.	David Pattison and Claire Nye	James Amphett and Alison Shannon	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	Complete
Cabinet Forward Plan	The published Cabinet Forward Plan.	David Pattison	Jaswinder Kaur	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	Complete
Scrutiny Work Programme for Municipal Year	The latest version of the Scrutiny Work Programme.	All of SEB	Martin Stevens / Earl Piggott-Smith	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	Complete
City Regeneration / Civic Halls	To include a site visit on the day before. Item requested following Cabinet report. Post Decision Scrutiny. Presentation to be given on evening.	Richard Lawrence	Richard Lawrence	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	Complete
Minutes from Special Meeting and June Meeting	Two sets of minutes as there was the Special meeting in July.	David Pattison	Martin Stevens / Kimberley Dawson	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	Complete
Wolverhampton Pound: Select Committee Report on Actions	Following the publication of the Select Committee Report, the report is intended to review progress on the recommendations. Important to include Business Anchor Network.	David Pattison, Claire Nye and Charlotte Johns	To be discussed as numerous Officers were involved in the review.	Martin Stevens	1 November 2022	24 October 2022	Complete

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Visitor Experience: Strategy, Plan and Budget	Vice-Chair Requested at Preparation Meeting. Has questions following response from Ian Fegan to his email.	Ian Fegan	Chrissie Rushton	Martin Stevens	1 November 2022	24 October 2022	Complete
City Centre Regeneration	Economy and Growth S.P Members to be invited for this item. To discuss the replacement to the West Side Project.	Richard Lawrence	Liam Davies	Martin Stevens	1 November 2022	24 October 2022	Complete
Wolverhampton Local Development Scheme	Should the decision by Cabinet be called in, this would become a Call-in item.	Richard Lawrence	Michele Ross	Martin Stevens	1 November 2022	24 October 2022	Complete
Levelling Up including Investment Zones	How Central Government policy is impacting on Wolverhampton at a local level and how the Council can maximise its potential within this policy arena.	Charlotte Johns	Laura Collings	Martin Stevens	6 December	28 November 2022	Complete
WMCA Scrutiny Annual Report	To consider the WMCA Annual Scrutiny Report. Needs to be last item on agenda. MS Teams link required.	Charlotte Johns	Laura Collings	Martin Stevens	6 December 2022	28 November 2022	Complete

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Graffiti	Requested by Board at November meeting.	John Roseblade	Steve Woodward	Martin Stevens	6 December 2022	28 November 2022	Complete
Grass Verges	Requested by Board at November meeting	John Roseblade	Steve Woodward	Martin Stevens	6 December 2022	28 November 2022	Complete
Performance and Budget Monitoring	Quarter 2	Charlotte Johns / Claire Nye	James Amphlett / Alison Shannon	Martin Stevens	6 December 2022	28 November 2022	Complete
Housing Revenue Account Budget	Pre-Decision Scrutiny on the Housing Revenue Account Budget	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Martin Stevens	24 January 2023	16 January 2023	Complete
City Centre Public Realm Improvements Programme	Vice-Chair Requested	Richard Lawrence / John Roseblade	TBC	Martin Stevens	24 January 2023	16 January 2023	Complete
Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy	Pre-Decision on the Budget and MTFs including minutes from the Scrutiny Panels	David Pattison, Claire Nye and Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon and James Amphlett	Martin Stevens	7 February 2023	30 January 2023	Complete
Our City: Our Plan	The Cabinet Report on Our City: Our Plan	Charlotte Johns	Charlotte Johns / Laura Collings	Martin Stevens	7 February 2023	30 January 2023	Complete
Blue Badge Report	Specifically requested at July meeting to review Blue Badge Service Performance	Charlotte Johns	Lamour Gayle	Martin Stevens	7 March 2023	27 February 2023	Sent with Agenda

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Levelling Up - Bids	Requested by the Vice-Chair via email to Chief Operating Officer following the round 2 announcement. Cllr Miles also requested information on the geographical spread of funding in the City. In addition what bids have been successful recently and not successful.	Richard Lawrence / Charlotte Johns	Charlotte Johns	Martin Stevens	7 March 2023	27 February 2023	Sent with Agenda
Annual Scrutiny Review	The Standard Annual Scrutiny Report	David Pattison	Laura Noonan / Martin Stevens	Martin Stevens	14 March 2023	6 March 2023	Programmed
Additional Items To Be Confirmed							

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Next Municipal Year – Regulator of Social Housing Consumer Standards Compliance

Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor Sweetman

Vice Chair: Councillor Khan

Remit, Function and Measures

- Creating good quality local jobs
- Working in partnership to support local people into work and better jobs
- Ensuring flexible systems which support local businesses to grow and residents to access good jobs
- Supporting local businesses to start up, scale up and thrive
- Attracting new investment which brings social and economic benefit to all
- Creating vibrant high streets with quality culture and leisure offers

- Growing the low carbon and circular economy
- Number of working age adults (16-64) claiming unemployment benefits
- Number of young adults (18-24) claiming unemployment benefits
- Number of jobs created / safeguarded in the city through the Investment Team
- % Local Authority spend on apprenticeship levy
- Number of apprentices and graduate placements within the council
- Empty properties in the city centre
- Business that survive one year in city
- % change in activity in city retail & recreational settings – Google Analytics
- % of premises in the city with full fibre coverage
- Number of rapid charging electric car points in the city
- Wolverhampton based businesses supported by the Council
- New investment opportunities generated
- New businesses supported by commissioned service Access to Business

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer/Report Author Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Portfolio Holder Statement (including Questions and Answers)	Please note Councillor Simkins was the lead on this item.	Richard Lawrence	N/A	Martin Stevens	22 June 2022	14 June 2022	Complete
Visitor Experience, Culture and Leisure Offer	Briefing note and presentation on these strategic areas for the Council.	Richard Lawrence, Ian Fegan, John Denley	Chris Kirkland and Crissie Rushton	Martin Stevens	28 September 2022	20 September 2022	Complete
Inward Investment	Briefing note and presentation on Inward Investment and how it can be attracted.	Richard Lawrence	Richard Lawrence	Martin Stevens	28 September 2022	20 September 2022	Complete

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City Public Realm Works	To consider the status of the project.	John Roseblade / Richard Lawrence	John Roseblade / Richard Lawrence	Martin Stevens	28 September 2022	20 September 2022	Complete
Performance, Budget Monitoring and MTFS	As requested from Finance.	Claire Nye / Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon / James Amphlett	Martin Stevens	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	Complete
Heath Town Baths	Requested by Member of the Council due to graffiti. Report on the future plans for the Baths.	Richard Lawrence	Liam Davies / Simon Lucas	Martin Stevens	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	Complete
Business Support at Place level	Report to cover what the Council is doing to help businesses at a local ward level and how this links with the work on the Wolverhampton Pound.	Richard Lawrence	Isobel Woods	Martin Stevens	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	Complete
i54 – New Businesses	Director requested, to inform the Panel about developments at i54 relating to new businesses.	Richard Lawrence	Chris Kirkland	Martin Stevens	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	Complete
The Green Economy.	Director suggested site	Richard Lawrence	TBC	Martin Stevens	15 February 2023	7 February 2023	Complete

<p><i>Including a site visit to the National Brownfield Institute (Scrutiny Board Members have also asked to included in the site visit)</i></p>	<p>visit. Green Economy – Portfolio Holder has spoken about previously and suggested Panel should consider. Item needs to be shaped at a preparation meeting with Chair and Vice-Chair and Officers.</p>						
<p>Business Support Activities within City Council Wards</p>	<p>Requested by Panel</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence</p>	<p>Isobel Woods</p>	<p>Martin Stevens</p>	<p>15 February 2023</p>	<p>7 February 2023</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Public Realm – Support Package to Businesses</p>	<p>Panel requested to receive information on the support offer provided to businesses impacted by the Public Realm Works.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence</p>	<p>Isobel Woods</p>	<p>Martin Stevens</p>	<p>15 February 2023</p>	<p>7 February 2023</p>	<p>Complete</p>

Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

- Business Support Programme Funding (next municipal year)
- Business Support at Ward Level

Health Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor S Roberts

Vice Chair: Councillor P Singh

Remit and Function

- Wulfrunians live longer, healthier lives
- Healthy Inclusive Communities
- The scrutiny of health provision in accordance with national legislation and subsequent relevant legislation and Government guidance.
- Health related issues in partnership with:
 - Public Health
 - NHS
 - ICS including ICB, ICP and One Wolverhampton
 - Health and wellbeing Board
 - Healthwatch
 - Neighbouring Authorities

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer/Report Author Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Primary Care	Report on the Healthwatch Primary Care Telephone survey and a report from the CCG on progress following previous recommendations from the Panel on Primary Care.	John Denley	N/A	Martin Stevens	30 June 2022	22 June 2022	Complete

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RWT Quality Accounts	Report on Quality Accounts is received each year by the Pane. Invitation to Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Members to attend virtually.	John Denley	David Loughton	Martin Stevens	22 September 2022	14 September 2022	Complete
Public Health Wolverhampton Annual Report	Annual report received each year by the Panel from Public Health	John Denley	John Denley	Martin Stevens	22 September 2022	14 September 2022	Complete
Health Checks and Screening (including cancer)	Report to consider the local position on health checks and screening. Monitoring performance.	John Denley	Ainee Khan	Martin Stevens	22 September 2022	14 September 2022	Complete
Integrated Care System Strategy and Priorities	To scrutinise the Integrated Care System Strategy. Report should list the Integrated Care Priorities and why they have been chosen. If not yet determined, to review progress on the matter. To include One Wolverhampton	John Denley	Madeleine Freewood	Martin Stevens	12 December 2022	2 December 2022	Complete

	Strategy and Priorities						
Performance, Budget Monitoring and MTFS <i>(Including Deep Dive)</i>	To consider the Performance Report, Budget and MTFS	John Denley, Claire Nye and Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon and James Amphlett	Martin Stevens	12 December 2022	2 December 2022	Complete
Primary Care	Healthwatch will be doing another telephone GP Survey as requested by the Panel. To consider the findings.	John Denley	Stacey Lewis (Healthwatch Wolverhampton)	Martin Stevens	19 January 2023	11 January 2023	Complete
One Wolverhampton Priorities Update	To review the performance to date of One Wolverhampton – Verbal Update	John Denley	TBC	Martin Stevens	19 January 2023	11 January 2023	Complete
Urology Monitoring Report	Panel resolved to scrutinise the Urology Services merger with Walsall after six months of implementation.	John Denley	David Loughton (RWT) / Simon Evans	Martin Stevens	19 January 2023	11 January 2023	Complete
Fitness Tracker Trial	To detail the Fitness Tracker Trial by Public Health Wolverhampton	John Denley	TBC	Martin Stevens	23 March 2023 [Within Pre-	15 March 2023	Programmed

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The Mander Centre Shop Journey	How the Mander Centre was used as a Vaccination Centre and evolved into a Community Hub. To detail the learning from inception to it's current status.	John Denley	Lynsey Kelly	Martin Stevens	23 March 2023 [Within Pre-Election Period]	15 March 2023	Programmed

Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

- Supporting Communities through Ward Plans – June 2023 (Joanne Grocott)
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – June 2023 (Madeleine Freewood)
- Mental Health Trust Update (Next Municipal Year)
- Transition Services – Child to Adult
- How the CQC Works in Wolverhampton (Next Municipal year)
- Sexual Health Referral Centres (Possibly briefing note to Panel instead of an item)
- Maternity Services at RWT (New Municipal Year – After – Pre-election period)
- RWT Hospital Transport Service (Next Municipal Year)
- Hearing Aids (Next Municipal Year)

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Residents, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor McGarity

Vice Chair: Councillor C Haynes

Remit, Function and Measurements

- Closing the gap on healthy life expectancy
- Ensuring people live happier more active lives
- Ensuring inclusive, welcoming communities where people feel safe and look out for each other
- Delivering more new homes

- Ensuring safe and healthy homes for all
- Ensuring access to a secure home
- Ensuring clean, green neighbourhoods and public space
- Well-connected businesses and residents
- Community Safety
- % of adult residents in the city who have received their COVID-19 vaccination
- Years of life lost Infant deaths per 100,000
- Coronary heart disease mortality rates per 100,000
- Alcohol related mortality per 100,000
- % of physically inactive adults
- % of 40-74 years attending offered health checks
- Number of Domestic Violence incidents reported to the police
- Personal well-being estimates by local authority Life satisfaction Worthwhile Happiness Anxiety
- Number of new builds completed in the city
- Net additional dwellings in the city
- % of dwelling stock that is vacant in the city
- Housing affordability ratio
- Total crime recorded per 1000 population
- % of planning application decisions made with 13 weeks or agreed timescales
- Number of homeless families moved into secure housing
- Energy efficiency of housing stock
- % fly tipping incidents resolved in 5 working days
- % of trees on public land every serviced every two years
- % of carriageways in city assessed as high quality

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Office Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
WV Living Governance and Linked companies.	The governance arrangements of WV Living and Linked companies.	David Pattison	N/A	Martin Stevens	14 July 2022	6 July 2022	Complete

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Heath Town Regeneration Presentation	To report on the progress made on the Heath Town Regeneration Project.	John Roseblade	N/A	Martin Stevens	14 July 2022	6 July 2022	Complete
Community Safety Update	Report to include Domestic Violence. Violent knife crime. Total crime performance measure. Scrutiny Board Members to be invited for this item.	John Denley	Hannah Pawley	Martin Stevens	29 September 2022	21 September 2022	Complete
Energy efficiency of Housing stock and Fuel Poverty	To consider the energy efficiency of the social housing stock and private housing in Wolverhampton. To include grants available and measures to combat fuel poverty.	John Roseblade External: Shaun Aldis / Simon Bamfield	Karen Beasley	Martin Stevens	29 September 2022	21 September 2022	Complete
Performance, Budget Monitoring and MTFs	As requested by finance.	Claire Nye / Charlotte Johns	James Amphlett / Alison Shannon	Martin Stevens	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	Complete
Public Realm	To consider progress on the project and the aesthetics for the City Centre.	Richard Lawrence / John Roseblade	TBC	Martin Stevens	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	Complete

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New Housing Allocation Policy Impact	To consider the Housing Allocation Policy and recent changes.	John Roseblade External: Shaun Aldis	Michelle Garbett	Martin Stevens	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	Complete
Active Travel	Current landscape and future direction	John Roseblade	Marianne Page / Tim Philpot	Martin Stevens	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	Complete
Combating Alcohol problems in the City	How the Council can help people with Alcohol problems and their families	John Denley	Michelle Marie-Smith	Martin Stevens	16 February 2023	8 February 2023	Complete
Gambling Addiction Support	How can the Council help people with Gambling problems	John Denley	Michelle Marie-Smith	Martin Stevens	16 February 2022	8 February 2022	Complete
Expanded Arboriculture Project Tree Inspections Update	Request from Chair and Vice-Chair. To review the new processes and strategy relating to the maintenance of trees.	John Roseblade	Steve Woodward	Martin Stevens	16 February 2022	8 February 2022	Complete

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Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

- Proposed visit to Heath Town
- Visit to Wednesfield Community Hub
- Climate change
- Benchmark exercise to see how WH meets [fire safety standards for 2024](#), details of the specific targets
- Rough Sleepers Review – How does the Council continue to help rough sleepers and what more can be done (First meeting of the new Municipal year)
- Private Sector Housing Standards – First meeting of the new Municipal Year.
- Violence Needs Assessment – First meeting of the new Municipal Year

Fulfilled Adults Lives Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor V Evans

Vice Chair: Councillor S Haynes

Remit and Function

- Ensuring that the Health and Social Care system to respond to and recover from Covid-19
- Ensuring independence for people with care and support needs
- Ensuring that people get the right support at the right time
- Ensuring the health and care reform agenda is delivered for people in Wolverhampton
- Protecting vulnerable people at risk of harm and exploitation
- % of older people (aged 65 and older) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services
- % of adults with learning disabilities in paid employment
- % of social care users supported to remain in their own homes
- % of adults who use services who say social care services help them to feel safe and secure
- % of adults in receipt of long-term services who are in control of their own lives

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Item	Description	SEB Lead	Office Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Update on Health and Social Care Act - Fair Funding	Request from the Director to add this item to the agenda – report on Health and Care Reform proposals and Wolverhampton being part of the trailblazer local authorities	Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 July 2022	27 June 2022	Complete
Adult Services Transformation Programme	Request from the Director to add this item to the agenda	Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 July 2022	27 June 2022	Complete

	– the report outlines the vision for adult services and the key elements of the strategy						
Principal Social Worker Annual Report	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for discussion and comment on the work of the Principal Social Worker in promoting and improving the quality of social work practice and outline the key priorities for 2022-2023.	Becky Wilkinson	Jennifer Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 July 2022	27 June 2022	Complete
Our Commitment to All Age Carers 2022	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	18 October 2022	10 October 2022	Complete
Adult Social Care Winter Planning 2022-23	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	18 October 2022	10 October 2022	Complete
Transforming Adult Services Programme 2021-22 Annual report	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Becky Wilkinson	Emma Cleary	Earl Piggott-Smith	18 October 2022	10 October 2022	Complete

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Performance, Budget Monitoring and MTFs	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda – report.	Becky Wilkinson	James Amphlet, James Barlow	Earl Piggott-Smith	17 January 2023	9 January 2023	Complete
City of Wolverhampton Council's Local Account	This is an annual report that presented to the panel for discussion and comment	Becky Wilkinson	Laura Carter/Meena Dulai	Earl Piggott-Smith	17 January 2023	9 January 2023	Complete
Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2023/24	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda (pre-decision scrutiny)	Becky Wilkinson	Helen Winfield	Earl Piggott-Smith	8 February 2023	31 January 2023	Complete
Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2023-2024 and Market Sustainability – Follow Up Report	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for discussion and comment	Becky Wilkinson	Andrew Wolverson	Earl Piggott-Smith	21 March 2023	13 March 2023	Programmed
Adults Social Work and Workforce Health Check 2022	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for discussion and comment	Becky Wilkinson	Jennifer Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	21 March 2023	13 March 2023	Programmed
Fulfilled Lives for Quality Care For Those That Need it – Performance	Performance and Budget Report.	Becky Wilkinson / Claire Nye	James Amphlett / Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	21 March 2023	13 March 2023	Programmed

Report / Budget (Provisional)							
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Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

1. Principal Social Worker Annual Report to be presented in July 2023 - Jennifer Rogers, Principal Social Worker
2. Wolverhampton Cares - Implementation of Social Care Commitment - June 2023
3. Implementation of Carer Commitment and ambition for carers going forward
4. The Director of Adult Services to share the financial modelling work about how the reforms might affect people with different care needs.
5. The Principal Social Worker agreed to present an update report to the panel in February 2023 on the progress of plans to further improve the recruitment and retention of social workers.
6. The Director of Adult Services to provide the panel with a summary of the feedback from the focused workshop sessions with carers and stakeholders and details of any changes made to the Our Commitment to All Age Carers strategy when available.
7. The Director of Adult Services to share a final draft of the Our Commitment to All Age Carers with the panel when available.
8. The Director of Director of Adult Services to provide an update on the implementation and progress in addressing funding gaps detailed in the plan to a meeting of the Panel in January 2023.

Strong Families, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor Potter

Vice Chair: Councillor Collinge

Remit, Function and Measures

- Ensuring that children have the best start in life and good early development
- Ensuring high quality education that closes the attainment gap
- Ensuring that children and young people grow up happy with good physical, social and mental health and wellbeing
- Ensuring that every young person in the city is equipped for adulthood with life skills and ready for work
- Ensuring that families are strengthened where children are vulnerable or at risk.
- % of Early Years and Childcare settings rated Good or Outstanding
- % of take up of 2-year-olds benefitting from early education
- % of schools in the city that are rated Good or Outstanding

- Average Attainment 8 score per pupil
- % gap in Attainment 8 score gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children
- Children in year 6 with excess weight
- % of 16 and 17 year-olds in education, employment or training
- % of 16 and 17 year-olds with SEND in education, employment or training
- % of care leavers in education, employment or training
- First time entrants into the Youth Justice System
- Attendance at holiday schemes run by the council
- Rate of children open to social care per 10,000 population under 18
- % of repeat referrals into Childrens Social Care with 12 months
- % of children and young people in care who have had 3 or more placements in the year

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Office Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Children's Residential Provision Phase 2 – Business Case	N/A	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds and Rachel King	Earl Piggott-Smith	23 June 2022	15 June 2022	Complete
Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group - Written Statement of Action	N/A	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	23 June 2022	15 June 2022	Complete
Work Plan	Urgent Item agreed by Chair and Vice Chair	Emma Bennett	Julia Cleary	Earl Piggott-Smith	23 June 2022	15 June 2022	Complete
Draft Ofsted inspection of Local Authority Children's		Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds and Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 July 2022	5 July 2022	Complete

Services (LACS) action plan							
Principal Social Worker Annual Report 2021 - 2022		Emma Bennett	Jennifer Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 July 2022	5 July 2022	Complete
Children and Young People Social Work Self Evaluation		Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 July 2022	5 July 2022	Complete
Youth and holiday offer in the City	Panel requested details of youth holiday offer and progress since earlier report	Emma Bennett	Andrew Wolverson	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 October 2022	27 September 2022	Complete
Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group - Written Statement of Action	A verbal update on progress and outcome from meeting on 27.9.22 - The panel agreed the terms of reference and to receive an update at this meeting.	Emma Bennett	Martin Stevens	Martin Stevens	5 October 2022	27 September 2022	Complete
Children's Services Transformation Programme Annual Report	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment	Emma Bennett	Andrew Wolverson and Emma Cleary	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 October 2022 ,	27 September 2022	Complete
Update from Cross Party Scrutiny	The panel agreed to receive updates on the	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	11 January 2023	3 January 2023	Complete

Review Group: Written Statement of Action	work of the group at this this meeting.						
Performance, Budget Monitoring and MTFS	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Emma Bennett	Emma Bennett, James Barlow, James Amphlett	Earl Piggott- Smith	11 January 2023	3 January 2023	Complete
Education Excellence: Update and monitoring	The panel requested an update on progress following the presentation of a previous report draft in January 2021 Education Excellence Strategy (EES) 2021- 2024	Emma Bennett	Phil Leivers	Earl Piggott- Smith	11 January 23	3 January 2023	Complete
Virtual School Head Annual Report	This is an annual report that presented to the panel for discussion and comment on the progress of children and young people in care and previously in care, for the academic year 2020/21	Emma Bennett	Darren Martindale	Earl Piggott- Smith	11 January 23	3 January 2023	Complete
School appeals update	The panel requested details about school appeals process and outcomes	Emma Bennett	Jaswinder Kaur/Bill Hague	Earl Piggott- Smith	6 February 2023	27 January 2023	Complete

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Determined Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2024-2025	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Emma Bennett	Bill Hague	Earl Piggott-Smith	6 February 2023	27 January 2023	Complete
Social Work and Workforce Health Check	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment specifically on the survey findings from social workers and other workers in children's service	Emma Bennett	Jenny Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	15 March 2023	7 March 2023	Programmed
Family Hubs and Start for Life Offer Programme	The panel requested details about the range of local support offered to families who support and advice	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	Earl Piggott-Smith	15 March 2023	7 March 2023	Programmed
School Exclusion and Suspension	The panel requested a further report following the discussion on Ethnicity Pay Gap report 2021 that was presented in June 2022 – <i>discussion about a possible joint meeting with SFCYP given the remit of this panel</i>	Emma Bennett/Brenda Wile	Helen Bakewell / Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	15 March 2023	7 March 2023	Programmed

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Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment – June 2023 - Phil Leviers

Resources and Equality Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor Russell

Vice Chair: Councillor U Singh

Remit, Function and Measures

- Measuring Success
- Our City Our Plan – Our Council Programme
- Our Assets – Workplace Strategy and Strategic Asset Plan
- Our Data
- Our Digital
- Our Money
- Our People
- Our City: Our Plan – fairness and inclusion including equalities
- Gender pay gap of council employees
- Ethnicity pay gap of council employee
- Customer Service call wait times
- Sickness absence rates
- Employee turnover rate
- Spend with local businesses
- LGA Resident Satisfaction Polling

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Office Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Linked Bodies	N/A	David Pattison	N/A	Earl Piggott-Smith	29 June 2022	21 June 2022	Complete
Ethnicity Pay Gap	N/A	David Pattison / Laura Phillips	Sukhvinder Mattu	Earl Piggott-Smith	29 June 2022	21 June 2022	Complete

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EDI strategy	<p>Standing item</p> <p>Progress to date against the Race at Work Charter standards</p> <p>Progress to date against the Gender Equality Plan</p> <p>Progress to date against Rainbow City Plan</p>	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	Complete
Treasury Management	Information Item - this is an annual report presented to the panel for comment	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	Complete
Reserves Working Group	membership and terms of reference – this a standard group of the panel who review the Council’s specific reserves proposals	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	Complete
Customer Services performance and future strategy	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Charlotte Johns	Lamour Gayle	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	Complete

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Contract Management and Procurement Update	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda – this reports updates previous report that was presented to the panel in Jan 2021	Claire Nye	John Thompson and Parvinder Uppal	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	Complete
EDI Item	EDI Progress Update Report	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	Complete
Land and Property Disposal Policy	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda. This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment	Mark Taylor	Julia Nock	Earl Piggott-Smith	19 December 2022	9 December 2022	Complete
Reserves Working Group report	This is a summary of the findings and any recommendations from the working group	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	19 December 2022 tbc	9 December 2022	Complete
External Grant Funding	To include update on Wolverhampton Pound action plan. The panel requested details of different funding programmes	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon/Heather Clarke	Earl Piggott-Smith	19 December 2022	9 December 2022	Complete

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Performance, Budget Monitoring and MTFS	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda – the report to include Our Council and Performance/Budget information	David Pattison	Laura Phillips/ James Amphlett/ Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	19 December 2022	9 December 2022	Complete
Draft Customer Service Strategy (pre-decision scrutiny)	To update the panel on performance and share the proposals for the strategy detailed in report presented on 13.10.22	Charlotte Johns	Lamour Gayle	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February 2023	25 January 2023	Complete
Digital Wolves Strategy Update	This is an update to the report presented in January 2022 aimed at maximising the benefit of digital to residents and businesses in the city.	Charlotte Johns	Heather Clark	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February 2023	25 January 2023	Complete
Treasury Management Strategy	pre-decision scrutiny – this is a annual report	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February 2023	25 January 2023	Complete
Yoo Recruit Review	The panel requested a more detailed report on the monitoring of this linked body	David Pattison	Michelle Rowe	Earl Piggott-Smith	16 March 2023	8 March 2023	Programmed

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Subscription Analysis	An analysis of subscriptions paid to external organisations	David Pattison	David Pattison	Earl Piggott-Smith	16 March 2023	8 March 2023	Programmed
Ethnicity Pay Gap report 2021 update report	This is an update on progress to a previous report presented to the panel in June 2022 on actions to further reduce the ethnicity pay gap at the City of Wolverhampton Council.	David Pattison	Sukhvinder Mattu	Earl Piggott-Smith	16 March 2023	8 March 2023	Programmed
Update on EDI Strategy- Progress against Objective three	Update on peer assessment undertaken against the Race Equality Code Progress on Diversity in the Workplace	David Pattison	Paula Moore	Earl Piggott-Smith	16 March 2023	8 March 2023	Programmed

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Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

1. Update on peer assessment undertaken against the Race Equality Code June 2023 – Jin Takhar
2. The panel to receive a report on the LGA Resident Satisfaction Polling
3. The Deputy Director of Assets to share details of valid objections referred to in the presentation with the panel.

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