

Council Meeting

1 March 2017

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

Cllr Harbans Bagri

Cllr Harman Banger

Cllr Mary Bateman

Cllr Philip Bateman

Cllr Payal Bedi-Chada

Cllr Peter Bilson

Cllr Alan Bolshaw

Cllr Greg Brackenridge

Cllr Ian Brookfield

Cllr Paula Brookfield

Cllr Ian Claymore

Cllr Craig Collingswood

Cllr Claire Darke

Cllr Steve Evans

Cllr Val Evans

Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal

Cllr Val Gibson

Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre

Cllr Julie Hodgkiss

Cllr Keith Inston

Cllr Jasbir Jaspal

Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal

Cllr Andrew Johnson

Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur

Cllr Welcome Koussoukama

Cllr Roger Lawrence

Cllr Linda Leach

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

UKIP

Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett

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Agenda

Item No. *Title*

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

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- 2 **Declarations of interest**
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[To receive the Mayor's announcements]

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[To approve the Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery 2017/2018]
- 6 **Senior Pay Policy Statement 2016/2017 and 2017/2018** (Pages 17 - 18)
[To approve the Senior Pay Policy Statement]
- 7 **Budget** (Pages 19 - 26)
[To consider and determine the Council's budgetary provisions for the forthcoming municipal year:
 - Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 quarter three review and 2017/18 to 2021/22 budget strategy
 - Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18
 - 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 – 2019/20
 - Council Tax Formal Resolutions]

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Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 1 February 2017

Attendance

Mayor Cllr Barry Findlay (Con)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus
Cllr Harbans Bagri
Cllr Harman Banger
Cllr Mary Bateman
Cllr Philip Bateman
Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Alan Bolshaw
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Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Lynne Moran
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 Stephen Simkins
Cllr Mak Singh
Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Martin Waite

Conservative

Cllr Christopher Haynes
Cllr Christine Mills
Cllr Paul Singh

Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Andrew Wynne

Employees

Tracey Christie
Keith Ireland
Tim Johnson
Jaswinder Kaur
Julien Kramer
Kevin O'Keefe
Colin Parr
Laura Phillips
Philippa Salmon
Mark Taylor

Head of Legal Services
Managing Director
Strategic Director Place
Democratic Services Manager
Director of Education
Director of Governance
Head of Governance
Strategic Business Manager
Democratic Services Officer
Director of Finance

The proceedings opened with Prayers

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Payal Bedi-Chadha, Claire Darke, Elias Mattu, Anwen Muston, Caroline Siarkiewicz, Daniel Warren, Pat Patten, Arun Photay, Jonathan Yardley and Malcolm Gwinnett.

2 Declarations of interest

The following Councillors declared the interests detailed below in respect of agenda item 6 Housing Revenue Account business plan (including 2017/18 budget rents and service charges).

Councillor	Interest	Reason
Ian Claymore	Disclosable non-pecuniary	Council tenant
Linda Leach	Disclosable non-pecuniary	Leaseholder
Peter O'Neil	Disclosable non-pecuniary	Council tenant
Rita Potter	Disclosable non-pecuniary	Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes
Paul Singh	Disclosable non-pecuniary	Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes
Tersaim Singh	Disclosable non-pecuniary	Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes

3 Minutes of previous meeting

The Mayor proposed, the Leader seconded, and it was resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14 December 2016, be agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Mayor.

4 Communications

1. The Baroness Heyhoe Flint OBE

The Mayor announced that it was with great sadness that we had learned of the death of, Baroness Heyhoe Flint OBE on the 18 January 2017. The Mayor extended the council's sincere condolences to the family.

The Leader and Councillor Wendy Thompson paid tribute to Baroness Heyhoe Flint OBE.

2. Former Mayoress Sandra Griffin

The Mayor announced that it was with great sadness that we had learned of the death of, *Sandra Griffin 11 January 2017*. The Mayor extended the council's sincere condolences to the family. The Leader paid tribute to Sandra Griffin.

The Council stood in silent tribute to Baroness Heyhoe Flint OBE and Sandra Griffin.

3. The Queen's New Year's Honours

The Mayor congratulated Mrs Davinder Kaur (Chief Executive Officer, SWEDA and Chair, Sandwell Consortium), of Fallings Park, Wolverhampton who received recognition in the Queen's New Year's Honours for services to Women's Enterprise and the community in Sandwell. The Mayor had written to Mrs Kaur expressing the Council's congratulations on her well-deserved award.

4. Welcome to Councillor Clyde Loakes

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader of the London Borough of Waltham Forest. Councillor Clyde Loakes was a member of the peer review team visiting Wolverhampton this week.

5. The Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands

The Mayor advised the Prime Minister announced on 3 January that the Queen had asked Mr John Crabtree OBE to become her representative as the Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands. Mr Crabtree took up the position with immediate effect. The Mayor had written to the Lord-Lieutenant on behalf of the City Council to extend the Council's sincere congratulations.

6. 150 Prince Albert, Celebrating Wolverhampton

The Mayor advised a commemorative plaque was fitted on the 'Man on the 'Oss' statue on the 10 January 2017, following the visit of HRH the Duke of Gloucester on the 23 November to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Queen Victoria's visit to Wolverhampton.

5 State of the City Address

The Leader of the Council delivered his state of the City address. He highlighted the following issues:

- That over the last 12 months there had been real progress in the pace of transformation and a difference was being made to the people of the City.
- There would be improved transport links with the extension of the metro line to the railway station and the HS2 connectivity package to the region.
- The City centre would offer an enhanced retail offer with the refurbishment of the Mander Centre and the markets relocating to southside. The importance and cultural heritage of the Town Centres in Bilston, Wednesfield and Tettenhall was also recognised.

- The culture offer had also been enhanced due to the refurbishment of the Civic Halls and the Grand Theatre.
- Further growth opportunities would be presented with the western extension of i54 and development of Westside.
- Unemployment was falling in the City but more needed to be done to offer jobs to local people, it was anticipated the following initiatives would help to reduce unemployment further through Wolverhampton workbox, the City Learning Quarter and Wolves@Work.
- The achievement of Children's Services in relation to safeguarding children through early interventions and reducing the number of Looked after Children was recognised.
- In future the demand for adult social care provision would increase and this would need to be managed through restricted funding.
- There had been significant improvements in the statistical data of public health and further work would be undertaken to improve this further.
- Housing was critical for the growth of the City and would help deliver further jobs. Further work needed to be undertaken on homelessness and a holistic approach was required.
- The contribution of partners was also recognised.
- The Council faced huge challenges but was better placed to deliver on change. The City had become a City on the move, a City on the make, a City to be proud of.

Councillor Wendy Thompson stated that progress had been made in the past five years but not historically under the Labour Party. She welcomed the progress made in certain areas however emphasised that more needed to be done to address the housing and employment issue. She highlighted the importance of the pace and rate of change in certain areas.

The Leader welcomed the comments, he did not agree with the historical analysis but acknowledged that the pace of change needed to be picked up and that the Council was in a better place to deliver on the improvements required in housing, employment and homelessness. The Health and Wellbeing Board would also ensure health services meet the needs of the population.

6 **Housing Revenue Account business plan (including 2017/18 budget rents and service charges)**

Councillor Peter Bilson presented a report on the updated Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan. The report also provided, as an integral part of that business plan, a proposed HRA budget for 2017/18, including proposed rents and service charges to take effect from 3 April 2017, and a proposed HRA capital programme for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21.

Councillor Peter Bilson proposed and Councillor Andrew Johnson seconded the recommendations.

Councillor Wendy Thompson stated the tenants would be grateful for the 1% reduction in social housing and there were no issues with the financial implications. She queried whether the Council was exploring the option of developing other traded companies for instance in education or other areas.

Councillor Andrew Johnson responded that the Council was constantly looking at trading venture opportunities which would benefit the residents of Wolverhampton. The Council had already set up a number of traded companies such as WV living and Yoo Recruit and the Council was currently in the process of exploring opportunities in an energy company, within education and other small initiatives.

Resolved:

1. That the 1% reduction in social housing rents be implemented in accordance with the Welfare Reform and Work Act and to give 28 days' notice to all secure and introductory tenants of the rent reduction from the 3 April 2017.
2. That the business plan be adopted as set out at appendix A within the report, as the approved Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan including;
 - a) The revenue budget for 2017/18 at Appendix A3 within the report;
 - b) The capital programme for 2017/18 to 2020/21 at Appendix A4 within the report, including the increased new build programme.
3. That the rates for garage rents and service charges be agreed as set out in appendices B1-B3 within the report and formally notify tenants.
4. That it be agreed from April 2017 all new tenancies can start on any day of the week to reduce void times, increase rental income and protect properties from potential anti-social behaviour.

7 Municipal Calendar of Meetings

Councillor Roger Lawrence presented the proposed timetable for Council and committee meetings for the next Council Year (2017-2018).

Councillor Roger Lawrence proposed and Councillor Andrew Johnson seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

That the City of Wolverhampton Council Calendar of Meetings for 2017-2018 be agreed.

8 School Standards - current overview

In the absence of Councillor Claire Darke, Councillor John Reynolds presented a report on of the current standards of schools and education outcomes across the City. He went on to provide an overview of headline data.

The Council was invited to scrutinise the contents of the report and make any suggestions or recommendations that strengthen the council's ability to carry out its functions to monitor the performance of schools in its area and ensure that where improvements were necessary, these were carried out effectively and expeditiously.

Councillor Paul Singh noted that schools were improving however sought clarification on why schools were still not meeting the optimum standard and how the issue would be addressed.

Councillor Wendy Thompson sought clarification on why the figure at 3.21 within the report was a deficit figure.

Councillor Udey Singh commented that the results were poor for key stage 3 and 4 and asked at what point poverty set in.

Councillor Philip Bateman highlighted that Special Schools and Nursery Schools within the City were 100% outstanding/good and that this should not be overlooked.

Councillor Peter Bilson responded the Council was third in the region and no one was in the 100% bracket range and that the Council should be proud of the schools and teachers. The Council was performing better than Solihull Council.

Councillor John Reynolds added the figure at 3.21 was a relative figure with the average being zero. He highlighted that Ofsted noted the support provided by Wolverhampton as outstanding. He went on to add the poverty levels had increased under the Conservative government.

Resolved:

That the report on schools standards – current overview be noted.

9 **Appointment of Local Returning Officer for the West Midlands Mayoral Election**

Councillor Roger Lawrence presented a report to propose the appointment of a Local Returning Officer for the City of Wolverhampton for the West Midlands Combined Authority election on 4 May. It also outlined the arrangements for polling stations for that election.

Councillor Roger Lawrence proposed and Councillor Andrew Johnson seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That the Managing Director be appointed as the Local Returning Officer for the City of Wolverhampton for the West Midlands Combined Authority election on the 4 May 2017.
2. That authority be delegated to the Local Returning Officer, following consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Member for Resources and Leader of the Opposition to make any operational changes to polling stations.
3. That it be noted, polling stations for the Mayoral election would be unchanged from those used at the 2016 PCC/City election and EU Referendum with the exception that the St Peter's station situated at the university would be reinstated at the Register Office (Civic Centre).
4. That it be noted, the West Midlands Combined Authority had agreed that no Local Returning Officer should pay any election employee less than the voluntary living wage.

10 Questions to Cabinet Members

Councillor Udey Singh asked the Cabinet Member for Education the following question:

The Progress 8 measure was introduced by the Government to encourage schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 4, and was based upon students' progress across English, Mathematics, and six other subjects from a list which includes the English Baccalaureate range of subjects and other approved disciplines. Can the Cabinet Member advise Council of the number of academies and LEA maintained schools in Wolverhampton which score below or well below the national average scores when using the Progress 8 measure?

Councillor John Reynolds responded in the absence of Councillor Claire Darke. A new secondary school accountability system had been implemented in 2016. The headline accountability measures for schools from 2016 were: Attainment 8, Progress 8, Attainment in English and Maths (A*- C), and English Baccalaureate (EBacc) entry and achievement.

- Because of the changes set out above, figures for 2016 were not comparable to those for earlier years
- In addition, only five of our 19 secondary schools were maintained by the Local Authority

Progress 8 aimed to capture the progress a pupil made from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4. It compared pupils' achievement to their Attainment 8 score, with the average Attainment 8 score of all pupils nationally who had a similar starting point (or 'prior attainment'), calculated using assessment results from the end of primary school. Progress 8 was a relative measure; therefore, the national average Progress 8 score for mainstream schools was zero.

- Average progress for Wolverhampton pupils between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 was -0.14 Wolverhampton's national position was 114th out of 152 Local Authorities. Wolverhampton was seventh against our statistical neighbours and fourth in the region.

DfE's definition of floor standards - this year for the first-time floor standards were calculated based on Progress 8 scores. The guidance stated that: "In 2016, a school would be below the floor standard if its Progress 8 score was below -0.5, and the upper band of the 95% confidence interval was below zero."

The following five schools were below the government definition for the 2015/2016 academic year:

	P8	Interval Upper
Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy	-0.52	-0.34
North East Wolverhampton Academy	-0.6	-0.42
Moreton Community School	-0.62	-0.44
St Matthias School	-0.83	-0.6
The King's Church of England School	-0.91	-0.69

Of the five schools listed above:

- Two schools were academies for which the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) was responsible for interventions into these schools and the School Standards Service (led by Alex Jones – Assistant Director of Education) was working closely with the RSC to ensure that appropriate challenge was delivered to the two schools.
- Three schools were maintained by the Council. These schools were being challenged and supported by the School Improvement Team in line with the interventions outlined in the School Improvement Strategy 2016.

Councillor Udey Singh had no supplementary question.

Councillor Paul Singh asked the Cabinet Member for Governance the following question:

Can the Cabinet Member advice Council on the number of interim appointees and those on fixed contracts holding senior management positions within the authority at the moment at Grade 9 or above (annual salary starting at £48,070)?

Councillor Milkinder Jaspal responded that there were currently 59 interims of which 12 were appointed against permanent positions. 14 officers were appointed on fixed term contracts and the figures varied week by week.

Councillor Paul Singh asked a supplementary question:

Can the Cabinet Member advice on the Council definition of interim.

Councillor Milkinder Jaspal responded that an interim was a short term appointment which varied from one month to twelve months. The length of the appointment varied and depended on the role undertaken. The Council was undergoing a radical change of services and therefore a flexible workforce was required to deliver in line with the changing demands.

Councillor Wendy Thompson asked the Cabinet Member for City Economy the following question:

“In the light of various complaints regarding the new traffic flow system serving Wolverhampton Mainline Railway Station, can the Cabinet Member advise Council on what measures were being considered to solve problems of road safety and convenience arising from the width of the pavements adjacent to the new taxi ranks and other restrictions of space for traffic flow to the station, and can he indicate a timescale for when these issues were likely to be addressed?”

Councillor John Reynolds responded that progress that had been made through the £132m Wolverhampton Interchange Programme. The programme was delivering major improvements at a key gateway into the City and the opening of the Multi Storey Car Park on the 8 January was the latest signal to residents and visitors to the City of the significant improvements that were being made and that the Council was making things happen.

He clarified that the Multi-storey car park and the “run –round“ area including the taxi rank and new station drop-off area was the responsibility of Network Rail, not the Council, with operational responsibility falling to the Station Franchise Operator – Virgin Trains. The design of the multi-storey car park extension and the run-round areas were also approved by Network Rail – and neither Network Rail nor Virgin Trains had raised any significant concerns with the Council about road safety, restrictions of space or traffic flow in this area.

He added, the City of Wolverhampton Council was one of several partners in the development of the Interchange and therefore Councillor John Reynolds was responding to the question on behalf of the development partnership as a whole.

The layout had been designed in accordance with Department for Transport guidelines and was intentionally designed to keep traffic speeds low, increasing safety on the site. The site had also been tested using “swept path” analysis software as part of the design process, with the results being approved by both the Council and Network Rail.

The new run-round area provided additional waiting space for taxis and members of the public. The old forecourt had space for 18 short stay spaces, plus two disabled parking bays. The new area had 16 short stay spaces, ten kiss and ride spaces and two disabled bays, a total of eight extra spaces. In addition, members of the public can also park for free for up to 20 minutes in the Multi-Storey Car Park.

For taxi drivers, there were 13 taxi spaces previously, with a further ten spaces in off-site feeder ranks. The new area had 13 taxi spaces (with a further three spaces to be provided once the Metro Alliance undertake work to relocate the Network Rail overhead gantry) and a further 16 spaces would be provided on Bailey Street, once Cornhill was re-opened a total of nine extra spaces for taxi drivers.

As expected with a major development, a snagging list was being worked on with the contractors Balfour Beatty, and it was also expected that the link to Sun Street would be re-opened to the public in early February.

The traffic flow had been monitored and the phasing of traffic lights had been adjusted in peak periods, however it was anticipated that the re-opening of access to Sun Street would improve traffic flow as residents then had direct access to Wednesfield Road and beyond.

Councillor Wendy Thompson asked the following supplementary question:

Can the Cabinet Member advice what road safety mechanism would be put in place to address the complaints received and that Network Rail/Virgin be requested to address the traffic flow in Cornwall Street?

Councillor John Reynolds responded that passengers were requested to embark on the pavement side and not road side and that traffic flow was being monitored.

Meeting of the City Council

1 March 2017

Report title	Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2017/2018	
Referring body	Cabinet, 22 February 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Peter Bilson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Peter Bilson Housing and City Assets	
Accountable director	Lesley Roberts, City Housing	
Originating service	Housing	
Accountable employee(s)	Kenny Aitchison Service Manager Housing Strategy and Development Tel 01902 554841 Email kenny.aitchison@wolverhampton.gov.uk	
Report to be/has been considered by	Improving the City Housing Offer Board	25 January 2017
	Place Leadership Team	06 February 2017
	Strategic Executive Board	07 February 2017
	Delivery Plan Quarterly Monitoring Group	08 February 2017
	Cabinet	22 February 2017

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Subject to the decision of Cabinet, the Council is recommended to approve:

The Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2017/18.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider a recommendation from Cabinet on the Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2017/18.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 22 February 2017, Cabinet will consider a report on Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2017/18. A copy of the report can be accessed online on the Council's website by following the [link](#).
- 2.2 Hard copies of the Annual Delivery Plan have also been placed in the Members' Room area. Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations of Cabinet.
- 2.2 The recommendations from Cabinet will be reported verbally at 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 – 22 February 2017 – Wolverhampton Home Annual Delivery Plan 2017/18.

Meeting of the City Council

1 March 2017

Report title	Senior Pay Policy Statement 2016-17 and 2017-2018	
Referring body	Cabinet (Resources) Panel, 7 February 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Milkinder Jaspal	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Milkinder Jaspal Governance	
Accountable director	Kevin O'Keefe, Governance	
Originating service	Democratic Services	
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 (Resources) Panel	7 February 2017

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the Senior Pay Policy for 2016 - 2017 for immediate publication.
2. Approve the Senior Pay Policy for 2017 - 2018 for publication by 31 March 2017 in line with the Localism Act 2011.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider a revised Senior Pay Policy.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 7 February 2017 the Cabinet (Resources) Panel considered a report on a revised Senior Pay Policy.
- 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](#)
- 2.3 Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendation from Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
- 2.3 The Cabinet (Resources) Panel resolved:

That Full Council be recommended to:

1. Approve the Senior Pay Policy for 2016 - 2017 for immediate publication.
2. Approve the Senior Pay Policy for 2017 - 2018 for publication by 31 March 2017 in line with the Localism Act 2011.

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

- 3.1 The implications are discussed in the body of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel report.

4.0 Schedule of background papers

Cabinet (Resources) Panel report – 7 February 2017

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1 March 2017

Report title	Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 quarter three review and 2017/18 to 2021/22 budget strategy	
	Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18	
	2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 – 2019/20	
	Council Tax Formal Resolutions	
Referring body	Cabinet, 22 February 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Roger Lawrence	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
	Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
Accountable director	Keith Ireland, Managing Director	
Originating service	Strategic Finance	
Accountable employee(s)	Mark Taylor	Director of Finance
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Report to be/has been considered by	Strategic Executive Board	7 February 2017
	Cabinet	22 February 2017

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Subject to the decision of Cabinet, the Council is recommended to approve:

Cabinet recommendations from the Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 quarter three review and 2017/18 to 2021/22 budget strategy:

1. Approve the revised medium term General Fund capital programme of £314.5 million, an increase of £14.5 million from the previously approved programme (paragraph 2.4), reflecting the latest projected expenditure for the medium term.
2. Approves the additional General Fund resources of £14.5 million identified for;
 - i. twelve new projects totalling £11.1 million (paragraph 4.1 of the Cabinet report);
 - ii. eight existing projects totalling £3.4 million (paragraphs 3.14 of the Cabinet report).

Cabinet recommendations from the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18:

1. The authorised borrowing limit for 2017/18 as required under Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 be set at £1,024.1 million (PI 5, appendix C).
2. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18 as set out in appendix A to the Cabinet report.
3. The Annual Investment Strategy 2017/18 as set out in appendix B to the Cabinet report.
4. The Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators as set out in appendix C to the Cabinet report.
5. The Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement setting out the method used to calculate MRP for 2017/18 onwards as set out in appendix D to the Cabinet report.
6. The Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management Practices as set out in appendix F to the Cabinet report.
7. That authority continues to be delegated to the Director of Finance to amend the Treasury Management Policy and Practices and any corresponding changes required to the Treasury Management Strategy, the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators, the Investment Strategy and the Annual MRP Statement to ensure they remain aligned. Any amendments will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet (Resources) Panel as appropriate.

Cabinet recommendations from the 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 – 2019/20:

1. The net budget requirement for 2017/18 of £216.2 million for General Fund services (paragraph 13.4 of the Cabinet report).
2. The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 as detailed in Table 6 and the budget preparation parameters underpinning the MTFs as detailed in Appendix A to the Cabinet report.

3. The budget allocation for Adult Social Care outlined in the report in accordance with the Minimum Funding Level for Adult Social Care (section 11.0 of the Cabinet report).
4. A Council Tax for Council services in 2017/18 of £1,481.12 for a Band D property, being an increase of 3.99% on 2016/17 levels, which incorporates the 2% increase in relation to Adult Social Care (paragraph 7.3 of the Cabinet report).
5. That work starts on developing budget reductions for 2018/19 and progress be reported to Cabinet in July 2017 (paragraph 13.5 of the Cabinet report).

Council Tax formal resolutions for 2016/17:

The resolution as follows:

1. That it be noted that the Council Tax base for the year 2017/18 is calculated at 61,397.45 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"), as reported to Cabinet on 18 January 2017.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 is £90,937,000.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:
 - (a) £631,275,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £540,338,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £90,937,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) £1,481.12 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (section 1 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £0 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - (f) £1,481.12 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the

Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. To note that West Midlands Police and Fire Authorities have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Precepting Authority	Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
West Midlands Fire Service	38.09	44.44	50.79	57.14	69.84	82.53	95.23	114.28
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner	77.70	90.65	103.60	116.55	142.45	168.35	194.25	233.10
Total Precepts	115.79	135.09	154.39	173.69	212.29	250.88	289.48	347.38

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Billing Authority	Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
City of Wolverhampton Council	987.41	1,151.98	1,316.55	1,481.12	1,810.26	2,139.40	2,468.53	2,962.24
Total Billing	987.41	1,151.98	1,316.55	1,481.12	1,810.26	2,139.40	2,468.53	2,962.24

6. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (3) (f) and (4) above, the City Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Authority	Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
Total Precepts	115.79	135.09	154.39	173.69	212.29	250.88	289.48	347.38
Total Billing	987.41	1,151.98	1,316.55	1,481.12	1,810.26	2,139.40	2,468.53	2,962.24
Total Council Tax	1,103.20	1,287.07	1,470.94	1,654.81	2,022.55	2,390.28	2,758.01	3,309.62

7. That a notice of the amounts payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band for the year commencing on 1 April 2017 be published in at least one local newspaper and that in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, this notice shall also make reference to the National Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier set by the Secretary of State, and specify that the Council Tax and the non-domestic rate demands are annual demands which cover the full financial year.
8. The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council for 2017/18 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.
9. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is excessive and that the billing

authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Recommendations for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

Cabinet recommendations from the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18:

1. That as a result of the changes to the MRP policy approved and implemented during 2014/15, the MRP charge for financial year 2017/18 will be zero increasing to £8.2 million in 2018/19 (paragraph 2.10 of the Cabinet report).
2. That Cabinet (Resources) Panel and Council will receive regular Treasury Management reports during 2017/18 on performance against the key targets and Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators in the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy as set out in paragraph 2.8 of the Cabinet report and appendices B and C to the Cabinet report.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain Full Council approval for the annual capital budget, treasury management strategy and revenue budget, as recommended by Cabinet and to pass the statutory formal Council Tax resolutions.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Council's revenue and capital budgets together with the treasury management strategy require approval by Full Council on an annual basis. In addition to this, Full Council has to pass statutory resolutions in respect of Council Tax before the commencement of each financial year.

3.0 Reports

- 3.1 The budget setting information and recommendations from Cabinet are set out in the relevant reports to Cabinet which were presented on 22 February 2017:
- i. Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 quarter three review and 2017/18 to 2021/22 budget strategy
 - ii. 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 – 2019/20
- 3.2 Cabinet recommendations in relation to the treasury management strategy are set out in the report to Cabinet which was presented on 22 February 2017:
- i. Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18
- 3.3 The setting of the Council Tax Base is set out in the report to Cabinet which was presented on 18 January 2017:
- i. Council Tax Base and Business Rates (NDR) Net Rate Yield 2017/18
- 3.4 All reports are available on the Council's website and may be accessed via the following link:

<http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=5993&Ver=4>

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 The financial implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The legal implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 The equalities implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 The environmental implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 The human resources implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 The corporate landlord implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 quarter three review and 2017/18 to 2021/22 budget strategy, report to Cabinet, 22 February 2017

10.2 Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18, report to Cabinet, 22 February 2017

10.3 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 – 2019/20, report to Cabinet, 22 February 2017

10.4 Council Tax Base and Business Rates (NDR) Net Rate Yield 2017/18, report to Cabinet, 18 January 2017

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