

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 26 April 2017**

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<b>Part A – Items considered in public</b>		
5	Outcome of Children's Services Ofsted Inspection and Ofsted Action Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the 'Good' overall judgement from the recent Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection be celebrated and the Council's excellent position in the West Midlands and the country be noted.</li> <li>2. That the Ofsted Action Plan which has been produced in response to recommendations from the inspection be approved.</li> </ol>
6	Outcome of the Local Government Association Corporate Peer Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the draft action plan arising from the recommendations within the Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Review final report be approved.</li> <li>2. That it be approved that the LGA conduct a follow up visit in February 2018 to assess the progress that the City of Wolverhampton Council has made with regards to the recommendations set out in the final report.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the outcome and issues raised in the LGA Corporate Peer Review final report be noted.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that this report will also be considered by Scrutiny Board on 25 April 2017.</li> </ol>
7	Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement (Pooled Budget 2017-18) & Additional Adult Social Care monies announced during the Spring 2017 Budget statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report proposing the use of the additional non-recurring monies announced during the Spring 2017 budget statement be noted and received.</li> <li>2. That it be agreed to renew the Section 75 Agreement (Pooled Fund) with NHS Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group ("WCCG") for 2017-18.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Cabinet members for Adults, Public Health and Well Being and Resources, (Cllrs. Roger Lawrence, Paul Sweet, Sandra Samuels OBE and Andrew Johnson), in consultation with Strategic Director for People and Director of Finance, to approve the final terms of the proposed Section 75 Agreement.</li> </ol>
8	Connected Places Strategy Summary Document	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Connected Places Strategy summary document is approved for distribution.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The progress of a number of Connected Places projects and work streams that have emerged as a consequence of the strategy's development be noted.</li> </ol>

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9	Transportation Capital Programme - 2017/18 and future years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the list of projects for development and implementation as part of the Transportation Capital Programme 2017/18 and future years, as set out in appendices B and C to the report, be agreed.</li> <li>2. That the Head of Strategic Transportation and the Head of Highways Network be authorised to proceed with development work for each project on the list including surveying, site investigation, options appraisal, feasibility analysis, traffic modelling, detailed design, statutory advertising and public consultation, as appropriate.</li> <li>3. That the projects marked 'Approve' in the 'Approval' column of appendix B to the report for implementation be approved, subject to the availability of funding.</li> <li>4. That the Cabinet Member for City Environment be authorised, in consultation with the Service Director, City Environment to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice, implementation of the projects on the list marked 'IEDN' in the 'Approval' column of appendix B to the report, subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation, availability of funding and any other relevant considerations.</li> <li>5. That the Cabinet Member for City Environment be authorised, in consultation with the Service Director, City Environment to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice, the bringing forward of projects from appendix C to the report to appendix B to the report and thereafter to approve them for implementation during 2017/18 subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation, availability of funding and any other relevant considerations.</li> <li>6. That it be agreed to receive further reports at the appropriate times in order to obtain the necessary authority to construct the projects marked 'Cabinet' in the 'Approval' column of appendix B to the report.</li> <li>7. That the Director of Governance be authorised to serve all necessary notices in respect of the projects listed in appendix B to the report and, subject to there being no unresolved objections, make traffic regulation orders as required.</li> <li>8. That the Director of Finance be authorised to enter into funding agreements with the various funding bodies to receive grant funding in respect of the projects included in the report.</li> <li>9. That the delegation of authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and the Cabinet</li> </ol>

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		<p>Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place and Director of Finance to approve capital budgets for transport schemes upon receipt of a grant offer letter be approved.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the expenditure and progress made in delivering the projects in the Transportation Capital Programme during 2016/17, as set out in appendix A to the report, be noted.</li> <li>2. That the Council’s continuing success in bidding for additional funding and delivering new projects through the Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund, the Local Pinch Point Fund, the Access to Growth Fund, the Managing Short Trips programme and more recently the National Productivity Investment Fund be noted.</li> </ol>
10	Heath Town Regeneration Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the amended delivery proposals be approved for the Heath Town regeneration project through a combination of:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. direct development of the affordable units through the HRA (Housing Revenue Account),</li> <li>b. disposal of sites by competitive tender or through direct disposal with District Valuer valuations to private developers for market housing development.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Housing and City Assets together with the Director of Governance or Strategic Director: City Housing to agree the details of disposal of sites at Heath Town at a value to be determined by the District Valuer or by competitive tender.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Housing and City Assets together with the Strategic Director: City Housing to agree the details of appropriation of General Fund sites within the Heath Town Masterplan area to the HRA for delivery of Council housing, at a value to be determined by the District Valuer.</li> <li>4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Governance to execute legal agreements in respect of the Heath Town Regeneration as required.</li> <li>5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Housing and City Assets in conjunction with the Strategic Director: City Housing for the approval of any minor variations to the project required for its delivery.</li> <li>6. That it be agreed to require that a minimum of 25% of the houses within the Heath Town</li> </ol>

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		<p>development will be affordable and that the existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and the Grosvenor Street open space will be upgraded.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That progress on Phase 1 of the demolition works and enabling works for Phase 2 of the demolition works be noted.</li> <li>2. That improvements proposed for the green field at Grosvenor Street be noted.</li> <li>3. That progress on Wolverhampton Homes' £35 million Investment Programme for the Heath Town estate be noted.</li> <li>4. That the on-going discussions with Black Country Make Community Investment Company around providing access to a small site on a leasehold basis for the development of community build homes on the Heath Town estate be noted.</li> </ol>
11	Long Term Empty properties back into use - proposed pilot	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the introduction of a 6-month pilot programme to further encourage the bringing back into use of long term empty residential properties be approved.</li> <li>2. That the introduction of 2 pilot schemes of financial assistance be approved:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Scheme 1, being the conditional offer of up to £500 financial assistance for legal/agents' fees connected with the sale of long term empty properties to encourage owners to sell</li> <li>b. Scheme 2, being the conditional offer of up to £500 to incentivise owners of long term empty properties to participate in the Private Sector Leasing Programme</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. That amendments to the Council's private sector housing assistance policy be approved to facilitate Scheme 1 and Scheme 2.</li> <li>4. That the priority groups for this pilot programme be approved as being:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Group 1 - Unfurnished Properties listed as empty for more than 2 years.</li> <li>• Priority Group 2 - Properties listed as empty for more than 2 years and furnished.</li> <li>• Priority Group 3 - Properties Listed as being empty for between 6 months and 2 Years</li> <li>• Priority Group 4 - Properties listed as empty with an exemption as the owner is either in care or probate has not been achieved</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. That it be agreed that the financial expenditure and impact of the pilot is kept under review and to accept a future report to Cabinet on the impact and effectiveness of the Schemes.</li> </ol>

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<b>12</b>	Adult Social Care Peer Challenge - Improvement Action Plan	1. Agree the finalised Peer Review Action Plan and the final implementation stages of the Peer Review be agreed.
<b>13</b>	People Directorate Commissioning Strategy	1. That it be agreed to receive and comment on the attached draft People Directorate Commissioning Strategy 2017- 21, direct any required further actions; and approve the issuing for consultation and engagement with stakeholders prior to request for Cabinet approval of a final draft on 19 July 2017.
<b>14</b>	Financial Support to Carers of Children Subject to Adoption, Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Orders	<p>1. That the updated policy for Financial Support to Carers of Children Subject to Adoption, Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement orders be approved in line with the changes outlined within the report, and the implementation on 1 May 2017 also be approved.</p> <p>2. That the additional indicative cost, which is estimated to be in the region of £440,000 per annum for the period the allowance is granted for, relating to Adoption, Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement orders be approved.</p>
<b>15</b>	Re-organisation of Educational Provision	<p>1. That the commencement of Informal Consultation on the proposed merger of Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School be approved.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Assistant Director School Standards, to consider the outcome of Informal Consultation on the proposed merger of Springdale Infant School with Springdale Junior School and to determine whether or not to proceed to Formal Consultation.</p> <p>1. That the position at Christ Church CE Infant and Nursery School and Christ Church CE Junior School be noted.</p>