

# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

## 10 January 2017

**Time** 5.00 pm      **Public Meeting?** YES      **Type of meeting** Executive  
**Venue** Committee Room 3 - 3rd Floor - Civic Centre

### Membership

**Chair** Cllr Andrew Johnson (Lab)  
**Vice-chair** Cllr Roger Lawrence (Lab)

### Labour

Cllr Peter Bilson  
Cllr Claire Darke  
Cllr Steve Evans  
Cllr Val Gibson  
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr Sandra Samuels  
Cllr Paul Sweet

Quorum for this meeting is five Councillors.

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# Agenda

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

*Item No.*    *Title*

- 1            **Apologies for absence**
- 2            **Declarations of interests**

### MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 3            **Minutes of the previous meeting - 6 December 2016** (Pages 5 - 14)  
[To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record]
- 4            **Matters arising**  
[To consider any matters arising from the minutes.]

### DECISION ITEMS (AMBER - DELEGATED TO THE PANEL)

- 5            **External Funding Update** (Pages 15 - 24)  
[To receive an update on bids for European Structural funds and to grant necessary approvals for other externally funded projects]
- 6            **War Memorial Restoration, Oxford Street, Bilston** (Pages 25 - 28)  
[To approve the Council acting as the accountable body to facilitate the restoration of the war memorial]
- 7            **Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Properties by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 34 Hordern Road, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton** (Pages 29 - 36)  
[To approve the acquisition of the property by negotiation or by the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order]
- 8            **Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices** (Pages 37 - 40)  
[To note the summary of decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet members in consultation with the relevant employee]
- 9            **Exclusion of press and public**  
[To pass the following resolution:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below]

## Part 2 - exempt items, closed to press and public

| <i>Item No.</i> | <i>Title</i>   | <i>Grounds for Exemption</i>   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 10              | <b>Disposals of Land and Property</b> (Pages 41 - 44)<br>[To declare property surplus to the Council's requirements and approve the terms of disposal]                                       | Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Para (3) |
| 11              | <b>Proposed Sale of the former Heath Town Baths</b> (Pages 45 - 52)<br>[To select the preferred developer for the refurbishment and reuse of the former Heath Town Baths and adjoining land] | Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Para (3) |
| 12              | <b>Corporate Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services</b> (Pages 53 - 74)<br>[To consider various delegations of authority and the award of contracts]                 | Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Para (3) |

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## Minutes - 6 December 2016

### Attendance

#### Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Andrew Johnson (Chair)  
Cllr Roger Lawrence (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Peter Bilson  
Cllr Claire Darke  
Cllr Steve Evans  
Cllr Val Gibson  
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr Sandra Samuels  
Cllr Paul Sweet

#### Employees

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ross Cook      | Service Director - City Environment |
| Ian Fegan      | Head of Communications              |
| Dereck Francis | Democratic Support Officer          |
| Keith Ireland  | Managing Director                   |
| Kevin O'Keefe  | Director of Governance              |
| Mark Taylor    | Director of Finance                 |

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

*Item No.*     *Title*

- 1 Apologies for absence**  
No apologies for absence were submitted.
- 2 Declarations of interests**  
No declarations of interests were made.
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting - 1 November 2016**  
Resolved:  
That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4 Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5 **Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17**

Cllr Andrew Johnson outlined the salient points of the report on a projection of the likely revenue outturn position for the General Fund and Housing Revenue accounts, compared with the Council's approved revenue budgets for 2016/17.

Resolved:

1. That the use of £100,000 from the Transformation Reserve to fund various transformation priorities as detailed at section 5.2.2 of the report be approved.
2. That the use of £2.6 million from the Efficiency Reserve to fund various efficiency priorities as detailed at section 5.2.3 of the report be approved.
3. That the reinvestment of £500,000 surplus generated through Bus Lane enforcement into the Highways Management Reserve be approved.
4. That the use of £500,000 from the Future Works Reserve to fund the Milestone 6 Agresso upgrade be approved.
5. That the use of £50,000 from the Job Evaluation Reserve to meet the cost of back pay for lunchtime supervisory assistants be approved.
6. That the write off of seven sundry debts totalling £74,469.36 as detailed in Appendix F to the report be approved.
7. That the 18 virements totalling £3.4 million, for transfers within service directorates, as detailed in Appendix G to the report be approved.
8. That the setting up of expenditure budgets within the 2016/17 approved budget as detailed in section 4.2 of the report for grant funded expenditure be approved.
9. That the recovery of £85,000 from Penn Hall School as detailed in section 7.6.2 of the report be approved.
10. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education in consultation with the Director of Education and the Director of Finance for the approval of licensed deficits as detailed in section 7.7.1. of the report.
11. That it be noted that the projected outturn for the General Fund for 2016/17 is on target to achieve a net balanced position.
12. That it be noted that projected redundancy costs, including the cost of pension strain, totalling £7.0 million are included in the forecast outturn. The projected costs are subject to change dependent upon the actual redundancies approved by year end. It is anticipated that forecast underspends against the Central Provision for Auto-enrolment and Pay Award costs and the Corporate/Transformation Budgets and contingencies, in addition to Capital Receipts flexibility announced by the Secretary of State, would offset the cost of redundancies.

13. That it be noted that 149 sundry debt accounts totalling £63,581.16 have been approved for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
14. That it be noted that 292 council tax accounts totalling £94,355.99 have been approved for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
15. That it be noted that 27 non domestic rates accounts totalling £108,642.70 have been approved for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
16. That it be noted that 47 housing benefit accounts totalling £6,881.50 have been approved for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
17. That it be noted that a £18.4 million surplus on the Housing Revenue account (HRA) is projected compared with a budgeted surplus of £15.3 million as shown at Table 7 and in detail at Appendix H. The projected increased surplus of £3.1 million would be used to redeem debt in line with the HRA Business Plan.

6 **Acquisition of Privately Owned Land by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: Land Between 44 and 48 Showell Road, Bushbury**

Cllr Peter Bilson requested approval to authorise the acquisition of land between 44 and 48 Showell Road, Bushbury by negotiation or by the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 17 of Part II of the Housing Act 1985. Should it be possible to reach agreement on a mutually acceptable undertaking, it was proposed to withdraw the property from the Order.

The proposal was one of several on the agenda relating to the recovery of land and property under the Council's Empty Properties Strategy to address nuisance caused by the land or property that was having a visual detriment to an area. Where informal discussions with the owners and the servicing of a Section 215 Notice in order to encourage the owners to address the deteriorating condition of the property/land had proved unsuccessful compulsory purchase action would be taken with a view to seeing the property/land developed or disposed of.

Resolved:

1. That the Strategic Director, City Housing be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the land between 44 and 48 Showell Road, Bushbury, and, in default of that acquisition, authority be granted for a Compulsory Purchase Order to be made under Part II Section 17 Housing Act 1985 in respect of the land.
2. That expenditure for the potential acquisition of the land, with subsequent capital receipts being recycled within this programme be approved.
3. That in the event that the land is developed to the satisfaction of the Strategic Director, City Housing, the withdrawal of the land from the Order be approved.

4. That following any acquisition, the Strategic Director, City Housing be authorised to dispose of the land on the open market on condition that planning permission is obtained within a three month period and the development is built within an appropriate period after obtaining the permission.
5. That the Strategic Director, City Housing be authorised to:
  - a. Take all reasonable steps as soon as it is reasonably practical to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all Notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry.
  - b. Approve agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, and/or making arrangements for re-housing or relocation of any occupiers.
  - c. Approve the making of a General Vesting Declaration (the property is brought into Council ownership via this process).
  - d. Approve the disposal of the whole and/ or parts of the property by auction, tender or private treaty.

7 **Empty Property Strategy - Revocation of a Final Empty Dwelling Management Order - 96 Hawksford Crescent, Bushbury, Wolverhampton**

Cllr Peter Bilson presented a report on a proposal to authorise the Director of Governance to revoke the Final Empty Dwelling Management Order (EDMO) currently in force at 96 Hawksford Crescent. Since making the Final Order the owner of the property had progressed the refurbishment of the property and it is now ready for occupation. It was therefore no longer necessary for the Council to take management control of the property under the Final EDMO.

Resolved:

That the Director of Governance be authorised to revoke the Final Empty Dwelling Management Order currently in force at 96 Hawksford Crescent and made under Section 136 of the Housing Act 2014.

8 **Empty Property Strategy - 74 Rayleigh Road, Pennfields, Wolverhampton**

Cllr Peter Bilson presented the report on a proposal to authorise Council employees to commence formal negotiations with the owner of 74 Rayleigh Road with a view to acquiring the property by agreement. The property and land had a visual detriment to the area and informal negotiations and Notices served on the owner had not brought about a solution. Further action was therefore proposed under the Council's Empty Property Strategy.

Resolved:

1. That Housing Improvements officers and Corporate Landlord be authorised to enter into formal negotiations to acquire the property 74 Rayleigh Road, Pennfields by agreement.
2. That approval in principle be granted to the use of Compulsory Purchase Order action if required.

3. That the property be declared surplus to Council requirements and disposed of on the open market via auction on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied within six or 12 months dependent of the scope of works.
4. That the property identified for action (74 Rayleigh Road) under the Empty Property Strategy be noted.

9 **Empty Property Strategy - Compulsory Purchase of 42 Lawrence Avenue, Perry Hall, Wolverhampton**

Cllr Peter Bilson presented a report on a proposal to take Compulsory Purchase Order action to purchase 42 Lawrence Avenue, Perry Hall, Wolverhampton. The property had been identified for action following complaints from neighbours in July 2013 due to the deteriorating condition of the property. Attempts to resolve the situation informally and through the serving of a Section 215 Notice on the property in 2014 had not resolved the situation. It was now considered necessary to continue to formal action under the Council's Empty Property Strategy which aimed to bring empty property back into use.

Resolved:

1. That the making of the following Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 17 of Part II of the Housing Act 1985 be approved:

The City of Wolverhampton Council (42 Lawrence Avenue, Perry Hall, Wolverhampton, WV11 3PE) Compulsory Purchase Order 2016.

2. That the Strategic Director, City Housing on behalf of the Council be authorised to:
  - a. Take all reasonable steps as soon as it is reasonably practical to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all Notices and the presentation of the council's case at any Public Inquiry.
  - b. Acquire interests in the land within the Order either compulsorily or by agreement before or after making the Order.
  - c. Approve agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, and/or making arrangements for re-housing or relocation of any occupiers.
  - d. Approve the making of a General Vesting Declaration.
  - e. Following any acquisition, authorise the Strategic Director, City Housing to declare the property surplus and dispose of the property on the open market on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied within six or 12 months (as appropriate to the scale of the works).
  - f. Approve the disposal of the property by auction, tender or private treaty.
  - g. Declare the property surplus to council requirements and dispose of the property on the open market via auction on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied within six or 12 months dependent of the scope of works.

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**Empty Property Strategy - Compulsory Purchase of 473 New Birmingham Road**

Cllr Peter Bilson requested approval to authorise the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of 473 Birmingham New Road, and for negotiations to continue with any established interested parties in advance of confirmation of the Order as appropriate. Following confirmation of the Order, it was proposed to make a General Vesting Declaration.

The proposal was in furtherance of informal discussions and a Section 215 Notice served on the property in order to encourage the owner to address the deteriorating condition of the property and the detrimental effect it was having on the neighbourhood. The proposal also supported the Council's Empty Property Strategy 2010/15 which aimed to bring empty properties back into use.

Resolved:

1. That the making of the following Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 17 of Part II of the Housing Act 1985 be approved:

The City of Wolverhampton Council (473 Birmingham New Road, WV14 9PJ)  
Compulsory Purchase Order 2016.

2. That the Strategic Director, City Housing on behalf of the Council be authorised to:
  - a. Take all reasonable steps as soon as it is reasonably practical to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all Notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry.
  - b. Acquire interests in the land within the Order either compulsorily or by agreement before or after making the Order.
  - c. Approve agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, and/or making arrangements for re-housing or relocation of any occupiers.
  - d. Approve the making of a General Vesting Declaration.
  - e. Following any acquisition, authorise the Strategic Director, City Housing to declare the property surplus and dispose of the property on the open market on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied with in six or 12 months (as appropriate to the scale of the works).
  - f. Approve the disposal of the property by auction, tender or private treaty.
  - g. Declare the property surplus to council requirements and dispose of the property on the open market via auction on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied within six or 12 months dependent of the scope of works

**11 Flood Risk Management Service Delivery Arrangements**

Cllr Steve Evans presented the report on proposed joint working with Staffordshire County Council and other Black Country authorities on flood risk management. The proposal would substantially raise the level of service the Council would be able to provide in this widening area of work.

Resolved:

1. That the use of Staffordshire County Council to assist City of Wolverhampton Council in the delivery of its statutory flood risk management duties be approved.
2. That subject to 1 above, the Council enters into a legal agreement with Staffordshire County Council in respect of flood risk management delivery.

**12 Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices**

Resolved:

That the summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions, approved by appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees be noted.

**13 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within the paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**14 Conversion of Properties to Council Housing**

Cllr Peter Bilson presented the report which sought approval to the conversion of two former housing offices into council housing.

Resolved:

1. That the conversion of the former housing office at 134 – 137 Chetton Green, Fordhouses to four two bedroomed maisonettes be approved.
2. That the conversion of the former housing office at 29 Vicarage Road, All Saints to a one bedroomed ground floor flat be approved.
3. That Housing Revenue Account capital funding from the newbuild budget of £465,000 for the planned conversion works be approved.
4. That the development of a programme of similar conversions of disused areas within the Council's existing residential accommodation across the City, to be identified from the review of the blocks being undertaken by Wolverhampton Homes in line with housing need and housing demand be approved.
5. That authority be delegated to agree further conversion opportunities under this programme to the Cabinet Member for City Housing and Assets in consultation with the Strategic Director for Housing and the Director of Finance, to expedite the delivery of further conversion schemes for new homes, as identified.

15 **Disposal of Garage Site behind 23-33 Beach Avenue, Spring Vale**

Cllr Peter Bilson presented the report on the proposal to dispose of the garage site behind 23-33 Beach Avenue, in Spring Vale, Wolverhampton at auction, once outline planning approval for residential use has been obtained, as recommended by the Council's Corporate Landlord Board.

Resolved:

1. That the disposal at auction of the garage site behind 23-33 Beach Avenue, in Spring Vale, Wolverhampton as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, subject to the site obtaining outline planning approval for residential use.
2. That the recommendation of Corporate Landlord Board to take the site to auction and also obtain outline planning for residential use beforehand be noted.

16 **Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services**

The Panel considered a report on proposals for the award of contracts for works, goods and services.

Resolved:

1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with the Strategic Director: People, to approve the award of a contract for the Intensive Therapeutic Support Service when the evaluation process is complete.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Strategic Director: Place, to approve the award of contracts for Black Country Impact when the evaluation process is complete.
3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Strategic Director: Place, to approve the award of contracts for delivery of Voluntary and Community Services when the evaluation process is complete.
4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Strategic Director: People, to approve the award of a contract for a Community Based Preventative Service for Mental Health when the evaluation process is complete.
5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Well Being, in consultation with the Strategic Director: People, to approve the award of a contract for the Healthy Child Programme when the evaluation process is complete.
6. That authority be delegated to the Director of Governance to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.

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**New Boundary Signs to Boost City Pride and Generate Income**

Cllr Roger Lawrence presented the report on proposals to transform the current 16 year old, outdated and unwelcoming signage at City of Wolverhampton boundary points. The proposals would be part of the Council's wider push to improve perceptions of the city, raise pride and generate income.

Resolved:

1. That the approach to install a mixture of new, fixed and digital City of Wolverhampton boundary signs be approved.
2. That the capital investment and revenue budget and the funding strategy, which seeks the best possible return on capital employed and aims to be self-funding be approved.
3. That, in terms of digital signage options, following initial market testing, a procurement process be undertaken as soon as possible to purchase six digital signs for key locations.
4. That as part of this renewal process, the inner core of signage "Welcome to the City Centre" be decommissioned.

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# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

## 10 January 2017

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Report title</b>                            | External Funding Update                  |                                     |
| <b>Decision designation</b>                    | AMBER                                    |                                     |
| <b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b> | Councillor John Reynolds<br>City Economy |                                     |
| <b>Key decision</b>                            | Yes                                      |                                     |
| <b>In forward plan</b>                         | Yes                                      |                                     |
| <b>Wards affected</b>                          | All                                      |                                     |
| <b>Accountable director</b>                    | Keren Jones, City Economy                |                                     |
| <b>Originating service</b>                     | Service Development Team                 |                                     |
| <b>Accountable employee(s)</b>                 | Heather Clark                            | Service Development Manager         |
|  | Tel                                      | 01902 555614                        |
|  | Email                                    | Heather.clark2@wolverhampton.gov.uk |
| <b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>     | Place Leadership Team                    | 21 April 2016                       |

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### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

#### EU Funds

1. Authorise the Director of Governance to sign the Grant Funding Agreement relating to the Black Country Blue Network project and enter into Service Level Agreements with Delivery Partners (Walsall MBC, Environment Agency, Canal and River Trust and Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust) relating to the delivery of this project.
2. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve budgets for Black Country Blue Network project upon signing of the Funding Agreement.
3. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director City Economy and Director of Finance to submit outline applications to future calls for European Regional Development Fund projects.

4. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director City Economy, to enter agreements to progress the delivery of the RAINBOW project if the bid is successful.

#### **Other Funding**

5. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director City Economy to submit a full business plan to the Edge Foundation should the initial bid be successful.
6. Approve submission of bids for the Communities Fund, Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund and mitigating the impacts of immigration on local communities and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director City Economy, to enter agreements to progress the delivery of this scheme.
7. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve budgets for Communities Fund, Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund, mitigating the impacts of immigration on local communities and RAINBOW project should the bids be successful.
8. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director City Economy to issue a grant up to £50,000 to our named Voluntary Community Sector partner should our bid to the Communities Fund be successful.

## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on current and future bids for European Structural funds and seek necessary approvals for other externally funded projects.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 The Black Country European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Strategy, developed on behalf of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), outlined the Black Country's priorities for allocating European funding between 2014 and 2020. The Black Country's allocation between 2014 and 2020 was €177 million split 50/50 between European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF).

2.2 Cabinet (Resources) Panel agreed on 26 April 2016 to submit a full bid to ERDF as accountable body for Black Country Blue Network and to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director City Economy to sign the Grant Funding Agreement if successful.

## 3.0 European Funding Update

3.1 Approvals are sought for the following externally funded bids:

| Corporate Priority   | Project   | Update and Outcomes   | Approvals required   |
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| Place:<br>Stronger Economy:<br>delivering effective core services that people want | <b>Black Country Blue Network</b> will create a high quality ecological network with a diverse range of habitats, centred on the area's historically important waterways and associated green spaces. This will be achieved through a three year programme of infrastructure and habitat improvements improve habitats along canals and rivers in the Black Country as well as other key nature greenspaces linked into this blue network facilitating better visitor management and improved access for local communities. The sites within Wolverhampton are Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and Wyrley & Essington Canal Proposed LNR. | Approved in principle subject to funding agreement<br><br>Smestow Valley – 4.4 ha. rehabilitated and 7.65 improved<br>Wyrley & Essington Canal LNR – 3.4 ha. improved<br>Bradley Arm – 6 ha. improved | To sign the funding agreement and enter into Service Level Agreements with partners<br><br>Delegate authority to set up a budget once the funding agreement is signed. |

3.2 The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) issued a call for outline applications against Priorities 1 Innovation (£3 million available), 4 Low Carbon (£5

million available) and 6 Environment (£3 million available). The following projects are being developed:

- **Heath Town Low Carbon project:** innovative retrofit project focusing on housing in Heath Town trialing innovation new technologies
- **Integrated transport scheme around the Interchange**
- **BC Blue Network Phase 2** including Fowlers Park
- **Smart City Demonstration Project**
- **Electric Vehicle Charging**

3.3 As approved in previous Cabinet (Resources) Panel reports, updates on the performance of other European funded projects are given below:

| Corporate Priority   | Project   | Update   |
|--|---|--|
| Place: Stronger Economy: An environment where new and existing businesses thrive | <b>Black Country Advice Investment and Markets (AIM)</b> will offer specialist support for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) pooling business support across four local authorities, the University and Chamber of Commerce, enhanced with specialist consultancy and delivered via the Growth Hub. The City of Wolverhampton Council is acting as accountable body on behalf of the Black Country. Funded by £1.8m ERDF against a total project cost of £3.8m. | Funding approved and funding agreement in place.<br><br>Recruitment has begun and the AIM Programme Manager appointed.   |
| Place: Stronger Economy: An environment where new and existing businesses thrive | <b>Black Country Transformational Growth Opportunities Local Delivery (BCT GOLD)</b> project will issue grants to Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) to enable a sustainable step change in their working processes, business development and performance. SMEs will apply for grants using an application process. Funded by £1.6m ERDF against a total project cost of £5m   | Funding approved and funding agreement in place.<br><br>Launch event held and 25 Expressions of Interest from local businesses received.   |
| Place: Stronger Economy: people develop the skills to get and keep work          | <b>Impact in the Black Country</b> will support young people between 15-29 not in employment, education or training move towards employment. It aims to engage with 3343 young people, support 1743 with customised support and 859 into positive outcomes by July 2018. The project is funded by £7.7m comprising one third European Social Fund (ESF), one third Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and one third staff time.  | 10 Key Workers are in place at outreach locations across the city. To date, it has engaged with 524 young people (against yearly target of 600) supporting 386 into customised support and 41 into a positive outcome (both ahead of profile). |

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| <p>Place:<br/>Delivering effective core services that people want</p> | <p>The Raising Awareness Initiative for a Beautiful Open World (<b>RAINBOW</b>) project will deliver sustainable development goals with different cities focusing on different goals. As part of delivery of the project, the City of Wolverhampton (CWC) would lead on cleaner air quality be aligned with other externally funded projects including a bid to the Office of Low Emission Vehicles for electric taxi infrastructure and a bid to Defra and the Department for Transport's joint Air Quality Grant Scheme to fund a trial of electric pool and fleet vehicles. It is further developing proposals for public charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.</p> | <p>CWC are a partner in a bid submitted by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA). An Individual Executive Decision notice agreed to sign a mandate authorised ALDA to submit the application form and sign the standard grant contract with the Contracting Authority the European Commission on behalf of all the co-applicants.</p> |
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#### 4.0 Other Funding Opportunities

4.1 The Council is actively seeking and bidding for other external funding opportunities that contribute to its corporate priorities as follows:

| <b>Corporate Priority</b>  | <b>Funding source</b>  | <b>Proposed Project and Outcomes</b>   | <b>Approvals required</b>  |
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| <p>Place:<br/>Stronger Economy:<br/>people develop the skills to get and keep work</p> | <p>Edge Foundation (independent education charity)<br/><br/>£100,000 bid submitted 1 December 2016</p> | <p>Offer young people interventions supported by enhanced careers guidance in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support young people to understand the full range of curriculum and career options;</li> <li>• ensure young people are better prepared for the world of work;</li> <li>• support teacher placements in industry so enabling teachers to bring their learning back into school;</li> <li>• better prepare young people to compete within the labour market; and</li> <li>• enable them to demonstrate their understanding of the world of work.</li> </ul> | <p>To delegate authority to submit a full business plan by 16 February 2017 for the Edge foundation should the bid be successful</p> |

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| <p>Place:<br/>Stronger Economy:<br/>people develop the skills to get and keep work</p>           | <p>Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund - to enable libraries to trail innovative projects that benefit disadvantaged people</p>  | <p>Development of Fab Labs in libraries to improve digital access and literacy and help everyone achieving their full potential.</p> <p>Projects can bid for between £50,000 and £250,000 starting 1 April 2017. 10% of the budget must be match funding through either cash or in kind.</p>  | <p>Approval to sign funding agreement and implement the project should the bid be successful</p>   |
| <p>Place:<br/>Stronger Economy:<br/>people develop the skills to get and keep work</p>           | <p>Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Communities fund – joint Community and Local Authority bids to improve service delivery.</p>   | <p>Extend reach of the Wolverhampton Work Box through working with community partners to facilitate access to those who need additional support to get online.</p> <p>Up to £2.5m is available over the next 2 years with the majority of funding available for projects implemented quickly in 2016/17 and a smaller cohort in 2017/18.</p>  | <p>Approval to submit the bid on 16 January 2017 and implement if successful. Delegated authority to issue grants of less than £50,000 to named Voluntary Community Sector Partner(s) if successful.</p> |
| <p>People:<br/>Stronger Communities:<br/>people and communities achieve their full potential</p> | <p>Controlling Migration Fund: mitigating the impacts of immigration on local communities.</p> <p>Bid/s being developed with third sector partners. Planning to submit bid/s in Q4 2016/2017.</p> | <p>A partnership comprising several City of Wolverhampton Council departments including Education, Health and Social Care and Housing as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partnerships are developing a project around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment: creating employment opportunities for new arrivals.</li> <li>• Education: providing English classes for speakers of other languages.</li> <li>• Education: parent ambassador scheme training migrant parents to support newly arrived families, extension to train parents from resident community.</li> <li>• Housing: tackling rogue private sector landlords.</li> </ul> | <p>Approval to submit a bid</p>  |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for specific action to help individuals who have 'no recourse to public funds'.</li> <li>• Looked after Children training / learning for staff around meeting the emotional needs of new arrivals.</li> <li>• Health / Clinical Commissioning Group have identified the need for additional support in some GP practices.</li> </ul> |  |
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## 5.0 Financial implications

5.1 The Black Country Blue Network project application has requested £1.5 million ERDF grant based on total project costs of £3.0 million as follows:

|       | Capital<br>£000 | Revenue<br>£000 | Total<br>£000 |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| ERDF  | 1,384           | 136             | 1,520         |
| Match | 1,385           | 137             | 1,522         |
| Gross | 2,769           | 273             | 3,042         |

Wolverhampton submitted the full application on behalf of a wider partnership consisting of other Black Country local authorities, Canals and River Trust and the Environment Agency. Partners have committed match funding for their sub-projects and this will be agreed in the Service Level Agreement. Wolverhampton has identified match funding for three Wolverhampton projects amounting to £336,000 with the majority being identified via Section 106. This report seeks delegated approval for the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve budgets for Black Country Blue Network based on the grant offered by DCLG and match required where this is available from existing approved resources or from new or additional external income.

5.2 The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) issued a call for outline applications against Priorities 1 Innovation (£3 million available), 4 Low Carbon (£5 million available) and 6 Environment (£3 million available). Wolverhampton is currently working with partners to develop a strong pipeline of schemes. In anticipation of tight turnaround times it requested that authority is delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director City Economy and Director of Finance to submit outline applications in this round of funding.

- 5.3 A bid has also been submitted by Colton Hills and New Academy Schools for £100,000 Edge funding for CWC to provide enhanced careers guidance to their pupils. CWC will work in partnership with the schools to submit a full business plan should the initial bid be successful.
- 5.4 This report also seeks approval to submit a number of bids for grant funding with tight bidding deadlines. These include:
- Communities Fund - up to £70,000 is available to fund schemes across 2016/17 and 2017/18.
  - Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund - between £50,000 and £250,000 capital and revenue resources are available for 2017/18
  - Controlling Migration Fund communities - £25 million is available in each of the four years from 2016-17 to 2019-20 for Local Authorities to mitigate negative impacts on the provision of local services linked to recent migration. A bid will be prepared with various partners.
- 5.5 The Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director, City Economy has previously approved Wolverhampton commitment to the ALDA Rainbow bid in accordance with delegated approval granted by Cabinet (Resources) Panel. CWC has applied for €161,570 revenue funding from ALDA which provides €145,410 (maximum of 90%) grant to be match funded by €16,160 (10%) from CWC.
- 5.6 Delegated authority is sought as part of this report for the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve budgets for Communities Fund, Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund, mitigating the impacts of immigration on local communities and RAINBOW project should the bids be successful. Detailed financial implications will be covered as part of this approval including the funding available, the risks associated with each scheme and the delivery arrangement.  
[ES/21122016/K]

## **6.0 Legal implications**

- 6.1 As accountable body, the City of Wolverhampton Council will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) which outlines the bid and also European rules and regulations that must be complied with. Service Level Agreements will subsequently be entered into with each Delivery Partner to set out their roles and responsibilities and ensure compliance with EU rules and regulations and minimise risk to the Accountable Body from non-compliance of delivery partners.  
[RB/19122016/R]

## **7.0 Equalities implications**

- 7.1 Equal opportunities is a cross cutting objective of all European funded bids, therefore must be considered in the delivery of all European funded projects with equalities data monitored as part of delivery, however we are able to commission specific support for

some protected characteristics. The monitored equalities targets are set by the funder as part of the cross cutting themes. The people centred projects set out above would have a positive equalities impact by helping to advance equality of opportunities amongst new arrivals, young people and community groups. SLA include clauses relating to Delivery Partners not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of any law, enactment, order, or regulation relating to discrimination.

## **8.0 Environmental implications**

8.1 Sustainability is a cross cutting objective of all European funded bids, therefore must be considered in the delivery of all European funded projects. Black Country Blue Network will support will support 37 hectares across the Black Country to attain better conservation status, 17 hectares of which are in Wolverhampton.

## **9.0 Human resources implications**

9.1 Costs for the project management of externally funded projects are built into project costs with staff recruited on fixed term contracts. The Job Descriptions of employees that are used to match fund these projects, enabling the drawdown of additional resource will need to include wording and the European flag added as a requirement of securing the funding.

9.2 Appointment letters, job descriptions and requirement campaigns for funded posts must include wording that the post is part funded by ERDF and contain the appropriate logos.

## **10.0 Corporate landlord implications**

10.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

## **11.0 Schedule of background papers**

- Cabinet (Resources) Panel 26 April 2016 External Funding Update
- Cabinet (Resources) Panel 15 September 2015 Black Country European Funded Projects

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# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

## 10 January 2017

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| <b>Report title</b>                            | War Memorial Restoration Oxford Street, Bilston |  |
| <b>Decision designation</b>                    | AMBER   |  |
| <b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b> | Councillor John Reynolds<br>City Economy        |  |
| <b>Key decision</b>                            | No  |  |
| <b>In forward plan</b>                         | Yes   |  |
| <b>Wards affected</b>                          | Bilston East                                    |  |
| <b>Accountable director</b>                    | Keren Jones, Service Director, City Economy     |  |
| <b>Originating service</b>                     | Planning  |  |
| <b>Accountable employee(s)</b>                 | Jon Beesley<br>Tel<br>Email                     | Historic Environment Officer<br>01902 555622<br>jon.beesley@wolverhampton.gov.uk |
| <b>Report considered by</b>                    | Place Leadership Team                           | 12 December 2016   |

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### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Agree to the Council acting as the accountable body to facilitate the restoration of the Oxford Street war memorial in Bilston.
2. Approve the establishment of a capital budget of £46,000 for the restoration works funded by external grants and contributions.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To mark the centenary of the First World War, local residents have come together to form Bilston Remembered. One of the aims of the group is to secure the restoration of the Oxford Street war memorial in the town centre.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet (Resources) Panel authorisation for the Council to act as the accountable body to facilitate the restoration of the war memorial, which will be funded through external grant and contribution from Bilston Remembered.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Bilston Remembered is a local community interest group, established in 2014 to commemorate the role of Bilston and its citizens in the First World War. The group has organised a number of events commemorating key events of the First World War to raise funds for the restoration of the war memorial.
- 2.2 The war memorial is located within gardens bounded on the Oxford Street frontage by a low stone wall topped with decorative railings. The memorial, unveiled in 1921, is a Cross of Sacrifice, a design by the architect Sir Reginald Blomfield, designer of the Menin Gate at Ypres. It comprises a Portland stone cross with inset bronze sword, mounted on a stepped plinth. The names of the fallen of both world wars are recorded on three plaques of Westmoreland green slate mounted on a brick wall, which forms the rear boundary of the site. The memorial and gardens are situated within the Bilston Town Centre Conservation Area and are included in the City of Wolverhampton Local List of Heritage Assets.
- 2.3 An inspection of the memorial has been carried out and a schedule of works prepared. The bronze sword is to be restored and coated with protective wax. The memorial stonework is to be cleaned; damaged sections replaced and the joints repointed. The boundary wall and copings are to be repaired and repointed. The railings are severely corroded and much of the ironwork will be replaced on a like-for-like basis. Surviving original components with minor corrosion will be restored rather than replaced in order to preserve historic fabric. The restoration of those elements that formed part of the original scheme in 1921, (the war memorial and the boundary wall and railings) are eligible for grant aid from the War Memorials Trust (WMT).
- 2.4 Enhancement work has already been carried out by the Council, including felling several poplar trees (the roots of which were damaging the footpaths), removal of a privet hedge to expose the original railings and the resurfacing of the footpaths.
- 2.5 Bilston Remembered propose to add the names of any casualties from the two world wars that were not included on the original roles and the names of those that died in subsequent conflicts. The group also intend to enhance the site with the addition of benches and tree planting. These proposals would not be eligible for grant aid from the WMT. The full cost of such works would be funded by Bilston Remembered. This would be subject to prior agreement of the details and the availability of funds.

### **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 In response to an initial expression of interest the WMT has confirmed that the proposals may be eligible for a grant of up to 75% of the cost of the works, up to a maximum of £30,000.
- 3.2 The Council's Landscape Team will prepare the tender documents and manage the project on site, the fee for which will be in the region of £2,000. Bilston Remembered has confirmed that it will fund the cost of the professional fees and the balance of 25% towards the cost of the grant eligible works up to a maximum of £16,000. The total cost of the grant eligible works and professional fees is estimated to be in the region of £46,000.
- 3.3 Three competitive tenders for the cost of the works will be required for the grant application. On confirmation of an offer of grant aid from the WMT, the contract will be awarded and the works undertaken. Following completion of the works and confirmation of payment of the final invoice, the WMT will reimburse the Council. The outstanding balance for the cost of the works and professional fees will be reimbursed by Bilston Remembered.
- 3.4 The initial preparatory works will be undertaken by the Council's Landscape Team. In the unlikely event that the grant application should not be successful the Council has agreed to meet these costs.  
[MF/24112016/Q]

### **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The Council must ensure the tender process complies with the Council's Contract Rules and the appropriate parties enter into a contract with the successful tenderer. It will also be necessary to ensure that any necessary planning consents have been obtained.  
[RB/25112016/B]

### **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 The restoration of the war memorial will have no equalities implications. The Council's procurement process will be followed to ensure invited tenderers are treated in a fair and equitable manner with access to all relevant and necessary information.

### **6.0 Environmental implications**

- 6.1 The proposals referred to in this report will secure the restoration of a historic structure which is included in the City of Wolverhampton Local List of Heritage Assets. The improvements will also enhance the appearance of the Bilston Town Centre Conservation Area.

## **7.0 Corporate landlord implications**

7.1 The proposals referred to in this report will secure the restoration of the Oxford Street war memorial, which is on land within the Council's property portfolio.

## **8.0 Schedule of background papers**

8.1 No relevant background papers.

# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

## 10 January 2017

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| <b>Report title</b>                            | Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Properties by agreement or Compulsory Purchase:<br>34 Hordern Road, Whitmore Reans,<br>Wolverhampton. WV6 0HF |                                   |
| <b>Decision designation</b>                    | AMBER  |                                   |
| <b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b> | Councillor Peter Bilson<br>City Housing and Assets   |                                   |
| <b>Key decision</b>                            | No   |                                   |
| <b>In forward plan</b>                         | No   |                                   |
| <b>Wards affected</b>                          | Park   |                                   |
| <b>Accountable director</b>                    | Lesley Roberts, Strategic Director, City Housing   |                                   |
| <b>Originating service</b>                     | Private Sector Housing   |                                   |
| <b>Accountable employee(s)</b>                 | Richard Long   | Housing Improvement Officer       |
|  | Tel  | 01902 555705                      |
|  | Email  | Richard.long@wolverhampton.gov.uk |
| <b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>     | Not applicable   |                                   |

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### Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Authorise the Strategic Director, City Housing to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property, and, in default of that acquisition, give authority for a compulsory purchase order (CPO) to be made under Part II Section 17 Housing Act 1985 in respect of the property.
2. Approve expenditure for the potential acquisition of the property, with subsequent capital receipts being recycled within this programme.

3. In the event that the property is improved and re-occupied to the satisfaction of the Service Director for City Assets, authorise withdrawal of the property from the CPO.
4. Following any acquisition, authorise the Strategic Director, City Housing to dispose of the property on the open market on condition that the property is refurbished and re-occupied within in 6 or 12 months (as appropriate to the scale of the works).
5. Authorise the Director of Governance to –
  - a) Take all reasonable steps as soon as it is reasonably practical to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO including the publication and service of all Notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry.
  - b) Approve agreements with the owners of the property setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the CPO, and/or making arrangements for re-housing or relocation of any occupiers.
  - c) Approve the making of a General Vesting Declaration (the property is brought into Council ownership via this process).
  - d) Approve the disposal of the whole and/ or parts of the property by auction, tender or private treaty.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Panel to authorise the acquisition of 34 Hordern Road, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, WV6 0HF, by negotiation or by the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 17 of Part II of the Housing Act 1985 (CPO). Should it be possible to reach agreement on a mutually acceptable undertaking, agree to the withdrawal of the property from the CPO.
- 1.2 This decision is in support of City of Wolverhampton Council Empty Properties Strategy 2010-2015 which aims to bring long term empty properties back into use.
- 1.3 The reoccupation of empty properties brings in additional income to the City Council via the New Homes Bonus paid to Local Authorities as a result of increased housing supply.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Council previously made a Compulsory Purchase Order for 34 Hordern Road in 2009. However, Government Office decided that works had progressed sufficiently and the Order was not confirmed.
- 2.2 The property still remains empty and is considered to be having a detrimental impact on the neighbourhood and adjoining properties. In October 2014, a Notice under Section 215 (Town and Country Planning Act 1990) requiring the tidying up of the property was served. An appeal by the owner against the Notice was dismissed in the Magistrates Court. Accordingly the Section 215 Notice took effect on 6 January and required compliance by 6 March 2015. The Notice has not been fully complied with.
- 2.3 There are approximately 1,200 properties in Wolverhampton that have been empty for over 6 months with 420 of these empty over 2 years. When set in the context of the significant shortfall of housing in Wolverhampton it is clear that bringing these empty properties back into use, many of which are family homes, could have a significant impact on housing provision in the City.
- 2.4 Over the last 12 years, the Council has been very successful in persuading owners to bring their properties back into use through a combination of the provision of advice, guidance and enforcement. Around 200 empty properties are brought back into use via these interventions each year.
- 2.5 Acquisition/ CPO are only considered as a last resort. Since 2004, Cabinet has received 112 individual reports to acquire/ compulsory purchase empty residential properties. Of these, only 21% have needed to be submitted for confirmation by the secretary of state. The prospect of a CPO often brings about voluntary action by the owner.

## **3.0 Proposals**

- 3.1 Where it is necessary to make a Compulsory Purchase Order and this is subsequently confirmed in favour of the Council, the Council would seek to dispose of the property by

tender, auction or private treaty. The property would be sold with the condition that the property is brought back to a required standard of repair within a specified time limit. This will also apply to any negotiated acquisitions.

#### **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 In the event of an acquisition the costs can be met from the £540,000 capital budget for the Empty property strategy approved by Council on 20 July 2016. The subsequent sale of the property would result in a capital receipt, ring-fenced to finance future purchases through the Empty property strategy. Any non-capital costs incurred between purchase and sale, for example security measures, must be met from current private sector housing budgets.
- 4.2 The owner of the property has been served with a Section 215 Notice of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to tidy the land/ buildings. This has not been complied with and it will therefore not be necessary to pay the additional statutory 7.5% compensation payment.
- 4.3 Bringing empty properties back into use attracts New Homes Bonus to the City Council and could result in additional council tax revenue.  
[JB/22122016/P]

#### **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 empowers local housing authorities to compulsorily acquire land houses or other properties for the provision of housing accommodation. However the acquisition must achieve a qualitative or quantitative housing gain. In order to make a Compulsory Purchase Order under this power and achieve successful confirmation, the Council will need to show compliance with the requirements of the relevant statutory provision and circular 06/2004 Compulsory Purchase and the Crichel Down Rules. Where there are objections to a Compulsory Purchase Order the matter may go forward to a public inquiry and specialist Counsel may need to be engaged to present the Council's case.
- 4.2 Article 1 of Protocol 1 of the Human Rights Act 1988 guarantees peaceful enjoyment of possessions and would be engaged by the making of a CPO. However, the contents of this report and the actions recommended are considered to be proportional and compatible with the Human Rights Act 1988, particularly bearing in mind the above checks and balances on the Local Authority's power.  
[KR/29122016/K]

#### **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 Equalities implications have been considered throughout the process and in assessing the outcome. An Equality Analysis has been completed and this does not indicate any adverse implications. Bringing an empty property back into use will improve the visual amenity of the area and can make the area more welcoming to some groups covered by the Equality Act 2010, in doing so this will promote participation in public life.

## **7.0 Environmental implications**

7.1 Long term empty properties can have a detrimental impact on neighbourhood sustainability and cause environmental blight. Bringing the property back into residential use will improve the appearance of the neighbourhood, enhance property conditions and contribute to the regeneration of the City, meeting the Council's strategic objectives.

## **8.0 Corporate landlord implications**

8.1 Where applicable, corporate landlord will be required to produce valuations and arrange for the appropriate disposal of the property by auction or private treaty.

## **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

- An Action Plan to Deliver the Empty Property Strategy 11/01/06;
- Private Sector Empty Property Strategy 2010-2015;
- Wolverhampton Housing Needs Survey 2007;

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# Cabinet (Resources) Panel

## 10 January 2017

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| <b>Report title</b>                            | Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices |  |
| <b>Decision designation</b>                    | AMBER   |  |
| <b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b> | All   |  |
| <b>Key decision</b>                            | No  |  |
| <b>In forward plan</b>                         | No  |  |
| <b>Wards affected</b>                          | All   |  |
| <b>Accountable director</b>                    | Kevin O'Keefe, Governance                         |  |
| <b>Originating service</b>                     | Democratic Support                                |  |
| <b>Accountable employee(s)</b>                 | Dereck Francis<br>Tel<br>Email                    | Democratic Services Officer<br>01902 555835<br>dereck.francis@wolverhampton.gov.uk |
| <b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>     | N/A   |  |

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### Recommendations for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note the summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees.

## Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices

### Part 1 – Open Items

#### 1. Corporate

| <b>Decision maker</b>  | <b>In consultation with</b> | <b>Date Approved</b> | <b>Contact Officer</b>     |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Councillor Claire Darke  | Director of Education       | 19 December 2016     | Bill Hague<br>01902 556943 |
| <b>Title and summary of decision</b>   |                             |                      |                            |
| <b>Determination of School Admission Arrangements</b><br>Approved the Wolverhampton Scheme for co-ordinated admission arrangements at the year of normal entry and model timetables for 2018/19. |                             |                      |                            |
|  |                             |                      |                            |

#### 2. People

None

#### 3. Place

None

### Part 2 – Exempt Items

#### 1. Corporate

| <b>Decision maker</b>   | <b>In consultation with</b>                   | <b>Date Approved</b> | <b>Contact Officer</b>      |
|---|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Councillor Claire Darke and Councillor Andrew Johnson   | Director of Education and Director of Finance | 19 December 2016     | Paul Senior<br>01902 551985 |
| <b>Title and decision summary</b>   |   |                      |                             |
| <b>Post 16 Special Educational Needs and Disability Commissioned Learner Places</b><br>Approved the payment referred to in the individual executive decision notice report. |   |                      |                             |
|   |   |                      |                             |

#### 2. People

None

### 3. Place

| Decision maker          | In consultation with | Date Approved    | Contact Officer              |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Councillor Peter Bilson | Director of Housing  | 29 November 2016 | Lesley Eagle<br>01902 555446 |

#### Title and summary of decision

##### Regularisation of land in adverse possession adjacent to Hylstone Crescent former garage site, Wednesfield

Approved the regularisation of the land which is factually possessed and in respect of which the owner occupiers could make a claim for Adverse Possession, by transfer of the land to the owners at nil consideration subject to payment by the owners of the Council's legal fees and their own legal fees and other terms.

| Decision maker           | In consultation with | Date Approved    | Contact Officer                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Councillor John Reynolds | Head of Skills       | 16 December 2016 | Angela McKeever<br>01902 551445 |

#### Title and summary of decision

##### Award of contracts for voluntary sector and community services

Awarded the contract for voluntary sector and community services for a duration of up to five years from 3 April 2016 to 2 April 2021 to the organisations and at the values listed below:

| Lot | Bidder                                  | of  | Price £,000 |
|-----|---|---|-------------|
| 1   | Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council  | 16 Temple Street,<br>Wolverhampton, WV2 4AN                         | 100         |
| 2   | Jobchange 2007                          | 10 Red Lion Street,<br>Wolverhampton, WV1 4HL                       | 70*         |
| 3   | Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council  | 16 Temple Street,<br>Wolverhampton, WV2 4AN                         | 60          |
| 4   | Access to Business                      | 81 Tempest Street,<br>Wolverhampton, WV2 1AA                        | 69          |
| 5   | Jobchange 2007                          | 10 Red Lion Street,<br>Wolverhampton, WV1 4HL                       | 50          |
| 6   | Citizens Advice Bureau<br>Wolverhampton | 26 Snow Hill, Wolverhampton,<br>WV2 4AD                             | 263         |
| 7   | Good Shepherd Ministry                  | The Methodist Centre,<br>24 School Street,<br>Wolverhampton, WV14LF | 53          |

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