

5 March 2024

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

**Venue** Committee Room 3 - 3rd Floor - Civic Centre

## Membership

**Chair** Cllr Philip Bateman MBE (Lab)

**Vice-chair** Cllr Ellis Turrell (Con)

### Labour

Cllr Val Evans  
Cllr Rita Potter  
Cllr Susan Roberts MBE  
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN  
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman  
Cllr Qaiser Azeem  
Cllr Anwen Muston  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar

### Conservative

Cllr Wendy Thompson  
Cllr Simon Bennett

Quorum for this meeting is four Councillors.

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# Agenda

## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

*Item No.*    *Title*

### MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1            **Apologies for Absence and Notification of 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 6 February 2024** (Pages 3 - 6)  
[To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024 as a correct record].

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4            **City Learning Quarter** (Pages 7 - 28)  
[To receive a presentation from the Executive Director of Economy, and the CLQ Programme Director].
- 5            **Physical Activity Strategy** (Pages 29 - 52)  
[To receive a presentation on the Physical Activity Strategy].
- 6            **Scrutiny Work Programme** (Pages 53 - 84)  
[To consider the Scrutiny Work Programme].
- 7            **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 85 - 98)  
[To consider the latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions].

## Attendance

### Members of the Scrutiny Board

Cllr Philip Bateman MBE (Chair)  
Cllr Val Evans  
Cllr Rita Potter  
Cllr Wendy Thompson  
Cllr Simon Bennett  
Cllr Susan Roberts MBE  
Cllr Ellis Turrell (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN  
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman  
Cllr Qaiser Azeem  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar  
Cllr Sally Green

### In Attendance

Cllr Louise Miles (Cabinet Member for Resources)

### Employees

Martin Stevens DL (Scrutiny Team Leader)  
Tim Johnson (Chief Executive)  
David Pattison (Chief Operating Officer)  
James Howse (Director of Finance)  
Alison Shannon (Deputy Director of Finance)  
Laura Collings (Head of Policy and Strategy)  
James Amphlett (Head of Data and Analytics)  
Earl Piggott-Smith (Scrutiny Officer)  
Lee Booker (Scrutiny Officer)

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## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

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- 1            **Apologies for absence and Substitutions**  
An apology for absence was received from Cllr Anwen Muston.  
  
Cllr Sally Green substituted for Cllr Anwen Muston.
  
- 2            **Declarations of interest**  
The Chair, Cllr Phil Bateman MBE declared a non-pecuniary interest on item 4 - Our City: Our Plan Refresh 2024-2025, and Performance, Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy, as a Member of the Birmingham International Airport Board. He also

declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chair of Governors at Ashmore Park and Phoenix Nursery School.

3 **Minutes of the previous meeting (12 December 2023)**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 **Our City: Our Plan Refresh 2024-2025, and Budget, Performance and Medium Term Financial Strategy**

The Head of Policy and Strategy and the Head of Data and Analytics presented on the Our City: Our Plan Refresh 2024-2025. The Director of Finance and the Deputy Director of Finance presented on the Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy. A copy of the presentation is attached to the signed minutes.

The Head of Policy and Strategy commented that the item was before Board Members as Pre—decision Scrutiny ahead of Cabinet on 21 February 2024.

The Vice-Chair commented that it was hard to disagree with the contents of the Our City: Our Plan Refresh 2024-2025. It was evident that there was much work left to do in Wolverhampton with many people being out of work and the need to ensure people had the right skills to obtain good jobs. He commented that as part of the Government's Local Government settlement, Wolverhampton had received a £21.6 million increase to the core spending power. This equated to a 7.2% increase which was above inflation and therefore the increase should be welcomed. He looked forward to this being factored into the final budget. He asked about the plan for the earmarked reserves over the next financial year.

A Member of the Board ask how much the Council was exposed to risk as a use of derivative instruments. His second question was on how the Council calculated bank counterparty risk. His final question was how exposed in pound terms was the Council to a further 1% rise in bank rate.

The Director of Resources responded that in the Full Council budget report, there would be an assurance given on the adequacy of the reserves. On the questions relating to derivatives and bank counterparty risk, he promised to respond to Board Members in writing so a full technical response could be given.

A Board Member commented that the plan referred to a priority of Wulfriens living longer healthy lives, she asked what this was being compared to. The Head of Policy and Strategy responded that they compared it to benchmark data and hoped to see improvement in the performance indicators.

A Board Member referred to the Public Health Annual Report, she felt the most current report did not have all the ward level data that it used to contain. She emphasised the importance of data on unemployment, skill levels and health statistics. The Chief Operating responded that he agreed with the importance of data. The Health Scrutiny Panel received a report at their December meeting with the Public Health Annual report which did contain some important Ward data. He

said he would circulate the document to Board Members. The Board Member commented that the Public Health Annual report did not contain the information it had in the past such as on housing and skills. The Chief Operating Officer referred to WV Insight which was available to Councillors and the Public, which contained substantial information including a Ward Data Dashboard. He said he would circulate the link to the Dashboard again to Scrutiny Board Members. The Board Member commented that data comparisons with similar areas such as Sheffield would be beneficial. The Chief Operating Officer stated that an, All Councillor Briefing could be arranged to help Councillors know where all the data could be found and making the best use out of the WV Insight system.

A Member of the Board raised a concern about GP Appointments being difficult to obtain and Ambulance response times. Cllr Roberts responded that Primary Care had been an item at the Health Scrutiny Panel recently including a survey completed by Healthwatch. She asked for the relevant reports be sent to Board Members. The Scrutiny Team Leader added that he would circulate to Board Members the presentation the Health Scrutiny Panel had received on the West Midlands Ambulance Service at their last meeting.

A Member of the Board raised the importance of investment in the City. She expressed the importance of data on this point. The Head of Policy and Strategy responded that the Good Growth Strategy was going to be considered by the Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel on 7 February 2024. A large part of that strategy was about Inward Investment. She was also happy to reinforce in the plan how the Council was working at a system level, in helping to address issues regarding access to healthcare.

A Board Member commented that the Ward boundaries had changed in May 2023 and so it was important to take this into account when comparing data from previous years at Ward level.

The Vice-Chair expressed disappointment that the Strategic Risk Register was not in the agenda pack and asked for any future report on the subject to include it in full. The Chief Operating Officer responded that it had not been included in the pack because the Board had considered it in detail at their last meeting in December. It was currently being updated and would be received by the Audit and Risk Committee in March 2024. The Committee regularly considered the Strategic Risk Register alongside Cabinet. Cabinet received the register on a quarterly basis, as it did for Scrutiny Board. There were currently 32 risks listed, listed by Portfolio.

The Chair gave praise to the Our City: Our Plan. He believed it was making a difference and was now one of the most important documents within the Council. He gave praise to WV Insight site which meant all the data was in one place. He referred to the rapid development of Artificial Intelligence and how this would bring change in the future.

**Resolved:** That the Our City: Our Plan Refresh 2024-2025, and Budget, Performance and Medium Term Financial Strategy be accepted by the Scrutiny Board.

5 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

The Vice-Chair made reference to the Heath Towns Bath item which was coming before Cabinet Resources Panel on the 21 February 2024. The issue was of huge interest to many Members and residents of the City. The Forward Plan document referred to the item being, fully exempt. He expected as much information as possible to be publicly available at the meeting. The Chief Operating Officer confirmed that he expected to publish a public version and a second version with any exempt material.

**Resolved:** That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be noted.

6 **Scrutiny Work Programme**

A Member of the Board stated that he looked forward to an item on Yoo Recruit being received.

The Vice-Chair gave praise to the Scrutiny Work Programme and commented that it was comprehensive and continuing to improve each year.

A Member of the Board asked for the terms of reference for the Climate Change, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Panel to be updated over the coming months to include its prescribed remit for the scrutiny of climate change matters.

The Chief Operating Officer commented that the Climate Change, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Panel had considered an item on Council 2028 Net Zero. In March 2024 the Panel would be receiving a report on the more wider Climate Change Programme which included the Net Zero target for 2041 for the City. He would also make sure there were items on Climate Change in the new Municipal year for the Panel.

The Chair gave praise to the Scrutiny Work Programme, he looked forward to the new items coming forward for the remainder of the Municipal year.

**Resolved:** That the Scrutiny Work Programme be agreed.

The meeting closed at 7:01pm.

# City Learning Quarter

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Agenda Item No: 4

Presenter:

**Charlotte Johns**  
Executive Director of  
Economy

**Mark Bassett**  
CLQ Programme Director

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## Recommendations for action or decision

The Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

1. Consider the information presented on the current status, and plans for the City Learning Quarter, comment on the programme delivery, and make any recommendations for future activity as appropriate.
2. Endorse the presentation of future updates on the City Learning Quarter, to Scrutiny Board on a six-monthly basis, or to make recommendations on alternative arrangements for updating Councillors.



## Key Questions for Scrutiny to consider:

1. Do the arrangements in place for the delivery of the City Learning Quarter demonstrate robust and responsible corporate governance, having learnt lessons from previous major capital projects delivery?
2. Are there any additional improvements to the current arrangements that should be considered and actioned?
3. How might the Council ensure that the wider outcomes and legacy of the investment in the City Learning Quarter are maximised for the benefit of City residents?

## Purpose and Background

- The City Learning Quarter was originally approved by the Council in 2017, with many subsequent reports presented since that time.
- The most recent updated approval allowing the programme to proceed was at Cabinet in October 2023.
- This approval established a budget of £69.2m for the programme which is to be completed by the end of 2025, allowing use of the new facilities for the academic year 2025/2026.
- The following slides outline more detail on the vision, delivery arrangements, and proposed legacy of the City Learning Quarter.

## Key information for Scrutiny

- The City Learning Quarter directly targets improvements in skills and learning for our residents, which addresses well documented challenges for youth unemployment in our City.
- The complexity of the funding being used for the City Learning Quarter, and the involvement of many stakeholders requires multiple formal legal agreements to be in place. This has impacted the delivery timescale and been out of the direct control of the Council.
- These matters have been progressed by the Council and partners over recent months allowing the programme to proceed with the approval of the Council and appropriate oversight by Officers and Councillors in place.

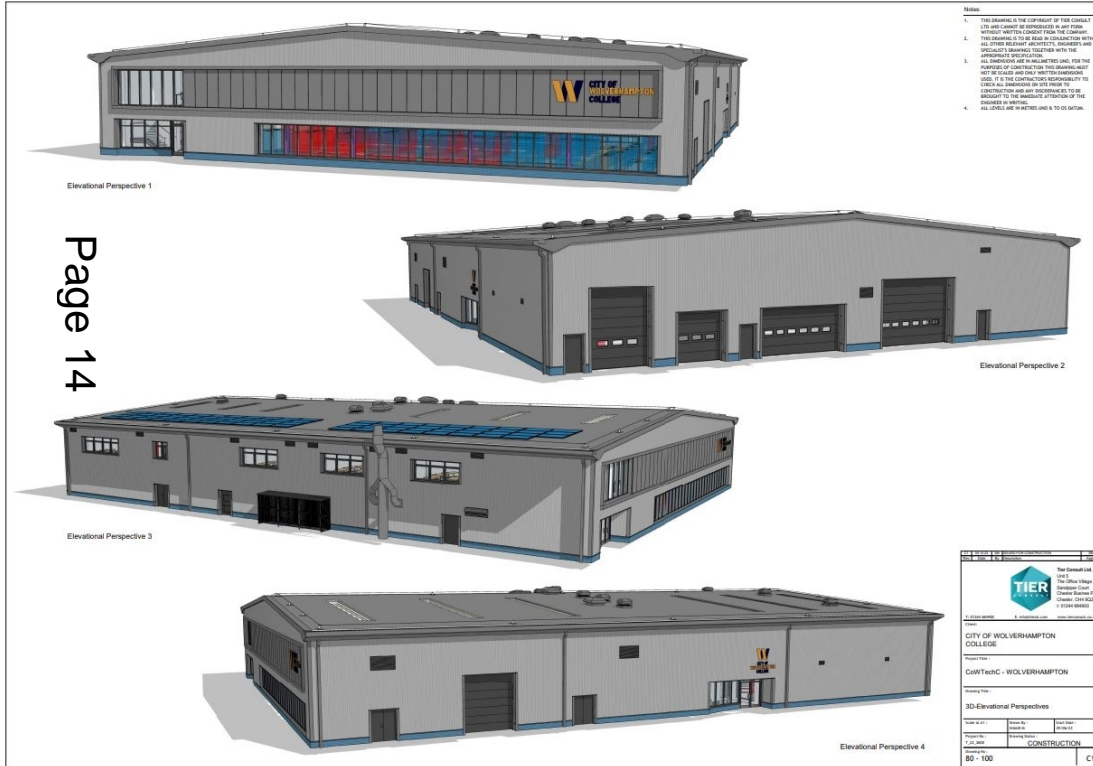
## The City Learning Quarter

- The City Learning Quarter (CLQ) will bring together inspirational state of the art learning environments onto two strategically connected, and more easily accessible sites – the City Centre and Wellington Road, Bilston.
- The programme is being delivered through a partnership between the Council and the City of Wolverhampton College, with funding support from Government and West Midlands Combined Authority in addition to the College/ Council contributions. It is a key component in Levelling-Up Wolverhampton.
- The co-location of the City of Wolverhampton College, Wolverhampton Central Library and Adult Education Services will offer co-ordinated lifelong learning opportunities to people of all ages. Residents will be equipped with skills and learning relevant to the needs of local employers, contributing to economic growth and well-being, and wholly supporting the achievement of Our City; Our Plan priorities.

## The City Learning Quarter will deliver

- Over 10,000 sq.m. new learning space/ over 5,000 sq. m. learning spaces updated and improved
- Over 8,000 apprenticeship starts by 2035
- Over 50,000 learner assists by 2035
- Over 200 business assists by 2035
- Over 50 new jobs/ over 420 jobs safeguarded
- Over 100 residential units (once Paget Road is vacated)
- New EV charging points and increased use of renewable energy on both sites
- Public realm and heritage asset improvements

# Phase 1 Advanced Technology & Automotive Centre (ATAC), Bilston



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# Phase 2 City Centre College Campus



## Phase 2 Wolverhampton Central Library

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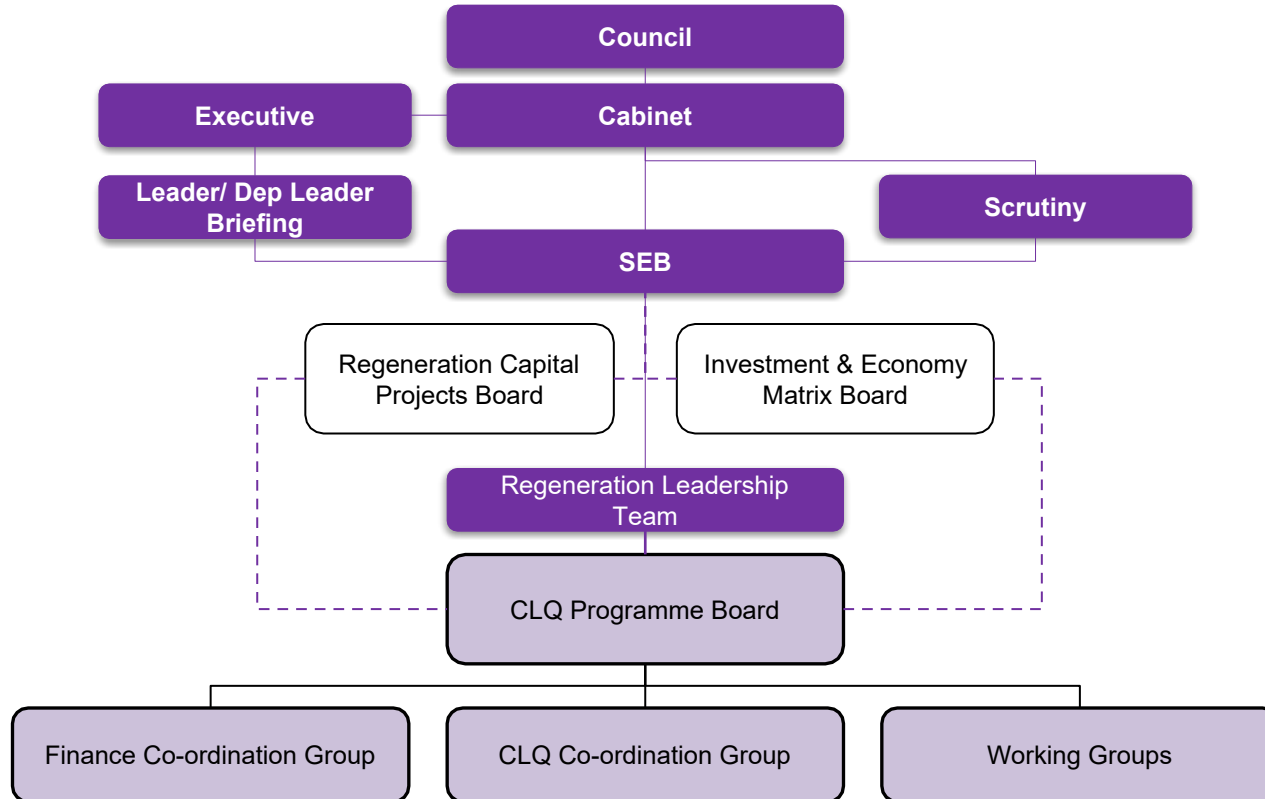




## Programme Overview

- The Council has learnt key lessons from previous major capital schemes, including the Civic Halls project, and ensured this has been adopted as part of the City Learning Quarter programme delivery.
- Appropriate and proportionate corporate governance in place with decision making through a Programme Board, and the Director of City Development as Senior Responsible Officer – with council officers from a range of relevant services, and external professional consultants advising the Board
- Robust processes are in place to ensure effective monitoring and reporting to key stakeholders including Government departments.
- Overall Budget £69.2m (Approved by Cabinet October 2023) and contingency provision is distributed across the programme
- The programme is currently forecast to be delivered within the approved budget and agreed timescale – with pro-active risk management in place to ensure the required outputs are met.

# CLQ Governance



# City Learning Quarter Assurance Review – reported to the Audit and Risk Committee November 2023

## Overall Conclusion

Our audit provides **satisfactory** assurance over the adequacy of the controls reviewed as part of the process to mitigate risks to an acceptable level.

No Assurance	Limited	Satisfactory	Substantial
Immediate action is required to address fundamental gaps, weaknesses or non-compliance identified. The system of governance, risk management and control is inadequate to effectively manage risks to the achievement of objectives in the area audited.	Significant gaps, weaknesses or non-compliance were identified. Improvement is required to the system of governance, risk management and control to effectively manage risks to the achievement of objectives in the area audited.	<b>There is a generally sound system of governance, risk management and control in place. Some issues, non-compliance or scope for improvement were identified which may put at risk the achievement of objectives in the area audited.</b>	A sound system of governance, risk management and control exists, with internal controls operating effectively and being consistently applied to support the achievement of objectives in the area audited.

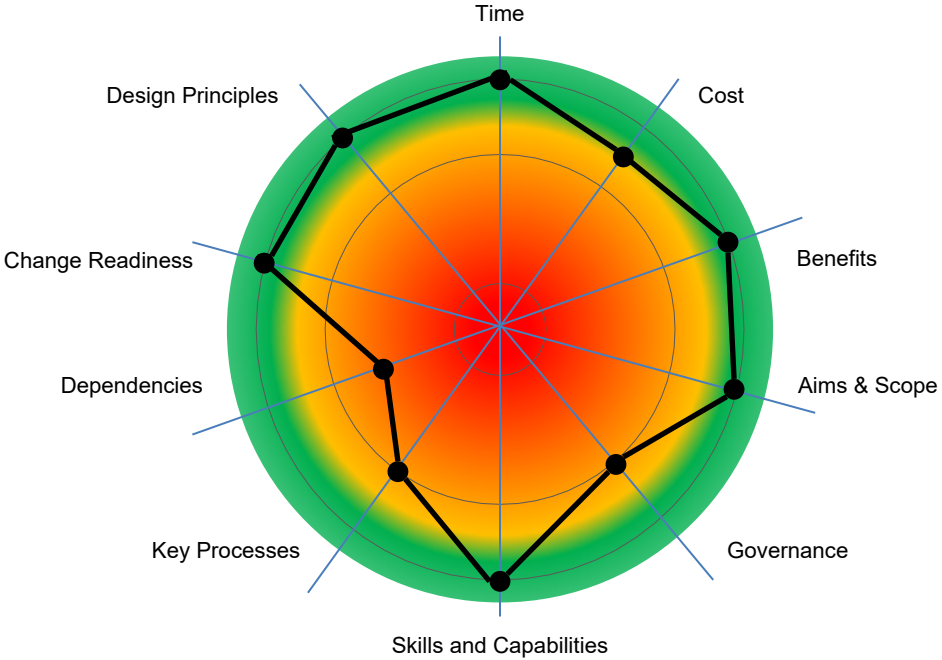
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## Examples of good practice identified:

During our review we identified the following examples of good practice in the management of risk, as achieved through the effective design and application of controls:

- A detailed and comprehensive Project Execution Plan (PEP) is in place which is subject to regular updates, scrutiny and review which was approved by the Project Board.
- A Project Board has been established and meets on a monthly basis.
- A dedicated Programme Director has been appointed to oversee the project.
- Up until December 2022 assurance work was also undertaken through a Project Management Office Supported Member Reference Group which met every quarter to discuss four capital projects, one of which was CLQ.
- Various specialist teams sit beneath the Project Board to provide support in delivering the project. This includes a Co-ordination Team and Finance Team.
- A signed contract with main Contractor setting out the scope of works was in place.
- A signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) was in place for project funding.
- Quarterly Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Returns were found to be submitted to DLUHC which were signed off by the Section 151 Officer.
- A grant agreement with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) had been executed.
- Councillors have been kept updated with progress on the project and appropriate approvals have been sought, as required, in accordance with the Constitution and the Scheme of Delegation.

# City Learning Quarter Assurance Self-Assessment – November 2022

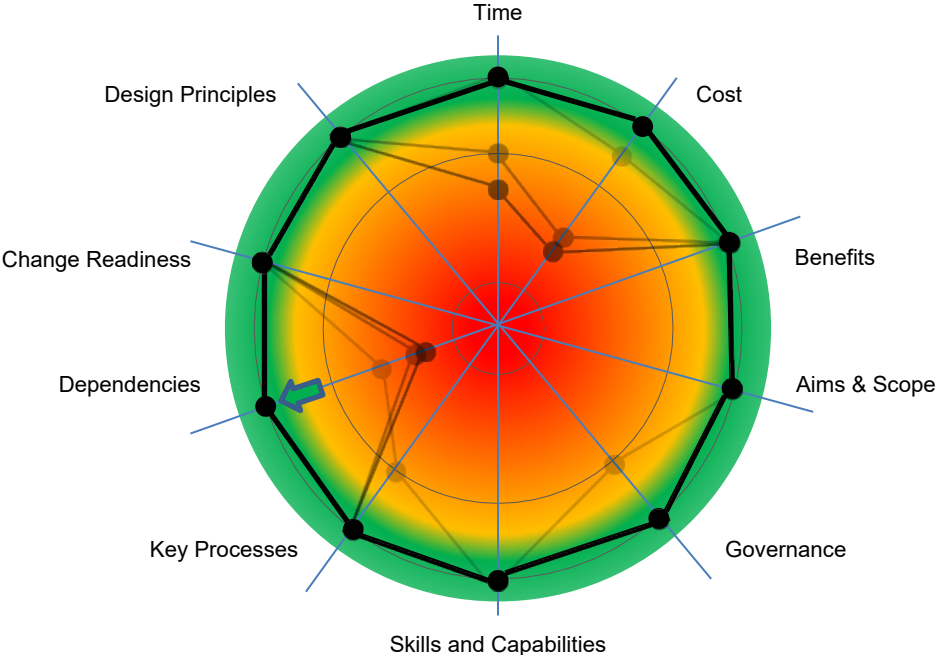


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# City Learning Quarter Assurance Self-Assessment – February 2024

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## Programme elements

### Phase 1 Advanced Technology and Automotive Centre, Bilston

Contractor	Speller Metcalfe	Budget	c. £8.1m	Planned completion	July 2024
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### Phase 2 City Centre College

Contractor	McLaughlin & Harvey	Budget	c. £46.2m	Planned completion	September 2025
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### Phase 2 Central Library Façade and Internal Alterations to co-locate Adult Education

Contractor	TBC	Budget	c. £5.2m	Planned completion	July 2025
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### Phase 3 College exit from Paget Road and redevelopment of site

Anticipated commencement	Late 2025
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# Programme Delivery

Programme Phase	2022				2023				2024				2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Phase 1 - Advanced Technology & Automotive Centre, Bilston				Contractor appointed Feb 2023	ATAC Construction Feb 2023 - July 2024											
Phase 2 - City Centre College	PSSC 05/09/2022 - 16/05/2023								College and External Works Construction Oct 2023 - Sep 2025							
Phase 2 - Central Library/ Adult Education Works								Procurement to March 24*	Pre-con to May 24*	Library Construction July 2024* - July 2025*						

\* Dates still subject to final confirmation



## The CLQ Legacy

It is critical that we seek to define and realise the full potential of the City Learning Quarter, ensuring this is relevant and recognisable to Councillors and other stakeholders, and benefits our City.

We will therefore work with stakeholders and partners, including through the Education, Skills and Employment Board to

- Pro-actively influence the positive impact for the Wolverhampton Pound; Climate Action; and Fairness, Equality and Inclusion through the activities of the programme and the future operations across the City Learning Quarter.
- Co-produce pathways to work, with the college and other stakeholders such as the University, schools, and other organisations.
- Ensure the input and inclusion of key stakeholders, including services and service users (e.g. Central Library/ Adult Education).

### Priorities

- Strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential
- Healthy, inclusive communities
- More local people into good jobs and training
- Thriving economy in all parts of the City

### Inputs

- Vision/ leadership /strategic direction – Partnership working to create an integrated City Learning Quarter
- Blended funding from multiple stakeholders £69.2m
- Education, Skills & Employment Strategy 2030

### Outcomes

- Development and sustained growth of a skilled workforce
- More people supported to be active within their communities
- Growth and development of local businesses
- Reduction of the City's carbon footprint and elimination of unnecessary waste

### Principles

- Driven by Digital
- Climate Action
- Fair and Equal

### Outputs

- Phase 1 - ATAC
- Phase 2 - City Centre Campus
- Phase 2 - Central Library
- Phase 3 - Paget Road

### Benefits

- Reduction in youth unemployment
- Increase in community activities and engagement
- Increases in turnover and growth for local businesses
- Reduction of the City's carbon footprint

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# Physical Activity Strategy

Scrutiny Board  
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Agenda Item No: 5

Presenter:

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Director of Public Health

**Richard Welch**

Head of Partnerships

**Hettie Pigott**

Senior Public Health Specialist

**Paul Yeomans**

WV Active Service Lead

## Recommendations for action or decision

The Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

1. Note the recent investment into WV Active and impact upon population health physical activity targets and, linked impact upon Public Health outcomes.
2. Note the published Health and Wellbeing Together Physical Activity Strategy.

## **Key Questions for Scrutiny to consider:**

1. What are the benefits of physical activity on health?
2. How active are our residents?
3. How does WV Active help us improve the health of our residents?
4. How does the wider physical activity strategy support our residents?
5. What has been delivered since the launch of the strategy?

## Purpose

- To present an overview on the recent investment into WV Active fitness areas and impact upon population health physical activity targets and, linked impact upon Public Health outcomes.
- To present the published Health & Wellbeing Physical Activity Strategy for noting by Scrutiny Board.



## Benefits of physical activity to health

- Physical inactivity is responsible for one in six UK deaths (equal to smoking) and is estimated to cost the UK £7.4 billion annually (including £0.9 billion to the NHS alone).<sup>1</sup>
  - Physical inactivity is the fourth leading cause of disease and disability in the UK and is responsible for up to 40% of long-term health conditions and 30% of later life functional limitations and falls.<sup>2</sup>
- Regular exercise is proven to help prevent and manage noncommunicable diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and several cancers. In children and adolescents, it improves physical fitness, cardiometabolic health, bone health, cognitive outcomes, mental health, and reduces storage of fat.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Physical activity: applying All Our Health (Office for Health Improvements and Disparities, 2022)

<sup>2</sup> Health Matters: Physical activity – prevention and management of long-term conditions (Department of Health and Social Care, 2020)

<sup>3</sup> Physical Activity (World Health Organisation, 2020)

## Benefits of physical activity to wider determinants of health<sup>4</sup>

- Having a physically active population has a positive impact on climate change and air pollution, as usage of motorised transport is reduced as people opt for active forms of transport such as walking and cycling, particularly for short journeys. This can assist with reducing the carbon footprint of the city.

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Active populations have more opportunities to interact, be part of their local community through interacting with others when exercising and this can enhance the connectivity and cohesion of communities.

- Participation in physical activity is associated with increased educational attainment and reduced crime rates.
- Physical activity can improve the number of years people are living in good health and independently thus reducing need for statutory services intervention and risk of accidents such as fire through reduced levels of frailty.

<sup>4</sup> Get a Move on – British Medical Association (British Medical Association, 2019)

## Background

- Unfortunately, nearly a third of Wolverhampton’s adult population are classed as physically inactive (30.5%), significantly worse than the regional and national average.<sup>5</sup>
- According to 2021/22, 42.5% of children and young people are ‘less active’. However, data released on 7 December 2023 showed a significant increase in active children and a significant reduction in ‘less active’ to 33.3%.<sup>6</sup>

Page 35 The *Health and Wellbeing Together Board* have made tackling physical inactivity a key priority in the *Wolverhampton Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy* and, together will create an environment where our residents can live longer, healthier and more active lives.

- The premise of the strategy is to **create equal and fair access** for all Wolverhampton residents to engage in physical activity and live happier and healthier lives.
- The strategy, published in December 2023 sets out the approach as a system, where the council plays a pivot role to be the facilitator of change and new ways of working both internally and externally.

<sup>5</sup> Public Health Outcomes Framework (Office of Health and Disparities, 2023)

<sup>6</sup> Active Lives Children and Young People Survey – academic year 2022-2023 (Sport England, 2023)

## WV Active Gym Refurbishment

- The physical activity strategy outlines the following two recommendations:
  - Take an insight and evidence-based approach to developing the offer at council run leisure facilities that meet the diverse needs of Wulfrunians.
  - Create a network of safe, accessible, and welcoming indoor and outdoor spaces for people to be active.
- We have responded to these through delivering a £1M refurbishment of WV Active gym facilities at all 3 centres, Bert Williams, Central and Aldersley which includes the realignment and redecoration of all spaces, new equipment and new maintenance agreement. We are ensuring that the facilities can appropriately cater for all protected characteristics, an example of this is the current customer consultation exercise for adaptive gym equipment.

## WVActive Gym Refurbishment

- The investment has been made in two phases utilising a framework for the purchase of the equipment. Approximate expenditure will be £625,000 for the initial purchase of urgent equipment to replace equipment that is currently obsolete or broken, and a second phase of expenditure for remaining required equipment, in particular equipment that is suitable for members with additional needs and any necessary refurbishment works, up to £375,000.
- The chosen provider includes a 2 year fully inclusive warranty and service period, and also has the option to extend this to a full 5-year period for all equipment supplied. To ensure equipment is maintained at a high standard, the Council has chosen to utilise the 5-year warranty and service period. However, this is inclusive in the initial purchase price and so no further payments will be made beyond the initial purchase price.

## WV Active Gym Refurbishment

- Since widening the facility offer, WV Active have attracted an additional 1,400 members, with the low levels of physical activity in the city, this is an additional 1,400 people regularly taking part in activity every week.

Page 38 This is an additional £250,000 a year of income through membership fees and membership will continue to grow.

This year has seen an unprecedented uplift in membership sign ups in the 'golden quarter' which is an industry wide period at the start of each new year where gym memberships increase due to new year goals.

## WV Active Gym Refurbishment

- Industry standard is that gym equipment should be replaced every 5 years to avoid high repair bills, particularly where usage is high.
- The WV Active service was receiving multiple complaints regarding the condition of existing gym equipment within its leisure facilities and this investment will resolve several service delivery issues and support the delivery of Health and Wellbeing Together's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy.

Page 39 As part of the newly launched gyms WV Active has increased its amount of accessible equipment within its gym areas. At Aldersley, the provision will increase further with the additional of 2 extra machines that can be used by wheelchair users with greater levels of decreased mobility. WV Active will also be providing a wheelchair treadmill at each site. These treadmills will be placed in our gyms and spin studios, with the latter allowing customers to take part in any of our timetabled spin classes.

- The purchase of new fitness equipment has also enabled WV Active to provide a bespoke young people's fitness area at Aldersley, utilising equipment that was no longer required in the main gyms. This also enables members with health conditions to train within a safer environment.

WV Active



## WV Active Gym Refurbishment - timeline

- **22 February 2023** - Budget approved within 2023-2024 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026 at Cabinet 22 February 2023.
- **22 February 2023** - Approval granted for procurement exercise within Procurement: Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services report at Cabinet (Resources) Panel. Delegated authority granted for the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing in consultation with Director of Public Health to award contract.
- **1 March 2023** – Budget approved within 2023-2024 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026 at full Council.
- **August 2023** - IEDN signed by Councillor Jaspal and John Denley following procurement exercise.
- **December 2023** – Refurbishment works commenced.
- **January 2024** – Launch of new look gyms at WV Active.

## WV Active – challenges

- Managing the number of members against availability and capacity of facilities - the tipping point.

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Reflection on the price point against capacity.

Maintaining standards for members and users with the volume of customers using the facilities.

- Accommodating wider use of facilities.
- Resources, both staffing and equipment available to manage demand.

## WV Active Improvement Plan

To further support the recommendations outlined in the Physical Activity Strategy, WV Active have highlighted the following areas of improvement.

- Aquatics – to review the current swimming lesson offer for adults, children, and particularly those residents with protected characteristics.
- SEND – to continue to build on the work to increase SEND provision already established through the gym refurbishment and Yo! Active programme.
- Workforce plan – To build a resilient workforce that offers equitable employment opportunities and to identify gaps in knowledge and skills of all WV Active staff and build a training package that will assist them in helping build an Active City.
- Community engagement – Continue to work with community physical activity spaces for example Ashmore Park Community Hub Gym to promote hyperlocal opportunities and support the development of a network of community activators.

# Overview of Physical Activity Strategy - Process

## Stage one: Needs Assessment

Physical Activity Joint Strategic Need Assessment has been produced for physical activity; the assessment includes:

- Data, policy and literature reviews
- Stakeholder and resident consultation and coproduction
- Population lifestyle and behavioural surveys (adults and children)
- Identified areas of concern
- Priority recommendations

## Stage two: Strategy

Physical Activity Strategy is based on the findings and recommendations of the needs assessment. It has been presented to and supported by:

- Physical Activity Steering Group
- All Local Authority Senior Leadership teams and other stakeholder groups
- Cabinet member for Adults and Wellbeing and Health & Wellbeing Together chair
- Leader of the Council
- Cabinet
- Health and Wellbeing Together Executive Board
- ICB Senior Leadership Team
- Approval from Health and Wellbeing Together
- Children and Families Together Board
- Strategy publication
- Action planning against recommendations



# Wolverhampton's Physical Activity Strategy

The Vision: Wulfrunians will live longer healthier lives

The Mission: To inspire and support Wulfrunians to move more every day

## Principles :

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### Innovation

Using an **evidence-based approach**, and where there isn't any evidence, **try something new or different** Wolverhampton

### Collaboration

We will work in **partnership** across organisations, **combining skills, knowledge and resources** to make a difference to Wulfrunians lives.

### Inclusion

Our approach will reflect the **diverse** population and communities of our city, striving to create a city where all Wulfrunians where have **equal and fair access** to being physically active.

### Ambition

We will be **ambitious** in our work and strive to **transform opportunities** for Wulfrunians to be active every day.

Active Wulfrunians

Active City

Active Spaces & Places

Active Systems

# Governance

## Health and Wellbeing Together Board

System leaders who provide direction, challenge and influence system change.

## Physical Activity Steering Group

To provide the strategic direction to deliver the Strategy and oversight of themes .

## Initial task and finish groups

Early Years

Children &  
Young People

Working Age

Older People

Spaces &  
Places

Active  
System

## Integration into existing system governance

e.g. Open Spaces Strategy group, WVActive project group, Cycling forum, One Wolverhampton, #YES board, Family Hubs Steering Group

## Monitoring and evaluation framework

National indicators: Public Health Outcomes Framework, Active Lives  
Local indicators: e.g., Health Related Behaviour Survey and City Lifestyle Survey, structured research programme for innovative projects

## Other achievements to date

Work to support the recommendations in the physical activity strategy have already commenced, they include:

- **Yo! Active** - Successful appointment of Wolves Foundation to deliver a free physical activity programme for children and young people at WV Active, Bob Jones Community Hub and other community facilities across the city. The programme will offer up to 50 Hours of free activity a week, in addition to the current free-swimming offer and will compliment and enhance the existing HAF and #Yes activities already being delivered under the Yo! Wolves brand.
- **HY5! On the Move** - WV Active are working with HY5! Youth Forum, a service for young people with a special educational need or disability (SEND) on the HY5! On the move project. This project looks to assess the accessibility of venues across Wolverhampton from a young person's point of view and provide recommendations for action of how they can be improved for children and young people with a special educational need or disability.



## Other achievements to date continued

- **Swimming Lessons** - the launch of ALPHA Step classes at WV Active Bilston Bert Williams these are designed to support children who have special educational needs or a disability to start their swimming journey. It builds key water skills and confidence. Alongside the launch of the children's lessons WV Active have launched adult lessons for people with special educational needs or a disability. The aim is to grow this offer and support more people to be confident and safe in water.
- **Active Ageing** - An ICB funded project to provide physical activity to residents in care homes. Using local fitness instructors, the project focuses on providing simple activity that residents and care staff can do every day to improve movement and flexibility.
- **Active Neighbourhoods** – An ICB funded project aiming to support residents to access sport and physical activity within their 'place'. The study will gather information about the local area, consulting on how residents would like to be active, the opportunities already available or could be established and how they can access them. Heath Town ward has been chosen for the pilot given its positioning as fourth most in need when wards were compared against health outcomes, physical activity participation and deprivation. The three most in need wards are taking part in the Commonwealth Active Communities project.

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# Scrutiny Work Programme

2023 – 2024  
Version Date – 26 February 2024



## The Scrutiny Work Programme – 2023 to 2024

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.

Any scrutiny member is entitled to give notice to the Scrutiny Team that they wish an item relevant to the functions of the Panel to be considered for inclusion on an agenda for a meeting of the Board or Panel. A discussion will then take place between the Lead Officer for the Panel or Board, the Scrutiny Officer and the Chair / Vice-Chair of the Panel or Board to determine if the request for an additional item is a priority for scrutiny and to give time to consider the value scrutiny can bring to the item. This would ideally take place at an informal preparation meeting. If agreement cannot be reached, it will go to the Scrutiny Panel/Board for decision. The Chair will have due regard for all the points raised in making the decision. Where it is not considered appropriate for the Board or Panel to deal with the item(s), at the next meeting, the Chair will give the reasons for this decision to the member requesting the item.

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.

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**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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Should you need to contact the Scrutiny Team please email: [Scrutiny@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Scrutiny@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

## Scrutiny Board

**Chair:** Councillor Phil Bateman MBE

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Ellis Turrell

**Scrutiny Support:** Martin Stevens DL

- Co-ordinate the Scrutiny Work Programme
- Major infrastructure projects that crosscut Scrutiny Panels
- WMCA interface - Interface for the purposes of Scrutiny Board is defined, as including the relationship and interactions the Council has with the Combined Authority, particularly strategy and policy impacting on Wolverhampton.
- MTFS (overall oversight on Revenue/Capital/Assets)
- Overall performance
- Our City, Our Plan, the council's strategic framework for levelling up
- Pre-Decision – If an item needs to come for pre-decision, which cannot go to the relevant Scrutiny Panel for logistical reasons such as timing or the agenda already being at capacity, then Scrutiny Board can instead consider the item. Some pre-decision items may always need to come to Scrutiny Board such as the MTFS.
- Levelling Up
- Pre-Decision
- Call-in
- Petitions
- Wolverhampton Pound
- Oversight of Select Committee work – reporting on outcomes. Scrutiny Review Groups and Select Committees should clearly state in their terms of reference if they should report to the parent Scrutiny Panel or Scrutiny Board. To avoid duplication, it should not be both.

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
City West Relaunch Scheme - Payments	The Extraordinary Scrutiny Board meeting held on 2 May 2023 was adjourned.	John Roseblade	Isobel Woods / Richard Lawrence	13 June 2023	5 June 2023	Completed



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Statutory Scrutiny Guidance and the Governance of Scrutiny Board	A report detailing the purpose of Scrutiny Board and the Statutory Scrutiny Guidance.	David Pattison	David Pattison	13 June 2023	5 June 2023	Completed
Budget Performance Monitoring Q4	Standard Budget / Performance Monitoring Report – Q4.	Claire Nye / Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon / James Amphlett	20 July 2023	12 July 2023	Completed
WMCA Devolution Deal	To consider the Devolution Deal	Charlotte Johns	Laura Collings	26 September 2023	18 September 2023	Completed
Social Housing Regulation Act 2023 - Landlord Services Review	Pre-Decision Scrutiny. Scrutiny Board requested this item come before them last time it was before them.	John Roseblade	Andrew Bryant / Lynda Eyton	26 September 2023	18 September 2023	Completed
Task and Finish Scrutiny Group Proposals	As requested by the Chair and Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Board.	David Pattison / John Roseblade / Ian Fegan	N/A	26 September 2023	18 September 2023	Completed
Budget Performance Monitoring Q1	Standard Budget / Performance Monitoring Report	Claire Nye / Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon / James Amphlett	26 September 2023	18 September 2023	Completed

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Annual Scrutiny Report	Annual Scrutiny Report for May 2022 – May 2023.	David Pattison	Laura Noonan / Martin Stevens	23 October 2023	13 October 2023	Completed
Wolverhampton Local Plan	Requested by Scrutiny Board in September.	Richard Lawrence	Stephen Alexander / Ian Culley	23 October 2023	13 October 2023	Completed
Communication Plan for the Council	Cllr Phil Bateman requested this at a previous meeting of the Board. Stressing the importance of communications.	Ian Fegan	Richard Wyatt	14 November 2023	6 November 2023	Completed
Wolverhampton Pound – To include Progress on Recommendations from Select Committee	Review of recommendations from Wolverhampton Pound Select Committee	Claire Nye	John Thompson / Parvinder Uppal / Louise West	14 November 2023	6 November 2023	Completed
West Midlands Combined Authority - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report	Chair of Scrutiny Panel from WMCA will attend.	Lindsey Roberts (WMCA – Scrutiny Officer)	James Hughes (WMCA - Member Relationship Manager)	12 December 2023	4 December 2023	Completed
West Midlands Combined Authority - Report setting out the work they are carrying out this year	West Midlands Combined Authority falls in the remit of the Panel. Members requested further scrutiny in this area.	Laura Shoaf CBE (Chief Executive WMCA)	James Hughes (Member Relationship Manager)	12 December 2023	4 December 2023	Completed

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	They are providing a report on the work they are doing related to Wolverhampton.					
Housing Revenue Account (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)	Item is received annually each year.	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	12 December 2023	4 December 2023	Completed
Budget Performance Monitoring Q2	Standard Budget / Performance Monitoring Report – Q2.	Claire Nye / Charlotte Johns	James Amphlett / Alison Shannon	12 December 2023	4 December 2023	Completed
Budget and Performance Update (Pre-Decision Scrutiny). Includes Our City: Our Plan Refresh	Item is received annually each year.	James Howse / Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon / James Amphlett	6 February 2024	29 January 2024	Completed
WMCA Single Settlement	Officer request to include on the agenda.	Charlotte Johns	Laura Collings	21 February 2024	13 February 2024	Completed
Wolverhampton Local Plan	Scrutiny Board requested at the 23 Oct 2023 meeting.	Richard Lawrence	Stephen Alexander / Ian Culley Michele Ross	21 February 2024	13 February 2024	Completed
City Learning Quarter	Requested by Director	Richard Lawrence		5 March 2024	26 February 2024	Programmed

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Council's Physical Activity Strategy including recent investment in Gym Equipment	Requested by Chair	John Denley	Richard Welch	5 March 2024	26 February 2024	Programmed
Budget Performance Monitoring Q3	Standard Budget / Performance Monitoring Report – Q3.	James Howse / Charlotte Johns	James Amphlett / Alison Shannon	16 April 2024 (Pre-election period)	8 April 2024	Programmed
Emergency Planning	Requested by Chair	David Pattison	Tim Munro/ Chelsea Sibley	16 April 2024	8 April 2024	Programmed
Flooding Scrutiny Task and Finish Group – Final Report	To receive the final report from the Flooding Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.	David Pattison / John Roseblade	John Charles / Tim Munro/ Chelsea Sibley	16 April 2024 (Pre-election period)	8 April 2024	Programmed

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**To Be Scheduled for Scrutiny Board:-**

Funding Streams available to the Council (Action from 7 March 2023 – Scrutiny Board)

Cross Directorate - Mental Health Item as discussed by Scrutiny Board on 20 July 2023 (Early in the New Municipal Year)

## Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel

**Chair:** Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Udey Singh

**Scrutiny Support:** Lee Booker

### Remit, Function and Measures

- Help create good quality local jobs
- Working in partnership to support local people into work and better jobs
- Ensuring flexible skills 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
- Level of 16 & 17 year old NEETS
- 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
- Businesses that survive five years in the city
- % of premises in the city with full fibre coverage
- Wolverhampton based businesses supported by the Council
- New investment opportunities generated by the Council
- To measure progress against the Strategic Economic Plan.

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Portfolio for City Inclusive Economy about his Plans and Priorities for the Municipal Year	Chair requested Portfolio Holder to give a statement about	Richard Lawrence	Richard Lawrence	21 June 2023	13 June 2023	Completed

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	his plans for the year.					
Supporting the City's Businesses	Item requested at previous Panel meeting due to European Funding coming to an end in April.	Richard Lawrence	Isobel Woods	21 June 2023	13 June 2023	Completed
Supporting more people into jobs and training	Item requested at previous Panel meeting as part of on going Scrutiny on policy.	Emma Bennett	Isobel Woods	21 June 2023	13 June 2023	Completed
IPW Consultants Report on Visitor Economy	Item requested by Chair and agreed by Panel	Ian Fegan / Richard Lawrence	Ian Fegan	11 July 2023	3 July 2023	CANCELLED
IPW Consultants Report on Visitor Economy / 5 Years Event Strategy	Item requested by Chair and agreed by Panel	Ian Fegan / Richard Lawrence	Ian Fegan	27 September 2023	19 September 2023	Completed
National Brownfield Institute & Green Innovation Corridor	Chair of Panel requested NBI to present their business case.	Richard Lawrence		27 September 2023	19 September 2023	Completed
Former Heath Town Baths	Panel requested a further item on this to check	Richard Lawrence		27 September 2023	19 September 2023	Completed

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	status of Development.					
Budget and Performance Update	Standard report received each year.	Richard Lawrence	James Amphlett Luke Dabin-Williams Raeesa Mohammed	29 November 2023	21 November 2023	Completed
Good Growth Strategy	Requested by Deputy Chief Executive for inclusion.	Charlotte Johns/Richard Lawrence	Charlotte Johns/ Laura Collings	29 November 2023	21 November 2023	Completed
Former Heath Town Baths Update	To consider the latest position.	Richard Lawrence		29 November 2023	21 November 2023	Completed
Business Growth	Request from Richard	Charlotte Johns / Richard Lawrence	Laura Collings / Julia Obada	7 February 2024	30 January 2024	Completed
Wolverhampton Speedway	As requested by Scrutiny Board	Ian Fegan		7 February 2024	30 January 2024	Completed
Development of Hotels in the City and the Visitor Economy	Panel Members have requested status of bringing new Hotels into the City.	Richard Lawrence	Kasandra Polyzoides	7 February 2024	30 January 2024	Completed

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**To Be Scheduled**

Creation Festival

Provisional Q&A with Portfolio Holder/ Leader (agreed in new Municipal year)

## Health Scrutiny Panel

**Chair:** Councillor Cllr Susan Roberts MBE

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Paul Singh

**Scrutiny Support:** Lee Booker

### Remit, Function and Measures

The Panel will have responsibility for scrutiny functions as they relate to the scrutiny of health provision in accordance with relevant legislation and Government guidance.

The Panel will look at Health related issues in partnership with:

- Public Health
- NHS
- ICB/ICP/ICS
- Health and wellbeing Board
- Healthwatch
- Neighbouring Authorities

In addition:-

- Participating with other relevant neighbouring authorities in any joint scrutiny arrangements of NHS Trusts providing cross border services
- Initiating the response to any formal consultation undertaken by relevant NHS Trusts and the Integrated Care Board or other health providers or commissioners on any substantial development or variation in services
- Decisions made by or actions of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Reports and recommendations to relevant NHS bodies, relevant health service providers, the Secretary of State or Regulators
  
- Keep residents safe by containing and reducing the spread of Covid-19
- Close the gap on healthy life expectancy
- Help people live happier more active lives
- Protect vulnerable people at risk of harm and exploitation
- Alcohol specific mortality per 100,000
- % of physically inactive adults (Public Health Outcomes Framework)



- % of less active children (Active Lives Survey)
- Suicide rate (all persons) per 100,000
- % of 40-74 year olds attending offered health checks
- Number of individuals in treatment for alcohol (increase)
- Number of successful completions of alcohol treatment (no representation - increase)
- Number of alcohol detoxes (increase in referred, initiated, and completed)
- Narrowing the gap in % of adult residents in the city who have received their Covid-19 vaccination
- Number of 'free' activities for CYP in the city and uptake by- long term health conditions, disabilities, low socioeconomic groups, minority ethnic groups
- Number of referrals to physical activity opportunities by a health professional

Item	Description	Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Hearing Aids	Presentation on Hearing Aid services across the City. Access for patients and performance stats.	Paul Tulley, Managing Director – Wolverhampton ICB	Sally Sandel - ICB	29 June 2023	21 June 2023	Completed
Patient Participation Groups	Report/Presentation on the status of Patient Participation Groups in the city, including performance information and status of activity.	Paul Tulley, Managing Director – Wolverhampton ICB	Sally Sandel - ICB	29 June 2023	21 June 2023	Completed
Local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Officers requested this come before the Panel.	John Denley	Madeleine Freewood	29 June 2023	21 June 2023	Completed

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Healthwatch Urology Survey Report	Healthwatch requested to bring item to the Panel	Stacey Lewis	N/A	29 June 2023	21 June 2023	Completed
CQC Inspection Report on the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Adult Acute Service	Scrutiny on the recent downgrading of the Adult Acute Services at the Mental Health Trust	Marsha Foster (Chief Executive – Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust)	Dr Mark Weaver (Chief Medical Officer – Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust)	21 September 2023	13 September 2023	Completed
Maternity Services RWT	Chief Executive of RWT requested this come before the Panel due to the national changes and reports on failures at other Trusts.	David Loughton (Chief Executive – RWT)	Debra Hickman, Chief Nursing Officer - RWT	21 September 2023	13 September 2023	Completed
RWT Quality Accounts	Standard report received each year.	David Loughton (Chief Executive – RWT)	Cody Long, Deputy Director of Assurance - RWT	21 September 2023	13 September 2023	Completed

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Healthwatch Annual Report	To receive the annual Healthwatch report. Standard item.	Stacey Lewis – Wolverhampton Healthwatch	N/A	21 September 2023	13 September 2023	Completed
Public Health Annual Report	Standard Annual Report the Panel receives each year.	John Denley	Madeleine Freewood	14 December 2023	6 December 2023	Completed
Budget and Performance Update	Standard report received each year.	John Denley	James Amphlett Jo McCoy Lindsey Cowan	14 December 2023	6 December 2023	Completed
Child to Adult Transition Services	Member of the Panel requested.	David Loughton (Chief Executive – RWT)	Debra Hickman Chief Nursing Officer - RWT	14 December 2023	6 December 2023	Completed
Hospital at Home	RWT requested this item about Virtual Wards.	David Loughton (Chief Executive – RWT)	Debra Hickman Chief Nursing Officer - RWT	14 December 2023	6 December 2023	Completed
Healthwatch GP Services Survey	Healthwatch survey to incorporate feedback on call access times as well as investigating website patient access.	Stacey Lewis – Wolverhampton Healthwatch	N/A	14 December 2023	6 December 2023	Completed
Gynaecology Services Review	Vice-Chair requested item. Joint item with RWT, Public Health and ICB with a focus on Gynaecology services at New Cross and Trust partners, the Manor and Cannock.	David Loughton (Chief Executive – RWT)	Debra Hickman (Chief Nursing Officer RWT)	18 January 2024	10 January 2024	Completed

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West Midlands Ambulance Service Review Wolverhampton	Routine item required for review by the Panel	Pippa Wall/Mark Doherty	N/A	18 January 2024	10 January 2024	Completed
Integrated Care System Review of Strategy, Performance and Priorities	Full review of the strategy and performance against priorities.	John Denley/Paul Tulley	N/A	18 January 2024	10 January 2024	Completed
Healthwatch GP Services Survey	Continuation of the part-deferred item from the previous meeting	Stacey Lewis	N/A	18 January 2024	10 January 2024	Completed
Tuberculosis In Wolverhampton – Stats and Review	Item requested by Vice Chair	John Denley	Ainee Khan / Riva Eardley	18 January 2024	10 January 2024	Completed
RWT Hospital Transport Service	Requested by the Panel when they considered Urology item.	David Loughton (Chief Executive – RWT)	N/A	21 March 2024	13 March 2024	Programmed
One Wolverhampton - Pharmacy	How Pharmacy services are changing within the new health system framework .	John Denley/Paul Tulley	Bal Kaur	21 March 2024	13 March 2024	Programmed

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**To be added** - How the Care Quality Commission works in Wolverhampton – new municipal year  
Deferred to next Municipal year Mental Health Item & Dentistry .

## **Climate Change, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Panel**

**Chair:** Councillor Anwen Muston

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Wendy Dalton

**Scrutiny Support:** Earl Piggott-Smith

### **Remit, Function and Measures**

The scrutiny of:

- Vibrant sustainable communities where people feel proud to live
- Keeping neighbourhoods, city infrastructure and the environment clean
- Improving city housing
- Cultural and leisure services
- Community Safety (Designated Statutory Panel)
- Work together to deliver 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
- 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 support in the community to prevent further harm
- Number of domestic abuse cases referred to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- WV Active membership numbers with breakdown by- long term health conditions, disabilities, low socioeconomic groups, minority ethnic groups
- Number of rapid charging electric car points in the city
- % Domestic Abuse related incidents and crimes

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Rough Sleepers Update	Presentation on the Councils homelessness team and up to date information on rough sleepers	John Denley	Anthony Walker	27 June 2023	19 June 2023	Completed
Improvement of Housing Standards through Licensing (exempt report)	Report on Housing Standards in the private rented sector with particular focus on licensing.	John Roseblade	Chris Howell & William Humphries	27 June 2023	19 June 2023	Completed
Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Strategic Priorities Consultation	Officer request.	John Denley	Hannah Pawley	27 June 2023	19 June 2023	Completed
Wolverhampton Homes – Building Safety Strategy (particular focus on Fire Safety)	Member requested at a previous meeting.	Shaun Aldis	Simon Bamfield/Ian Gardner (WHM)	28 September 2023	20 September 2023	Completed
West Midlands Local Transport Plan Status	Panel received a report last year and asked them to come back in the future.	John Roseblade	Alex Greatholder/Marianne Page (TfWM)	28 September 2023	20 September 2023	Completed

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Wolverhampton Homes Customer Engagement Strategy - briefing	At Chair's request.	John Roseblade	Shaun Aldis/ Julie Haydon	28 September 2023	20 September 2023	Completed
Climate Change 2028	Chair requested.	David Pattison	Perminder Balu/Oliver Thomas	19 October 2023	11 October 2023	Completed
Fly Tipping	Member requested at Scrutiny Board.	John Roseblade	Steve Woodward	19 October 2023	11 October 2023	Completed
Community Safety Police Session 1	Panel requested more items on the police after a previous successful meeting with the Police.	John Denley	Supt Martin Hurcomb – West Midlands Police and Simon Foster, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner	16 November 2023	8 November 2023	Completed
Budget and Performance Update	Standard item received each year.	John Roseblade	Luke Dabin-Williams Raeesa Mohammed James Amphlett	16 November 2023	8 November 2023	Completed
Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour	Item ties in with the Police and Community collaboration theme and enables Panel full overview with a partnership approach	John Denley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supt Martin Hurcomb – West Midlands Police</li> <li>Simon Foster, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner</li> </ul>	22 February 2024	14 February 2024	Completed

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wolverhampton Homes – Angela Barnes</li> <li>• Steve Woodward- Head of Environmental Services</li> </ul>			
Update Wolverhampton Homes Customer Engagement Strategy	At the request of the Panel.	John Roseblade	Shaun Aldis/ Julie Haydon	7 March 2024	28 February 2024	<b>Programmed</b>
Climate Change Wider Programme	At Chair's request.	David Pattison	Perminder Balu/Oliver Thomas	7 March 2024	28 February 2024	<b>Programmed</b>

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**To be scheduled**

- Aids and Adaptations - concern about delays in assessments - possible joint work with Adults Scrutiny Panel
- One Public Estates Project - Ballal Raza - Regeneration Programme Manager
- City Centre Public Space Protection Order Proposals (Findings from Consultation)
- Improvement of Housing Standards through Licensing – update on progress – report to be presented 11.7.24 - William Humphries
- Community Safety Strategy Consultation – final - Hannah Pawley
- Update on West Midlands Local Transport Plan - Alex Greatholder/Marianne Page (TfWM) - September 2024



## Adults Scrutiny Panel

**Chair:** Councillor Val Evans

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Christopher Haynes

**Scrutiny Support:** Earl Piggott-Smith

### Remit, Function and Measures

- Ensuring the health and care reform agenda is delivered for people in Wolverhampton
- Protecting vulnerable people at risk of harm and exploitation
- Services for older and vulnerable adults
- Local safeguarding arrangements for adults
- Support the Health and Social Care system to respond to and recover from Covid-19
- Maximise independence for people with care and support needs
- Work as a system to make sure that people get the right support at the right time
- % 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	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
4 July Meeting Postponed	N/A	N/A	N/A	4 July 2023	26 June 2023	<b>Agenda Sent Postponed</b>
Post Covid Position – update briefing	Update on current position	Becky Wilkinson	Becky Wilkinson	17 October 2023	9 October 2023	<b>Completed</b>

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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 2023-2024.	Becky Wilkinson	Jennifer Rogers	17 October 2023	9 October 2023	Completed
Adult Social Care Winter Planning 2023-24	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda.	Becky Wilkinson and Health Partners	Becky Wilkinson and Sian Thomas, Paul Tulley and Rachel Murphy	17 October 2023	9 October 2023	Completed
CQC Assurance Preparation	Presentation on CQC readiness and assurance for comment	Becky Wilkinson	Meena Dulai	20 November 2023	10 November 2023	Completed
Our Commitment to All Age Carers Update on Progress	Request from the panel to provide an update on progress. Carers to be invited to present	Becky Wilkinson	Sandra Ashton Jones	20 November 2023	10 November 2023	Completed
Adult Social Worker and	This is an annual report that	Becky Wilkinson	Courtney Abbott	20 November 2023	10 November 2023	Completed

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Workforce Health Check Surveys 2022 - update on actions	presented to the panel for discussion and comment.					
Budget and Performance Update	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda.	Becky Wilkinson	James Amphlett, Lindsey Cowan James Barlow	5 December 2023	27 November 2023	Completed
Transforming Adults Service Programme Annual Report 2022-2023	Requested from the Directorate.	Becky Wilkinson	Emma Deakin	5 December 2023	27 November 2023	Completed
Wolverhampton Adult Social Care Provider Care and Support Review 2024 - 2025	This is an annual report that presented to the panel for discussion and comment.	Andrew Wolverson	Andrew Wolverson	20 February 2024	12 February 2024	Completed
Quality Assurance Framework and Suspension Policy 2024 – 2034	Requested from the Directorate.	Andrew Wolverson	Andrew Wolverson	20 February 2024	12 February 2024	Completed
Adult Services Social Work and Wider Workforce Health Check Survey.	This is an annual report that presented to the panel for discussion and comment.	tbc	Courtney Abbott/Jennifer Rogers	19 March 2024	11 March 2024	Programmed

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Adult Social Care Position Statement – Review of the Year	CQC Quality Transformation	tbc	Andrew Wolverson	19 March 2024	11 March 2024	Programmed
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**Chair and Vice Chair to meet with CQC Inspectors – date tbc – Andrew Wolverson - <https://www.cqc.org.uk/local-systems/local-authorities/introducing-assessments> (Assessing how local authorities meet their Care Act duties is a new responsibility for CQC)**

### **Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel**

**Chair:** Councillor Qaiser Azeem

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Stephanie Haynes

**Scrutiny Support:** Earl Piggott-Smith

#### **Remit, Function and Measures**

The scrutiny of:

- Provision of all local authority services for children and young people including education, early intervention and prevention, social care, special needs and commissioned services.
- Children’s safeguarding including child exploitation.
- 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

- % 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 per 10,000 population
- 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
- % of EHC plans issued within 20 weeks

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Wolverhampton Children and Young People's Self-Evaluation 2023-24	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment.	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Completed
Principal Social Worker Annual Report 2022 - 2023	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment.	Emma Bennett	Jennifer Rogers	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Completed
Education, Skills and Employment Strategy – <b>Pre-Decision Scrutiny</b>	At the request of the Director, agreed by the Chair	Emma Bennett	Laura Collings	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Completed
SEND Written Statement of Action -	This will be a verbal update on the findings from the DFE/NHS	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed

DFE/NHS monitoring meeting - update	monitoring visit on 6 July 2023 and update from Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group - Written Statement of Action					
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for information and comment.	Alison Hinds	Phil Leivers	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed
WST Exploitation Thematic Review	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Andrew Wolverson	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed
WST Knife Crime Thematic Review	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Andrew Wolverson	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed
Semi-supported accommodation registration and children's homes not registered with Ofsted update	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Jazmine Walker/ Alison Hinds	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Deferred
Budget and Performance Update	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda.	Alison Hinds/Brenda Wile	James Barlow  Amanda Sherrard  James Amphlett	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed
Transforming Childrens	Request from Director to add	Alison Hinds	Emma Deakin	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed

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Services Programme Annual Report 2022 - 2023	this item to the agenda					
Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Alison Hinds	Rachel King	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed
Family Hubs and Start for Life Offer Programme – <b>to be circulated for information only prior to meeting</b>	The panel requested an update on plans to establish the programme and to review progress.	Alison Hinds	Alison Hinds	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed
Virtual School Head Annual Report 2023	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Brenda Wile	Darren Martindale, Virtual School Head	31 January 2024	23 January 2023	Completed
School Exclusion and Suspension - update on local data including plans to further reduce the number of school exclusions a	The panel requested on update on plans to reduce the number of school exclusions and suspensions.	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile /Jameel Mullan	31 January 2024	23 January 2023	Completed
Education Excellence: Update and monitoring	The panel requested an update on progress	Alison Hinds	Phil Leivers	31 January 2024	23 January 2024	Completed

	following the presentation of a previous report draft in January 2023.					
SEND and Inclusion Strategy ( <b>pre-decision scrutiny</b> )	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile	31 January 2024	23 January 2024	<b>Completed</b>
Wolverhampton Children and Young People's Self-Evaluation	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Lisa Preston	6 March 2024*	27 February 2024	<b>Programmed</b>
SEND and Inclusion Strategy – update ( <b>pre-decision scrutiny</b> )	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile	6 March 2024*	27 February 2024	<b>Programmed</b>
Childrens Services Social Work and Wider Workforce Health Check Survey	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.	Alison Hinds	Courtney Abbott /Jennifer Rogers	6 March 2024*	27 February 2024	<b>Programmed</b>



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School Appeals	Panel requested a progress report on actions.	David Pattison	Laura Gittos / Jaswinder Kaur	6 March 2024*	27 February 2024	Programmed
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### To be scheduled

- Children's Oral Health – 2024 special meeting (tbc)
- Proposed visit to new Childrens Residential Care Homes (2024 - Alison Hinds)
- Proposed visit to Family Hub network (2024 confirmed) - Alison Hinds
- Education, Skills and Employment Strategy update – July 2024
- School Place Sufficiency Strategy - Brenda Wile / Bill Hague - tbc 2024

**\*Meeting rescheduled with the agreement of the Chair and Vice Chair**

### Resources and Equality Scrutiny Panel

**Chair:** Councillor John Reynolds

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Sohail Khan

**Scrutiny Support:** Lee Booker

### Remit, Function and Measures

The scrutiny of organisation and performance of the human, financial, technical and material resources to support the delivery of Council services.

- Measuring Success
- Our City Our Plan – Our Council Programme
- Our Assets
- Our Data
- Our Digital
- Our Money – Including Reserves
- Our People
- Our City: Our Plan – PRIDE values

- Wolverhampton Pound
- Gender pay gap of council employees
- Ethnicity pay gap of council employees
- Customer Service call wait times
- Sickness absence rates
- Employee turnover rate
- Spend with local businesses
- Overall, how well informed do you think your council keeps residents about the services and benefits it provides? (LGA Resident Satisfaction Survey)

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Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
EDI strategy - Equalities Impact Assessments	Standing item  How the Council evaluates Equalities implications on projects and policy.	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	08 June 2023	31 May 2023	Completed
Land and Property Disposal Annual Report	Presentation on the handling of Asset Disposals	Claire Nye	Julia Nock	08 June 2023	31 May 2023	Completed
Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2022-2023	A quarterly report	Claire Nye	Allison Shannon	08 June 2023	31 May 2023	Completed

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EDI strategy Progress against Objectives	Our People, Adult, Children, Education and People. EDI Performance and KPIs	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	12 October 2023	4 October 2023	Completed
Race at Work Charter & Pay Gap Reporting	Presentation on progress with Race at Work Charter responsibilities	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	12 October 2023	4 October 2023	Completed
Treasury Management	For Information Only	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	12 October 2023	4 October 2023	Completed
Budget and Performance Update	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda – the report to include Our Council and Performance/Budget information.	David Pattison / Laura Phillips / Claire Nye	Alison Shannon Steve Morgan James Amphlett	7 December 2023	29 November 2023	Completed
Reserves	To discuss the Council's Reserves	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	7 December 2023	29 November 2023	Completed
Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025 report	pre-decision scrutiny – this is an annual report.	Claire Nye	Allison Shannon	7 December 2023	29 November 2023	Completed
Digital Wolves Strategy Update (paper)	This is an update to the report presented in February 2023 aimed at maximising the benefit of digital to residents and businesses in the city.	Charlotte Johns	Heather Clark	1 February 2024	24 January 2024	Completed

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Strategic Asset Plan 2024-2029	Pre-Decision - Extended briefing as requested by the Chair to discuss Asset Disposal Strategy	Richard Lawrence	Julia Nock	1 February 2024	24 January 2024	Completed
EDI strategy Progress against Objectives	Three Reports - 1) City Housing - Jenny Lewington , 2) Public Health John Denley 3) Annual EDI report Jin Takhar	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	12 March 2024	4 March 2024	Programmed
Customer Service Strategy	Request from panel on update on changes to the strategy following a presentation in October 2022. Inc LGA Resident Satisfaction Polling	Charlotte Johns	Lamour Gayle	12 March 2024	4 March 2024	Programmed
Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025	For information only, as per constitution.	James Howse	Alison Shannon	12 March 2024	4 March 2024	Programmed

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To be scheduled – Yoo Recruit! Item, Gender Pay Review (Deferred)

# Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Agenda Item No: 7

Date: 20 February 2024



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**CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL**

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](mailto: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:
<b>Our Council</b>					
<b>Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025</b> To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2024-2025.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561
<b>Capital Programme 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 Quarter Three Review and 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 Budget Strategy</b> The approve the Capital Programme 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 Quarter Three Review and 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 Budget Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561
<b>2024-2025 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2025 to 2026-2027</b> To present a balanced budget for 2024-2025 aligned to the Council Plan priorities and an update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2025 to 2026-2027.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561

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<b>21 February 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<b>21 February 2024 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 21 Feb 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<b>Pay Policy Statement 2024 - 2025</b> To refer to Council for approval the new Pay Policy and the publication of the Pay Policy.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sonika Kang People Policy and Strategy Lead Tel: 01902 556032
<b>Gender Pay Gap Report 2023</b> To report on the gender pay gap as of the snapshot date of 31 March 2023.	Not applicable	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sonika Kang People Policy and Strategy Lead Tel: 01902 556032
<b>Performance and Budget Monitoring 2023-2024</b> To provide an integrated finance and performance update against the Relighting Our City priorities.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561



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<p><b>City Development Regeneration Programme Budget and Procurement Route</b> Update on programme budget and procurement route.</p>	Not applicable	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Kassandra Polyzoides Deputy Director of Regeneration
<p><b>Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2023-2024</b> To approve the Treasury Management Activity Monitoring Quarter Three 2023-2024 report.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Alison Shannon Deputy Director Finance Tel: 01902 554561
<p><b>20 March 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>20 March 2024 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<p><b>Civic Centre - Investing in the City's Workspace Offer</b> Conditional approval is sought to let the entire Second Floor to a Third Party subject to conditions.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	Nick Hawkes Estates Manager
<p><b>24 April 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>24 April 2024 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<p><b>22 May 2024 - Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Public Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Open	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503

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<b>22 May 2024 - Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> Exempt Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Louise Miles Cabinet Member for Resources	John Thompson Head of Procurement Tel: 01902 554503
<b>Thriving economy in all parts of the city</b>					
<b>Wolverhampton Local Plan - Issues and Preferred Options Consultations</b> To approve the Wolverhampton Local Plan Issues and Preferred Options Report.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Michele Ross Lead Planning Manager Tel: 01902 554038
<b>Delivering the Bell Street Box Space</b> Update on the improvements, resources and approvals required to deliver the new Bell Street Box Space development as part of the regeneration of City Centre West.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for Visitor City	Ian Fegan Director of Communications and Visitor Experience
<b>Heath Town Baths Update</b> Position statement on re-development of Heath Town Baths.	Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Julia Nock Deputy Director of Assets Tel: 01902 550316

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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:
<b>City Centre West Business Case</b> To approve the Business Case.	Not applicable	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Kassandra Deputy Director of Regeneration
<b>Strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential</b>					
<b>West Midlands Combined Authority Single Settlement Memorandum of Understanding</b> Formal ratification of the single settlement memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the West Midlands Combined Authority and His Majesty's Government.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy Tel: 01902 550414
<b>Determined Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2025-2026</b> Outcome of admission arrangements consultation and seeking approval of the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	David Kirby Service Manager School Organisation and Support Tel: 01902 554152
<b>SEND and Inclusion Strategy</b> To approve the SEND and Inclusion Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	Helen Bakewell Head of SEND & Inclusion Tel: 01902 551583

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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:
<b>City of Wolverhampton Education Place Planning 2024- 2027</b> To approve the strategy following external consultation and proposed amendments.	All Wards	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	Bill Hague Head of Business and Support Tel: 01902 555100
<b>Fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it</b>					
<b>Our City: Our Plan Refresh</b> To approve the refresh of the Council's overarching strategic framework Our City: Our Plan for the 2024-2025 municipal year.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy Tel: 01902 550414
<b>Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2024-2025</b> To present the annual fees review for adult social care and support providers.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing	Juliet Alilionwu Head of Commissioning (Adults)
<b>Good homes in well connected neighbourhoods</b>					
<b>Wolverhampton Homes Business Plan 2024 - 2025</b> To present the Business Plan and associated Delivery Plan for Wolverhampton Homes 2024 - 2025, to seek approval and recommendation for adoption by the Council.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Jenny Lewington Deputy Director of City Housing Tel: 01902 555706

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<b>Good Growth Strategy</b> To approve the Council's new strategic economic plan.	All Wards	Cabinet 21 Feb 2024	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Laura Collings Head of Policy & Strategy Tel: 01902 550414
<b>Black Country Transport and Wolverhampton Major Transport Investment Programme 2024 - 2025</b> Investment programme for Black Country Transport and for Wolverhampton's Major Transport schemes programme for the period 2024 - 2025 and beyond.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Craig Collingswood Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Marianne Page Head of Strategic Transport Tel: 01902 551798
<b>Investing in our Well-Connected Communities Highway Capital Programme 2024-2025</b> To approve the Highway Capital Programme Report for the 2024/25 fiscal year.	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Craig Collingswood Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	John Charles Head of Network Management Tel: 01902 555752
<b>Homelessness Prevention Strategy</b> To approve the Homelessness Prevention Strategy.	All Wards	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Daniel Cartwright Homelessness Policy Officer

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<b>City Housing Decant Policy</b> Approval of the Council's approach to the decanting of tenants and leaseholders.	All Wards	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<b>Canalside South - Land Transaction</b> To report the final commercial terms of the Sale Agreement.	Heath Town	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	Claire Prince Regeneration officer Tel: 01902 550152
<b>WV Living Business Plan 2024 - 2029</b> To approve the updated business plan for WV Living.	All Wards	Cabinet 24 Apr 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	John Roseblade Director of Resident Services
<b>Revision to the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy</b> Revision to be made to the Private Sector Assistance Policy following review.	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Michelle Garbett Service Lead Housing Strategy Tel: 01902 552954
<b>99 Blackhalve Lane - property condition and future options</b> To report on the current condition of council owned properties at 99 Blackhalve Lane; and to recommend the preferred option to address the current issues.	Fallings Park	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Rhiannon Beach Housing Enabling Manager Tel: 01902 551512

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<p><b>Home Loss and Disturbance Policy</b> To approve a Home Loss and Disturbance Policy.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 24 Apr 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Meryl Tsagli Housing Policy Officer
<p><b>Wolverhampton Open Space Strategy and Action Plan</b> To approve the new Open Space Strategy and Action Plan for Wolverhampton.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 May 2024	Open	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal Cabinet Member for Visitor City	Ric Bravery Strategic Health Lead (City Planning) Tel: 01902 552177
<p><b>Housing Revenue Account Owned Assets - Update on the review of non-residential assets</b> To provide an update on the Housing Revenue Account Owned Assets - Review of non-residential assets and seek further approvals regarding the assets.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 22 May 2024	Open	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Rachel Prince Housing and Landlord Services Support Officer
<p><b>Housing Asset Management Strategy 2024 - 2028</b> To approve the Asset Management Strategy 2024-2028 for council owned housing stock.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893

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<p><b>Hampton View, Heath Town - Surrender of lease</b> To approve the agreed Heads of Terms with Sanctuary Housing Association for the surrender of lease for Hampton View and to agree the future use of the high-rise block.</p>	Heath Town	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 22 May 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Steve Evans Deputy Leader: City Housing	Karen Beasley Head of Housing Development Tel: 01902 554893
<b>More local people into good jobs and training</b>					
<p><b>Review of Agency Provision</b> Review of Agency Provision</p>	All Wards	Cabinet 20 Mar 2024	Open	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	Sukhvinder Mattu Head of People Services Tel: 01902 553571
<p><b>Restart Contract Update</b> Information on current situation of Restart Contract, delivered by Wolves at Work.</p>	All Wards	Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 Mar 2024	Fully Exempt	Councillor Jacqui Coogan Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education	Julie Obada Head of Skills

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