

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on Wednesday, 14 June 2023

Item 4	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council enter into an Authorising Agreement with Dudley MBC for use of the Dudley MBC Housing Development Framework. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Housing, in consultation with the Director of Resident Services to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approve the award of contracts for Housing Development – new build council homes and any amendments to the procurement procedure. b. Approve any other agreements including deed of covenants, collateral warranties, assignments, and such other ancillary agreements, including variations, as may be deemed necessary to facilitate the delivery of the six projects highlighted within this report.
Options Considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An alternative option would be to do nothing; however, this is not the preferred option as it would leave the sites undeveloped and hence unfit for purpose. This would also cause reputational damage to City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC), due to the importance of delivering new council homes to the community. 2. Other frameworks were also considered, however, due to the locality of the Dudley Framework and the suitability of the scope and terms to CWC’s requirements, utilising other frameworks may further delay these schemes. Similarly, individual open tenders were considered, however this would significantly delay the development of these sites which are already time-critical, and so this would not be the preferred option. 3. If the Council did not utilise this Framework, it would delay the development of these housing sites until such time CWC’s own Framework has been developed and approved. The sites

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	would remain undeveloped, and the delivery of new build council housing delayed, reducing rental income. The delay to develop the sites could lead to additional costs to remove potential fly tipping from the sites until such time contractors were on site.
Reasons for Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dudley MBC Framework was set up to allow other local authorities to access the agreement. As an Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) compliant tender at the time of appointment, this provides cost certainty at the base date. The Pricing Document that formed part of Dudley MBC’s Framework will be used as a basis for the Council’s contracts. 2. Utilising this Framework will allow CWC to work with an experienced contractor who has carried out similar work over the last eight years. There is also a strong emphasis on Social Value as part of the Framework that CWC would be looking to build on. 3. This route to market also allows CWC to deliver new build council homes quickly whilst we procure a framework that is bespoke to CWC.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	19 June 2023

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Item 5	
Title	Food Service Plan 2023
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft 2023 Food Service Plan at Appendix 1 to the report be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with Head of Commercial Regulation Service, to approve the final version of the Food Service Plan. 3. That the requirement to prepare a Food Service Plan be noted. 4. That the services key achievements for the year 2022-2023 be noted.
Options Considered	<p>Option 1 - not produce the Statutory Service Plan, which would be in breach of the requirement set out in the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement. The work undertaken would not be endorsed by members and would be in breach of the requirements set out by the Food Standards Agency.</p> <p>Option 2 - produce the Statutory Service Plan, which is set out in the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement. The work of the Service would be endorsed by members and we would not be in breach of the requirement set out by the Food Standards Agency.</p>
Reasons for Decision	The Food Service Plan is a statutory document and is required to be produced annually. The plan sets out the priorities for the Service and is available for members of the public to view so that they are aware of what the authority is doing to help ensure that the food they eat is safe.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None

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Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	19 June 2023

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Item 6	
Title	Exclusion of press and public
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
Options Considered	Not applicable.
Reasons for Decision	Not applicable.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	Not applicable.
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable.
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable.

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Item 7	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 30 April 2023 be noted.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	14 June 2023