

Council Meeting

21 September 2016

Time 5.45 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Full Council

Venue Council Chamber - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

Membership (Quorum for this meeting is 15 Councillors)

Mayor Cllr Barry Findlay (Con)

Deputy Mayor Cllr Elias Mattu (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus
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Cllr Hazel Malcolm
Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Anwen Muston

Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Phil Page
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Judith Rowley
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Sandra Samuels
Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz
Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Mak Singh
Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Martin Waite
Cllr Daniel Warren

Conservative

Cllr Christopher Haynes
Cllr Christine Mills
Cllr Patricia Patten
Cllr Arun Photay
Cllr Paul Singh
Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Andrew Wynne
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

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Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett

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Agenda

Item No. *Title*

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
- 3 **Minutes of previous meetings - 20 July 2016** (Pages 5 - 14)
[To approve the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting and the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 20 July 2016]
- 4 **Communications**
[To receive the Mayor's announcements]

DECISION ITEMS

- 5 **Treasury management - annual report 2015/16 and activity monitoring quarter one 2016/17** (Pages 15 - 18)
[To approve an amendment to the Annual Investment Strategy]
- 6 **Adoption of the Wolverhampton City Centre area action plan** (Pages 19 - 20)
[To consider a recommendation from Cabinet on the adoption of the Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan]
- 7 **Human Resources** (Pages 21 - 22)
[To approve a recommendation of a Special Appointments Committee that David Watts be appointed as Service Director – Adults on the Council's senior management terms and conditions]
- 8 **WV Living detailed business plan phase one**
[To consider a recommendation from Cabinet on the approval to Phase 1 of the WV Living (the Council's Housing Company) detailed business plan to commence trading and delivering new housing for sale and market rent]

[This report will be sent to follow]
- 9 **Questions to Cabinet Members** (Pages 23 - 24)
[That the Cabinet Members for Resources, and City Environment and the Leader of the Council respond to questions received in accordance with the Constitutional rules of procedure]

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Extraordinary Council Meeting

Minutes - 20 July 2016

Attendance

Mayor Cllr Barry Findlay (Con)
Deputy Mayor Cllr Elias Mattu (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Harbans Bagri	Cllr Val Gibson	Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Harman Banger	Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Cllr Phil Page
Cllr Mary Bateman	Cllr Julie Hodgkiss	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Philip Bateman	Cllr Keith Inston	Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Payal Bedi-Chadha	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	Cllr Judith Rowley
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Cllr Alan Bolshaw	Cllr Andrew Johnson	Cllr Sandra Samuels
Cllr Greg Brackenridge	Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur	Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Ian Brookfield	Cllr Welcome Koussoukama	Cllr Mak Singh
Cllr Paula Brookfield	Cllr Roger Lawrence	Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Linda Leach	Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Claire Darke	Cllr Hazel Malcolm	Cllr Martin Waite
Cllr Steve Evans	Cllr Lynne Moran	Cllr Daniel Warren
Cllr Val Evans	Cllr Anwen Muston	

Conservative

Cllr Christopher Haynes	Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Christine Mills	Cllr Andrew Wynne
Cllr Patricia Patten	Cllr Jonathan Yardley
Cllr Udey Singh	

Employees

Tracey Christie	Head of Legal
Peter Farrow	Head of Audit
Ian Fegan	Head of Communications
Dereck Francis	Democratic Support Officer
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director - Place
Kevin O'Keefe	Director of Governance
Colin Parr	Head of Governance
Linda Sanders	Strategic Director - People
Mark Taylor	Director of Finance

Item No. *Title*

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian Claymore, Arun Photay, Malcolm Gwinnett, Paul Singh and Paul Sweet.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interests.

3 Honorary Alderman of the City of Wolverhampton

It was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr Roger Lawrence:

That under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, and in accordance with the revised policy approved by the Council on 28 July 2010, the Council does hereby confer upon Bishan Dass the title of Honorary Alderman of the City of Wolverhampton and also does hereby confer upon Richard Frederick Whitehouse the title of Honorary Alderman of the City of Wolverhampton in recognition of their eminent services to the City Council.

Cllr Roger Lawrence, paid tribute to the contribution to the work of the Council made by the former Cllrs Dass and Whitehouse.

Resolved:

That under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, and in accordance with the revised policy approved by the Council on 28 July 2010, the Council does hereby confer upon Bishan Dass the title of Honorary Alderman of the City of Wolverhampton and also does hereby confer upon Richard Frederick Whitehouse the title of Honorary Alderman of the City of Wolverhampton in recognition of their eminent services to the City Council.

Mr Dass and Mr Whitehouse expressed their thanks for the confirmation of the title of Honorary Alderman.

Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 20 July 2016

Attendance

Mayor Cllr Barry Findlay (Con)
Deputy Mayor Cllr Elias Mattu (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus
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The proceedings opened with Prayers

1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian Claymore, Arun Photay, Malcolm Gwinnett, Paul Singh and Paul Sweet.

2 **Declarations of interests**

No declarations of interests were made.

3 **Minutes of previous meeting - 18 May 2016**

The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded, and it was

Resolved:

That subject to an amendment to reflect that Cllr Louise Miles was in attendance at the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 May 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

4 **Communications**

The Late Honorary Alderman George Howells

The Mayor announced that it was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mr George Howells on Saturday 25 June. George was elected to the County Borough Council in 1969. He represented East Park Ward from 1973 until 1998. He also served twice as Mayor, the first time in 1985/6 and again in 1995/6. Together with the Mayoress he attended George's funeral service on Friday 15 July at Bushbury Crematorium. He extended the Council's deepest sympathies to George's family at this very sad time.

Jo Cox MP

The Mayor referred in sympathetic terms to the death of Jo Cox MP who was attacked in her constituency in West Yorkshire on 16 June.

Terror Attacks

The Mayor reported that he was also sad to announce the loss of more lives since the Council last met as a result of terror attacks around the world, this time in Istanbul, Orlando and Nice. He had sent a letter to his counterparts in the respective Countries conveying the Council's condolences.

Hate Crime

The Mayor added that there had also been a shocking attack on police officers in Dallas, where five officers were shot dead at a protest.

He was sure that everyone at the meeting would join him in condemning these atrocities which resulted in the death of so many people.

The meeting then stood in silent tribute of Honorary Alderman George Howells, Jo Cox MP and in remembering all the victims of the recent terror attacks and hate crime.

Hope Not Hate

On a more positive note, the Mayor stated that Wolverhampton was proud to be a city that respected and valued diversity. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes had no place in the city, region or country.

The City of Wolverhampton, condemn all forms of racism, xenophobia and all hate crimes unequivocally and stand firmly against those who wish to divide us. The City Council is working to ensure that statutory organisations and local communities are aware that they have our active support so that together we can prevent and tackle racism, xenophobia and hate crime wherever we find it.

The Council condemns any attack on our community and Wolverhampton Police have assured us that they are being extra vigilant in monitoring hate crimes. The Mayor requested that all residents pull together and support the city.

The Queen's Birthday Honours

The Mayor reported that the following people with connections to the city had received awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June:

- **Steve Morgan**, Chairman of Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club who was awarded a CBE for philanthropic services through the Morgan Foundation; and
- **Adrian Bowater**, who was awarded an MBE for services to Education.

The Mayor also said that he was delighted that the efforts of these two individuals, who have contributed so much to Wolverhampton over a great many years, had been recognised in this way.

On behalf of the residents of Wolverhampton, the Mayor added his congratulations to the many they would have already received on these awards, and he hoped that their efforts would inspire others.

VJ Day

The Mayor announced that the Central Branch of the City of Wolverhampton Royal British Legion would hold a service of remembrance at the Cenotaph, St Peter's Square, on 15 August starting at 11:30am. He hoped that as many Councillors as possible would be able to attend this important event.

Civic Events

The Mayor thanked all those who were able to attend the following important occasions in the civic calendar:

- Civic Sunday and Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday on 12 June 2016.
- Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony on 20 June 2016.
- Armed Forces Day parade on 25 June 2016.

5 Annual Scrutiny Report 2015 - 2016

Cllr Stephen Simkins presented the Annual Scrutiny Report 2015/16. He placed on record his thanks to all the contributors to the reviews and panel meetings that took place during the year. He also thanked Cabinet members for their contributions and

for taking on board the recommendations from the various scrutiny reviews and panels.

It was proposed by Cllr Stephen Simkins, seconded by Cllr Wendy Thompson and

Resolved:

That the Annual Scrutiny report 2015/16 be received.

6 Audit & Risk Committee Annual Report 2015-16

Cllr Craig Collingswood presented the Audit and Risk Committee Annual report 2015/16. He outlined the role of the Committee and highlighted some of the key developments by the Committee during the year. Cllr Collingswood also placed on record his thanks to the Vice-Chair to the Committee (Cllr Christine Mills) and to past and present members of the Committee over the last year for their contributions to work the Committee had achieved.

It was moved by Cllr Craig Collingswood, seconded by Cllr Christine Mills and

Resolved:

That the content of the 2015/16 Audit and Risk Committee annual report be approved.

7 Executive Business Report

The Council received a summary of executive business relating to the Care Leavers Charter.

Responding to a question from Cllr Hazel Malcolm, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Cllr Val Gibson) shared with the Council the work taking place to support care leavers. She reported that Cabinet had agreed to sign up to the Department of Education's Care Leavers Charter. The Charter sets out seven promises and principles to care leavers and endorsed the Council's Corporate Parenting responsibilities in raising the expectations, aspirations and understanding of care leavers locally. Cllr Gibson undertook to arrange for the Cabinet report to be recirculated to Councillors for information.

8 Capital Budget Outturn

Cllr Andrew Johnson presented the report on the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programmes outturn position at the end of 2015/16, and an update on their financial performance as at quarter one of 2016/17. A revised General Fund and HRA capital programmes for the period 2016/17 to 2020/21 were also submitted for approval.

Cllr Andrew Johnson drew to Council's attention a report presented to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on the Civic Halls improvement capital scheme. During the first phase enabling works on the scheme it had been discovered that additional reinforcing of the foundations and other works would be required. This would increase the requirement on the General Fund capital programme by £2.6 million. Cabinet (Resources) Panel had recommended to Council that it increase the capital

programme provision by that amount. This would be funded through additional borrowing that was fully funded from additional net income from the Civic Halls.

Cllr Wendy Thompson reported that the Conservative Group had supported the initial proposal relating to the Civic Halls refurbishment as well as the Council taking the risks on the i10, which had both proved beneficial to the City. However, whilst recognising that improvement was needed to the Civic Halls and welcoming the grant from the Local Enterprise Partnership for the capital scheme, she asked for further information on the request to increase the capital programme provision for the Civic Halls improvement scheme. Cllr Andrew Johnson referred Cllr Thompson to a link contained within the report before Council. He also undertook to provide her with a background paper regarding the structural issues that had come to light since work commenced on the capital scheme.

It was moved by Cllr Andrew Johnson, seconded by Cllr Peter Bilson and

Resolved:

1. That the revised medium term General Fund capital programme of £275.2 million, an increase of £13.6 million from the previously approved programme, reflecting the latest projected expenditure for the medium term be approved.
2. That the revised medium term Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme of £249.5 million, an increase of £24.1 million from the previously approved programme be approved.
3. That the additional resources for two new and sixty two existing General Fund projects totalling £13.6 million and for nine existing HRA projects totalling £24.1 million be approved.
4. That the updated capital financial strategy relating to: the approval of future capital projects, the declaration of identified underspends and the use of capital receipts to either reduce the Council's need to borrow to fund the approved capital programme or to apply the receipts on revenue reform projects under the new capital flexibility arrangements be approved.

9 **Corporate Plan 2016 - 2019**

Cllr Roger Lawrence presented a new three year Corporate Plan for 2016-2019 which had been developed using a strong outcome based business planning approach. He responded to comments made by Cllr Wendy Thompson regarding particularly welcoming the priorities in the Corporate Plan relating to supporting businesses, and encouraging enterprise, challenging schools more to provide the best education; in supporting older people; and on improving critical skills.

It was moved by Cllr Roger Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Peter Bilson and

Resolved:

That the Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2019 be endorsed.

10 **Appointments during the Municipal Year**

Cllr Roger Lawrence presented the report on the creation of a Councillor Champion for Councillor Development and ICT.

Responding to a question from Cllr Wendy Thompson on the necessity for the Councillor Champion post, Cllr Roger Lawrence reported that Councillor development was an important area and Councillors are regularly receiving emails regarding e-learning packages. The old view that Councillors do not need training was now rejected and the continuous development of councillors was essential. He hoped that the Council recognised the important role this post would play.

It was moved by Cllr Roger Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Andrew Johnson and

Resolved:

That the appointment by the Leader of the Council, of a Councillor Champion for Councillor Development and ICT be noted.

11 **Council Efficiency Strategy and Four Year Settlement**

Cllr Andrew Johnson presented a report on a proposal to sign up to the four year Local Government Finance Settlement option announced by the Government in February 2016 by publishing an efficiency strategy which had to be approved by Full Council.

It was moved by Cllr Andrew Johnson, seconded by Cllr Roger Lawrence and

Resolved:

1. That the 2016/17 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 - 2019/20, approved by Council on 2 March 2016, forms the basis of the Council's Efficiency Strategy subject to any appropriate drafting amendments, in order to sign up to the four year settlement option announced by the Government in February 2016.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the final four year settlement submission to the Secretary of State.
3. That it be noted that an updated Financial Plan and Efficiency Strategy would be presented to Cabinet in October, and to Council in November, and approval would be sought for publishing.

12 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Question 1 - Forward Planning for Secondary School Places

Councillor Udey Singh asked the following question to Cllr Claire Darke (as Cabinet Member for Education):

“Could the Cabinet Member confirm how many secondary school places are estimated to be required in Wolverhampton in the next 5 years, and advise Council on what plans have been put enacted to ensure that all secondary school children are guaranteed a place over that period?”

Cllr Darke replied that it was projected that 430 year 7 places would need to be introduced across the next five years to accommodate projected demand. This equated to 2150 overall across the five years. The projection is subject to change due to factors outside the Council's control such as changes in Government policy, internal and external migration and any school openings or closures in neighbouring authorities.

She also replied that the Council's school place planning activities were informed by the Council's Primary School Organisation and Secondary Sufficiency Strategies, which were considered and approved by Cabinet earlier on today (20 July).

Cllr Udey Singh asked the following supplementary question to the Cabinet Member:

"Can the Cabinet Member guarantee that every child will have a place in a secondary school that is within one bus ride or within walking distance from their home"

Cllr Darke replied that the Council does its best to find places for all children within the City. Government funding cuts and changes to Government education strategy had impacted on the Council's ability to respond to school places but the Council was doing a very good job.

Question 2 - Use of the Mayoral Vehicles

Councillor Thompson asked the following question to Councillor Milkinder Jaspal (as Cabinet Member for Governance):

"Could the Cabinet Member indicate which Members of the Council – in terms of which office holders – may be driven, with chauffeur, in the Mayoral vehicles, and in what circumstances?"

Cllr Milkinder Jaspal replied that the Council had two mayoral vehicles. They were a corporate resource and are available for use by councillors and employees whilst on council business, such as attending out of city meetings. Priority is given to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their mayoral duties. Use of the vehicles was monitored and he was sure that the vehicles provided value for money.

Cllr Thompson asked a supplementary question to the Cabinet Member for Governance:

"Will Cllr Milkinder Jaspal make the detail of who uses the mayoral vehicles on a weekly basis to the Conservative Leader's office?"

Cllr Milkinder Jaspal replied that the information could be provided.

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Meeting of the City Council

21 September 2016

Report title	Treasury Management – Annual Report 2015/16 and Activity Monitoring Quarter One 2016/17	
Referring body	Cabinet, 20 July 2016	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
Accountable director	Mark Taylor, Finance	
Originating service	Strategic Finance	
Accountable employee(s)	Claire Nye Tel Email	Chief Accountant 01902 550478 Claire.Nye@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Strategic Executive Board Cabinet Confident Capable Council Scrutiny Panel	8 July 2016 20 July 2016 14 September 2016

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to approve:

1. The amendment to paragraph 1.4 of the Annual Investment Strategy by lowering the minimum sovereign rating from AA+ to AA with regard to the Council's investment lending list.

Recommendations for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

1. The Council operated within the approved Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury Management Policy Statement during 2015/16.

2. Revenue savings of £7.6 million for the General Fund (including a special dividend from Birmingham Airport of £3.6 million) and £1.5 million for the Housing Revenue Account were generated from treasury management activities in 2015/16.
3. Revenue savings of £886,000 for the General Fund and £254,000 for the Housing Revenue Account are forecast from treasury management activities in 2016/17.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with the results of treasury management activities carried out in 2015/16, together with performance against the Prudential Indicators previously approved by Council. It also provides a monitoring and progress report on treasury management activity for the first quarter of 2016/17, in line with the Prudential Indicators approved by Council in March 2016.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 20 July 2016 Cabinet considered a report on 'Treasury management – annual report 2015/16 and activity monitoring quarter one 2016/17'. The report can be accessed online on the Council's website by following the link:

<http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=5988&Ver=4>

- 2.2 Cabinet recommended to Full Council that it approves:

1. The amendment to paragraph 1.4 of the Annual Investment Strategy by lowering the minimum sovereign rating from AA+ to AA with regard to the Council's investment lending list.

- 2.3 Cabinet recommended to Full Council that it notes:

1. The Council operated within the approved Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury Management Policy Statement during 2015/16.
2. Revenue savings of £7.6 million for the General Fund (including a special dividend from Birmingham Airport of £3.6 million) and £1.5 million for the Housing Revenue Account were generated from treasury management activities in 2015/16.
3. Revenue savings of £886,000 for the General Fund and £254,000 for the Housing Revenue Account are forecast from treasury management activities in 2016/17.
4. The capital programme figures included in this report assumes that the updated requests for capital resources being reported to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 19 July 2016 and Council on 20 July 2016 are approved. If this were not to be the case revised figures would be provided to Full Council on 21 September 2016.

- 2.4 The requests for capital resources mentioned in the above paragraph were approved and therefore, there is no need to revise the figures for this meeting.

3.0 Financial, legal, equalities, environmental, human resources and corporate landlord implications

3.1 The implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 20 July 2016.

4.0 Schedule of background papers

4.1 20 July 2016 Cabinet report – Treasury Management – Annual Report 2015/16 and Activity Monitoring Quarter One 2016/17

Meeting of the City Council

21 September 2016

Report title	Adoption of the Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan	
Referring body	Cabinet, 14 September 2016	
Councillor to present report	Councillor John Reynolds	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor John Reynolds City Economy	
Accountable director	Kevin O'Keefe, Governance	
Originating service	Democratic Support	
Accountable employee(s)	Colin Parr Tel Email	Head of Governance 01902 550105 colin.parr@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet Full Council	14 September 2016 21 September 2016

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Subject to the approval of Cabinet, the Council is recommended to:

Approve and adopt the Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To update Council on the final stages of production of the Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan (AAP) and to recommend that the Council adopts the AAP to be used for determining planning applications in the AAP area following a six week legal challenge period

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 14 September 2016 Cabinet considered a report on the Wolverhampton City Centre AAP.

- 2.2 Copies of the report have been deposited in the Members' Rooms and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. [Click here to access the report](#)

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendation from Cabinet.

- 2.3 The report recommends that Full Council approve and adopt the Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan.

- 2.4 The recommendation from Cabinet will be reported verbally to Full Council.

3.0 Financial, legal, equalities, environmental, human resources and corporate landlord implications

- 3.1 The implications are discussed in the body of the Cabinet report.

4.0 Schedule of background papers

Cabinet report – 14 September 2016

Meeting of the City Council

21 September 2016

Report title	Human Resources	
Referring body	Special Appointments Committee	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
Wards affected	N/A	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Cllr Sandra Samuels Adults	
Strategic director	Linda Sanders, Strategic Director - People	
Originating service	People	
Contact employee(s)	Linda Sanders Tel Email	Strategic Director, People 01902 555021 Linda.sanders@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the recommendation of a Special Appointments Committee that David Watts be appointed as Service Director – Adults on the council’s senior management terms and conditions.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To seek approval for the appointment of a Service Director – Adults.

2.0 Background

2.1 On 7 September 2016, a Special Appointment Committee was convened to interview for the post of Service Director – Adults. The committee's recommendation was to appoint David Watts.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The full-year cost of this post will range between £110,000 - £132,000 (including on-costs). This will be funded Service Director budget held within the People Directorate. [AS/0809216/U]

4.0 Legal implications

4.1 The employee appointment is made in accordance with the Councils policies and procedures, the Constitution and prevailing legislation. [RB/08092016/Y]

5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 The post referenced in this report has been evaluated against the Councils pay and grading scheme, ensuring that the Councils meets its equality obligations in terms of pay and conditions.

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 There are no environmental implications as a result of these proposals

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 The appointment has been made in accordance with HR policies and procedures.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

8.1 N/A

Meeting of the City Council

21 September 2016

Report title	Questions	
Referring body/Person	Councillor Udey Singh and Councillor Wendy Thompson	
Cabinet Members with lead responsibility	Councillor Roger Lawrence, Leader of the Council	Councillor Andrew Johnson (Resources)
Wards affected	All	
Accountable director	Kevin O'Keefe Governance	
Originating service	Democratic Support	
Accountable employee(s)	Colin Parr Tel Email	Head of Governance 01902 550105 colin.parr@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That Cabinet Members respond to questions received in accordance with the Council's rules of procedure.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 For Cabinet Members to respond to questions received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules as follows:

1. Councillor Udey Singh to ask the Cabinet Member for Resources:

Cost of translation services

"Could the Cabinet Member advise Council of the cost of translation and interpretation services provided by the authority over the last three completed financial years, and how many full-time equivalent staff are employed to deliver these services?"

2. Councillor Thompson to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment:

Residents' Parking Schemes

"Following the decision to introduce a paid residents' parking scheme adjacent to New Cross Hospital, can the Cabinet Member advise Council on whether – and if so where – there are plans to introduce similar schemes elsewhere in Wolverhampton?"

3. Councillor Thompson to ask the Leader of the Council:

Response to DCLG request for compliance

"Following the letter from Marcus Jones MP (Minister for Local Government) to the Leader of the Council dated 8th July 2016, regarding the Council's letter to residents sent with the 2016-2017 Council Tax bills, and the question of the authority's future compliance with the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity, (the "Publicity Code") can the Leader of the Council confirm that he has complied with the Minister's request for a response within one month of the date of his letter, and can he also advise Council of the steps being taken to ensure the authority's future compliance with the Publicity Code?"