

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on Wednesday, 12 July 2023**

<b>Item 4</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
<b>Status</b>	Recommendation Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing in consultation with the Director of Public Health, to approve the award of a contract and allocation of the budget of £569,000 per annum for Voluntary and Community Services - delivering Our City, Our Plan when the evaluation process is complete.
<b>Options Considered</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In considering the options, the primary outcome is to reduce the risk of any further hardship to vulnerable people and support the voluntary and community sector in building its capacity. Stopping or reducing current provision was not an option as a period of consultation was required.</li> <li>2. The extension of these contracts was approved to ensure the continuation of provisions to those with the most need enabling the organisations providing the provisions a period to also rebuild and recover from the challenges of the pandemic. The aim was to reduce the impact any further disruption may cause to the organisation and the vulnerable people that they serve. All contracts were approved for a further six-month extension by Cabinet (Resources) Panel.</li> <li>3. There has been ongoing consultation with voluntary and community partners to inform the development of the future approach.</li> </ol>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) has worked in partnership for many years with a number of local small, medium, and large Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations in the city, providing financial and/or in-kind support to help some of our most disadvantaged, vulnerable, and marginalised communities. Over the life of contracts, inevitably priorities change and whilst groups have adapted well, new opportunities and ways of working need to be explored to ensure we maximise our ability to respond to needs in the city and deliver services that are of good social, environment and financial value. The Covid-</li> </ol>

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	<p>19 pandemic has highlighted aspects that are working well and those that need improvement in relation to the way we support local people and VCS groups. CWC is committed to ensuring that our services do not impact adversely on those who need our support the most.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The past two years has seen officers and VCS partners commit to working practices and initiatives to renew the relationships across the sector to better deliver on Council Plan priorities in partnership whilst creating stronger and more resilient communities.</li> <li>3. Activity has taken place in partnership with the VCS, University of Wolverhampton, strategic partners, and primarily local people to provide an evidence base and a new strategic and joint approach to meet Our City Plan priorities and recovery from Covid-19.</li> <li>4. This will also provide an opportunity to explore other models that promote co-production, achieve shared outcomes, and contribute to commissioning being need led, baselining for the sector, living safely with Covid-19, reducing duplication and competition in the sector and that has residents at the heart of outcomes.</li> </ol>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	17 July 2023

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<b>Item 5</b>	
<b>Title</b>	LEP Gainshare monies for Digital Innovation purposes
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital, in consultation with Director of Strategy and Director of Finance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approve allocation of Gainshare funding to support the digital innovation priority of the Digital Wolverhampton Strategy as a proof-of-concept fund.</li> <li>b. Authorise the Council to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council as accountable body for Gainshare funding.</li> <li>c. Approve the establishment and spend within the Digital Infrastructure budget in line with the Collaboration Agreement.</li> <li>d. Approve further changes to support our smart city ambitions.</li> </ul>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p><b>Option 1:</b> Gainshare funding used to support the rollout of our smart city aims, using technology to improve service delivery, improve quality of life by enabling individuals to live in their own homes and manage health conditions and address key challenges. It will allow us to undertake proof of concepts to evidence benefits of interventions.</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> do nothing. Funding could ultimately be lost to the city or used for other purposes which would not result in benefits to the Council and city as a whole.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Option 1 is recommended to ensure that we are able to achieve our digital innovation ambitions to provide better and more efficient services, improved quality of life and addressing challenges and priorities through technology. Service efficiencies can contribute to savings outlined in the medium term financial strategy.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Item 6</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Exclusion of press and public
<b>Status</b>	Recommendation Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	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).
<b>Options Considered</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Not applicable
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Not applicable
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	Not applicable

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<b>Item 7</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the contract for NHS Support (Maternity and 0-19 Service) to the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme be awarded to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, Wolverhampton, WV10 0QP for a duration of two years from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2025 for a total contract value of 691,783.</li> <li>2. That lot one of the contract with The Haven Wolverhampton of 18 Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4BL for services for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse be varied with a variation value of £19,984.40 per annum.</li> <li>3. That lot two of the contract with The Haven Wolverhampton of 18 Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4BL for services for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse be varied with a variation value of £7,763.40 per annum.</li> <li>4. That lot three of the contract with St Georges Hub of St Mark's Rd, Wolverhampton, WV3 0QH for services for male victims of domestic abuse be varied with a variation value of £3,375 in year six and £4,370 in year seven.</li> <li>5. That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 31 May 2023 be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.

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