

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 22 March 2017

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Part A – Items considered in public

5	Approval to widen scope of the Black Country Joint Committee to include the Combined Authority and act as accountable body for the Land Remediation Fund	<p>That Council be recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee the power to make decisions relating to funding applications into and funding received through or from the West Midlands Combined Authority. 2. Approve the widening of the scope of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Constitution by amending the current Annex A - Terms of Reference; Functions of Black Country Executive Joint Committee, as revised and included as Attachment 1 to the report. 3. Approve entering into the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement's Deed of Variation, included as Attachment 2 to the report. 4. Approve the Council acting as Accountable Body for the first tranche of £53 million Combined Authority Strategic Development Programme's Land Remediation Fund to be allocated principally to the Black Country (subject to approval by WMCA in March 2017) and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Director of Finance to agree any extension to the role beyond the first tranche of funding. 5. Delegate to the Directors of Governance and Finance the drawing up of budgets, grant agreements and authorisation of payments to grant recipients subject to appropriate due diligence of claims submitted.
6	Budget Adjustment to reflect Adult Social Care Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That adjustments to the gross expenditure and income budgets to reflect the additional Adult Social Care funding in 2017/18 of £6.402 million be approved.
7	Review of Discretionary Housing Payment Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Discretionary Housing Payment policy be approved.

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8	Improving Outcomes within the Early Years	<p>1. That the Early Years Strategy be approved, subject to the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A footnote to be inserted on page 9 of the document to read 'To support parents and practitioners, a school readiness checklist will be developed with parents and professionals and published alongside the strategy' b. Additional text to be inserted on page 19 of the document to read 'The city continues through the work of the early intervention service and the school improvement and standards team to ensure that schools, settings, childminders and all early year's providers are delivering high quality early years experiences. An example of the excellence and success we strive for within all settings is modelled within the city's seven nursery schools and this resource should be utilised to influence and support future developments across the range of early education provision. The Ofsted ratings for the city continue to rise annually; the figures for al providers within the city demonstrate this'. c. Additional text to be inserted on page 33 to read' Accurate assessment of children's starting points was based on constant reflection about what was deemed typical for each child given their chronological age in months. Where we observed this to be most effective, staff entered into frequent discussion, within and between providers, to check and agree their judgments. This included the frequent sharing of information between parents, other pre-school setting and health visitors'. d. A footnote to be inserted on page 33 to read as 'Particular regard needs to be given to those children born in the summer months and the impact this has on their development compared to their peers and appropriate support put in place to overcome any potential disadvantage'.
9	Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-20	<p>1. That the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-20 be endorsed, subject to additional equalities detail regarding LGBT and disabilities and that its</p>

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		implementation be supported.
10	The Vision for Education 2030 - Shaping a city of learning	1. That the City of Wolverhampton Council – Vision for Education 2030 be approved, subject to an amendment to emphasise partnership working with academies and free schools.
12	Senior Management Structure 2017	That the recommendations be agreed as detailed in the exempt report and minutes.