

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on Wednesday, 6 September 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 authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the award of a contract for Enforcement Agents (Lot 1) for five years when the evaluation process is complete. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the award of a contract for Second Referral Enforcement Agents (Lot 2) for five years when the evaluation process is complete. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of Resident Services to approve the award of a contract for Enforcement Agents for the Collection of Penalty Charge Notice's (PCN's) (Lot 3) for five years when the evaluation process is complete. 4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Digital, in consultation with the Director of Strategy, to approve the award of a contract for Data Back Up when the evaluation process is complete. 5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Public Health and Director of Strategy, to approve the award of a contract for Library Self Service Kiosks when the evaluation process is complete. 6. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Deputy Director of People and Change, to approve the award of a contract for Management and Leadership Coaching and Workshop Facilitation when the evaluation process is complete.

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	<p>7. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Adult Services to approve the award of a contract for a Low-Level Preventative Community Wellbeing Service when the evaluation process is complete.</p> <p>8. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, to approve the award of a contract for West Midlands Employers/Tribepad when the evaluation process is complete.</p> <p>9. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Director of Strategy, to approve the award of a contract for UKSPF Start-Up Tender when the evaluation process is complete.</p>
Options Considered	The options are detailed within the evaluation of alternative options section of the individual contract reports.
Reasons for Decision	The reasons for the decisions are detailed within the relevant section of the individual contract reports.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	11 September 2023

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Item 5	
Title	Acquisition and Redevelopment of Newhampton Arts Centre
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the acquisition of freehold interest of the one half of the Newhampton Arts Centre currently in the ownership of Wolverhampton College be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Deputy Director of Assets, to approve the negotiated acquisition and contract of the freehold interest of the one half of the Newhampton Arts Centre currently in the ownership of Wolverhampton College. This would be subject to full due diligence e.g. condition surveys etc to understand the liabilities and risks to the Council. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director of Assets, to approve the long-term lease / community asset transfer of the entire building (subject to approval of the acquisition of the part owned by Wolverhampton College) to the Newhampton Arts Centre. 4. That the current condition and reasons for acquiring the building be noted. 5. That the progress with emergency work to allow existing tenants to remain in the building be noted. 6. That it be noted that supplementary budget approval was granted by Individual Executive Decision Notice in July 2023.
Options Considered	The Council could choose to not proceed with the acquisition of the property and carry out emergency work. Whilst evaluating the options and determining the preferred option in the outline business case, it was imperative to ensure good value for money, maximising outputs from the asset with job creation and addressing community needs with the provision for NAC to continue delivering their activities in support for Wolverhampton.

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	<p>Option 1: Do Nothing – The project team started by looking at the option of doing nothing. This option would result in NAC ceasing operations as not able to secure a long term lease from two property owners and with the failing heating plant unable to keep current tenants and run events. The grant funding would also be returned to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).</p> <p>Option 2: Preferred option – Acquire the College owned part of the building and undertake essential repairs. Complete community asset transfer to NAC.</p> <p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One property owner instead of two. – NAC able to secure long term lease and apply for grant funding. – Heating system to be updated and full rent to tenants can be obtained. – Essential repair work can commence to secure the running of the facility and provide security for its tenants and community attending training and events. – Jobs are secured for the future. <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Current funding will only cover essential repair work. – Risk of cost overrun.
<p>Reasons for Decision</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is recommended to begin negotiations with the owner Wolverhampton College to sell their part to avoid the building falling further in disrepair. 2. The building represents a significant, ongoing financial liability to both the Council and the College, if retained in current ownership without a long-term lease to Newhampton Arts Centre (NAC). 3. A long-term lease will allow NAC to pursue further capital grant funding to invest in the building.

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	4. Immediate repair work will strengthen NAC's position in the next phase of the renovation/restoration of a local listed building.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	Mark Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive - Chair of Governors Wolverhampton College.
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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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 items of business as they involve 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	
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Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.

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Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	Mark Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive - Chair of Governors Wolverhampton College.
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 8	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contract for the Independent Mental Health Act provision with PohWER of Hertlands House, Primett Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG13EE be extended for a duration of nine months from 14 October 2023 to 15 July 2024 with a variation value of £25,328. 2. That the contract for the Statutory Advocacy with PohWER of Hertlands House, Primett Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG13EE be extended for a duration of nine months from 14 October 2023 to 15 July 2024 with an estimated variation value of £99,289, which would be met by the existing original Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved expenditure. 3. That the contract for the Wolverhampton Health Advocacy Complaints Service (WHACS) with PohWER of Hertlands House, Primett Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG13EE be extended for a duration of nine months from 14 October 2023 to 15 July 2024 with a variation value of £36,540. 4. That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 30 June 2023 be approved.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None

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Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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