

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on Wednesday, 20 March 2024**

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| <b>Item 4</b>   |   |
| <b>Title</b>  | Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2023-2024   |
| <b>Status</b>   | Recommendations Approved  |
| <b>Record of Decision</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it be noted that the Council is continuing to operate within the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators approved by Council, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2023-2024.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that revenue underspends of £1.6 million for the General Fund and £1.6 million for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) are forecast from treasury management activities in 2023-2024.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Options Considered</b>   | As this is a monitoring report on treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2023-2024, there are no alternative options available.   |
| <b>Reasons for Decision</b>                                       | The report provides an update on treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2023-2024.  |
| <b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>                            | None  |
| <b>Dispensation Granted</b>                                       | Not applicable  |
| <b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b> | 21 March 2024   |

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| <b>Item 5</b>             |   |
| <b>Title</b>              | Wolverhampton City Investment Prospectus - Update on the continued delivery of Transformational Priority Regeneration Projects  |
| <b>Status</b>             | Recommendations Approved  |
| <b>Record of Decision</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That in order to continue to deliver Wolverhampton’s ambitious and transformational regeneration agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The continuation of progressing the City Centre West development scheme, £382,000 budget, funded from the Sustainable Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) reserve for the project to March 2025 be approved.</li> <li>ii. The continuation of progressing the St Georges development scheme, subject to a satisfactory business case, £821,000 budget, funded from the Sustainable MTFS reserve for the project to March 2025 be approved.</li> <li>iii. The continuation of progressing the Green Innovation Corridor programme, £250,000 budget, grant funding from the Government’s Investment Zone Delivery Capacity Funding to support the progression of the project to March 2025 be approved.</li> <li>iv. The continuation of progressing the Bilston Town Centre Long Term Plan project, £250,000 budget, grant funding from the Government’s Bilston Capacity Funding to support the progression of the project to March 2025 be approved.</li> <li>v. The delivery of the Wolverhampton: Our Future City Plan, £381,000 budget, funded from the Regeneration Reserve be approved.</li> <li>vi. Authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Director of City Development to approve the direct award of contract for £714,000 to Arcadis for support for the City Development Programme when the evaluation process is complete.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

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|  | <p>2. That it be noted that the Council would seek to secure additional grant funding during 2024-2025 to mitigate the use of reserves to support the ongoing delivery of these transformational projects for Wolverhampton. These would be progressed through an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) supplementary budget approvals in line with financial procedure rules, as appropriate.</p> <p>3. That it be noted that the Council would seek to utilise earmarked Enterprise Zone funding in 2025-2026 (circa £5 million for priority projects) to fully offset any use of the Sustainable Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) reserve in 2024-2025. In doing so, replenishing reserves utilised in 2024-2025 as first call from the circa £5 million revenue income from the Enterprise Zone in 2025-2026.</p>   |  |   |        |         |        |             |   |   |                               |   |   |  |   |  |
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| <b>Options Considered</b>                | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="627 638 1019 689">Option</th> <th data-bbox="1019 638 1453 689">Outcome</th> <th data-bbox="1453 638 2033 689">Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="627 689 1019 858">Do nothing.</td> <td data-bbox="1019 689 1453 858">Priority Regeneration projects would not proceed.</td> <td data-bbox="1453 689 2033 858">The benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised, and the risks would not be mitigated.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="627 858 1019 1046">Recruit to interim team post.</td> <td data-bbox="1019 858 1453 1046">Potential delay in progressing priority projects. Uncertainty in market's capacity to provide appropriate skills.</td> <td data-bbox="1453 858 2033 1046">Potential delays would mean that benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised in a timely manner.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="627 1046 1019 1347">Progressing schemes with existing staff.</td> <td data-bbox="1019 1046 1453 1347">Capacity of existing team not adequate.</td> <td data-bbox="1453 1046 2033 1347">The ability to deliver would be limited. The city development team are at capacity and the necessary skills including of a senior development manager are not available in the team at the current moment. The additional resources will strengthen the skill set of the current team.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |  |   | Option | Outcome | Impact | Do nothing. | Priority Regeneration projects would not proceed. | The benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised, and the risks would not be mitigated. | Recruit to interim team post. | Potential delay in progressing priority projects. Uncertainty in market's capacity to provide appropriate skills. | Potential delays would mean that benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised in a timely manner. | Progressing schemes with existing staff. | Capacity of existing team not adequate. | The ability to deliver would be limited. The city development team are at capacity and the necessary skills including of a senior development manager are not available in the team at the current moment. The additional resources will strengthen the skill set of the current team. |
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|  | Do nothing.  | Priority Regeneration projects would not proceed.  | The benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised, and the risks would not be mitigated.           |        |         |        |             |   |   |                               |   |   |  |   |  |
|  | Recruit to interim team post.  | Potential delay in progressing priority projects. Uncertainty in market's capacity to provide appropriate skills.  | Potential delays would mean that benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised in a timely manner. |        |         |        |             |   |   |                               |   |   |  |   |  |
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| Do nothing.                              | Priority Regeneration projects would not proceed.  | The benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised, and the risks would not be mitigated.  |   |        |         |        |             |   |   |                               |   |   |  |   |  |
| Recruit to interim team post.            | Potential delay in progressing priority projects. Uncertainty in market's capacity to provide appropriate skills.  | Potential delays would mean that benefits of the proposed schemes would not be realised in a timely manner.  |   |        |         |        |             |   |   |                               |   |   |  |   |  |
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| <b>Reasons for Decision</b>                                       | The efficient and streamlined delivery of priority, projects and the ability to meet important grant funding deadlines and Government deadlines are the key drivers for the recommendations of the report. The budget and surge capacity via Arcadis's input, would allow city development to continue to deliver the priority projects within the defined timescales, meet key 2024-2025 milestones and provide the Deputy Director of City Development with the capacity to conduct a review and fit-for-purpose restructure of the team. The new permanent structure would align the capacity of the team to the medium and longer term regeneration delivery objectives for the city in a cost-effective manner, which makes efficient use of Council and external revenue sources. |
| <b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>                            | None  |
| <b>Dispensation Granted</b>                                       | Not applicable  |
| <b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b> | 25 March 2024   |

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| <b>Item 6</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 authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion, in consultation with the Executive Director of Economy, to approve the award of a contract for Supply and Delivery of Paper when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Director of Resident Services, to approve the award of a contract for Phased Demolition Works (Phase 1) at New Park Village when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Deputy Director of Assets, to approve the award of a contract for the Roof Replacement for the Council Chamber when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Visitor City, in consultation with the Director of City Economy and Partnerships, to approve the award of a contract for Roundabout Sponsorship &amp; Advertising when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>5. That honouring the provision of advertising for verified paid customers of the previous contractor for Roundabout Sponsorship &amp; Advertising but are as yet to have received their advertising through provision by the new contractor, to be funded through the Council's element of future profit share be approved.</li> <li>6. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Adult Social Care to approve the award of the contract(s) for advocacy services when the evaluation process is complete.</li> </ol> |

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| <b>Options Considered</b>   | The options considered are detailed within the individual contract reports.        |
| <b>Reasons for Decision</b>                                       | The reasons for the decisions are detailed within the individual contract reports. |
| <b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>                            | None   |
| <b>Dispensation Granted</b>                                       | Not applicable   |
| <b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b> | 25 March 2024  |

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| <b>Item 7</b>             |   |
| <b>Title</b>              | Restart Contract Update   |
| <b>Status</b>             | Recommendations Approved  |
| <b>Record of Decision</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it be agreed for the Council to negotiate with Serco to withdraw as a supply chain partner on the Restart Scheme.</li> <li>2. That the continued priority to support more local people into good jobs and training as a city be noted.</li> <li>3. That the significant changes to the Restart Scheme contract, which would result in greater financial risk to the Council should it not withdraw be noted.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that Wolverhampton residents would not be negatively impacted as the Restart Scheme would continue to be delivered to Wolverhampton residents by another sub-contractor.</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Options Considered</b> | <p><b>Option 1:</b> Reduction in referrals - This option would be financially unsustainable, with a significant reduction in income, but not an equal reduction in cost.</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> Withdrawal from Restart Scheme - This option would not put financial pressure on the Council to deliver the programme.</p> <p>Wolves at Work Restart customers will be moved to other sub-contractors in the region.</p> <p>Wolves at Work will continue to support residents until this process is completed. There will be no break in the journey of any resident, and DWP will be fully involved throughout.</p> <p>Wolves at Work work coaches will transfer from working on Restart to its other employment support programmes, e.g. Commonwealth Games, Shared Prosperity Fund.</p> |

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| <b>Reasons for Decision</b>                                       | It is proposed to follow Option 2: withdraw from the Restart Scheme |
| <b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>                            | None  |
| <b>Dispensation Granted</b>                                       | Not applicable  |
| <b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b> | 25 March 2024   |



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| <b>Item 8</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 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). |
| <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 9</b>   |  |
| <b>Title</b>  | Restart Contract Update  |
| <b>Status</b>   | Recommendations Approved   |
| <b>Record of Decision</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it be agreed for the Council to negotiate with Serco to withdraw as a supply chain partner on the Restart Scheme.</li> <li>2. That the continued priority to support more local people into good jobs and training as a city be noted.</li> <li>3. That the significant changes to the Restart Scheme contract, which would result in greater financial risk to the Council should it not withdraw be noted.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that Wolverhampton residents would not be negatively impacted as the Restart Scheme would continue to be delivered to Wolverhampton residents by another sub-contractor.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Options Considered</b>   | As detailed in the exempt report.  |
| <b>Reasons for Decision</b>                                       | As detailed in the exempt report.  |
| <b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>                            | None   |
| <b>Dispensation Granted</b>                                       | Not applicable   |
| <b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b> | 25 March 2024  |

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| <b>Item 10</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 Window Cleaning Services be awarded to SJ Cleaning (Midlands) Limited of Sutton Coldfield, Staffordshire B74 4HJ for a duration of four years from 16 April 2024 to 15 April 2028 for a total contract value of £372,000.</li> <li>2. That the contract for Emergency and Homelessness Prevention Service for Young People with YMCA (Black Country) Wolverhampton of 29-31 Temple Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV2 4AN be varied for the duration of six months from 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024 with a variation value of £43,940.</li> <li>3. That the contract for Major Events Fund Urban Sports be awarded to Hurricane SAS of 3 Rue Christian André-Benoit, 34670, Baillargues, France, French Company Registration number 41449560600058 for a duration of seven months from 3 April 2024 to 2 November 2024 for a total contract value of £333,578.</li> <li>4. That the contract for Direct Payment Support service with Barrie Bookkeeping Suite 1, Airlie House, Pentland Park, Glenrothes, KY6 2AG, Fife be varied for the duration of six months from 17 April 2024 to 16 October 2024 with a variation value of £32,000.</li> <li>5. That the establishment of supplementary revenue budgets totalling £2,297,985 fully funded by the S31 Public Health ring fenced grant be approved and the contract for Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services with Nacro of Walkden House, 16-17 Devonshire Square, London, England, EC2M 4SQ be varied for the duration of one year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, with a variation value of £1,704,958.</li> <li>6. That the contract for an Eligibility &amp; Financial Self-Assessment Solution be awarded to Looking Local Limited of 1 London Road, Southampton, Hampshire, SO15 2AE for the duration of three years from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028 for a total contract value of £300,650.</li> </ol> |

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|   | <p>7. That the contract for the Statutory Advocacy provision with PohWER of Hertlands House, Primett Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG13EE be varied for the duration of one month from 16 July 2024 to 15 August 2024 with a variation value of £13,983.</p> <p>8. That the contract for the Telecare Mobile Response Service with St Johns Ambulance Services of St Johns Gate, London, EC1M 4DA, be varied for the duration of one month from 3 April 2024 to 3 May 2024 with a variation value of £27,500.</p> |
| <b>Options Considered</b>   | As detailed in the exempt report.   |
| <b>Reasons for Decision</b>                                       | As detailed in the exempt report.   |
| <b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>                            | None  |
| <b>Dispensation Granted</b>                                       | Not applicable  |
| <b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b> | 25 March 2024   |