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Item 5	
Title	Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (including 2018-2019 budget rents and service charges)
Status	Recommendations Forwarded to Council
Record of Decision	<p>That Council be recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the 1% reduction in social housing rents 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 2 April 2018. 2. Adopt the business plan set out at Appendix A to the report as the approved Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan including. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The revenue budget for 2018-2019 at Appendix A3 to the report. b) The capital programme for 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 at Appendix A4 to the report including provision for retrofitting of sprinklers in high-rise blocks and building of new council housing. c) The increase in the management allowance for Wolverhampton Homes for the transfer of Homelessness and Housing Options services. 3. Agree the rates for garage rents and service charges set out in appendices B1-B3 to the report and formally notify tenants. 4. Agree to position itself to take advantage of any flexibility in HRA borrowing by gearing up to develop more council housing on suitable sites. 5. Note the consultation responses as outlined at Appendix C to the report. 6. Note the potential impact of the further implementation of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 on the HRA business Plan. 7. Note the introduction of a 52 week rent year following consultation with tenants, to better align the payment of rents with the payment of Universal Credit.

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	8. Note service charges to council tenants have been recalculated over 52 weeks but generally tenants would pay the same over 12 months, with the exception of the central heating charge for gas, which is due to increase by £0.50 per week as approved in the business plan for 2016-2017 until full recovery of costs are achieved.
Options Considered	As detailed in the body of the report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the body of the report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	1 February 2018

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Item 6	
Title	2018-2019 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-2019 - 2019-2020 - Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement Update
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the extension of use of the capital receipts flexibilities to fund transformation work to 2019-2020 be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director for Finance to respond to the consultation on the Fair Funding Review. 3. That the outcome of the 2018-2019 provisional local government finance settlement be noted. 4. That it be noted that the final budget report to Cabinet 21 February 2018 would reflect the outcome of the settlement, budget consultation, scrutiny work and detailed budget work for 2018-2019, including a review of all savings and the risks associated with their delivery.
Options Considered	The report provides Cabinet (Resources) Panel with the outcome of the 2018-2019 provisional local government finance settlement to consider the impact on the City of Wolverhampton Council and medium term planning.
Reasons for Decision	<p>As a result of the extension of the use of capital receipts flexibilities to fund transformation work to 2019-2020, the Council will be able to capitalise revenue transformational costs up to the value of capital receipts available in 2019-2020.</p> <p>As part of the provisional settlement, the Government have announced a consultation on the fair Funding Review to be implemented in 2020-2021. The consultation will last for 12 weeks to 12 March 2018 and focusses on the potential approaches identified to measure the relative needs of local authorities. It is important that the Council takes opportunities to influence the shaping of local government funding where possible.</p>

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Item 7	
Title	Scrutiny Board Comments - Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-2019 to 2019-2020
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That Cabinet (Resources) Panel considers the comments from the Scrutiny Board in relation to the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-2019 to 2019-2020.
Options Considered	The report provides Cabinet (Resources) Panel with comments from the 2018-2019 Budget Scrutiny process. In the event that the budget strategy, as proposed in the report to Cabinet on 18 October 2017, were not to be implemented in that way following on from Scrutiny Board feedback, alternative options would be required in order to set a balanced budget.
Reasons for Decision	In order to make informed decisions on the final budget 2018-2019, which is due to be presented to Cabinet on 21 February 2018 the Panel is asked to consider the comments from Scrutiny Board in relation to the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-2019 to 2019-2020.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 8	
Title	Budget 2018-2019 - Outcome of Consultation
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the responses to the 2018-2019 Budget Consultation be taken into account for the 2018-2019 Final Budget to be presented to Cabinet on 21 February 2018.
Options Considered	The report provides comments from the 2018-2019 Budget Consultation. In the event that the budget strategy, as proposed in the report to Cabinet on 18 October 2017, were not to be implemented in that way due to feedback from the consultation, alternative options would be required in order to set a balanced budget.
Reasons for Decision	In order to make informed decisions on the final budget 2018-2019 which is due to be presented to Cabinet on 21 February 2018.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 9	
Title	Collection Fund Estimated Outturn 2017-2018
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>1. That the payments to the precepting authorities of their share of the Council Tax surplus in equal instalments be approved.</p> <p>The estimated outturn in 2017-2018 is a cumulative surplus of £882,000. Based on their proportion of the 2017-2018 council tax bill, as approved by Council in March 2017 the amounts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Wolverhampton Council £790,000 • West Midlands Police £62,000 • West Midlands Fire Service £30,000 <p>2. That the payments to central government and the precepting authority of their share of the Business Rates, also referred to as Non-Domestic Rates (NDR), deficit in equal instalments be approved.</p> <p>The estimated outturn in 2017-2018 is a cumulative deficit of £1.7 million; this is as a result of a cumulative deficit totalling £5.3 million brought forward from 2016-2017 and an estimated surplus in 2017-2018 totalling £3.6 million. As prescribed by legislation the amounts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Wolverhampton Council £936,000 surplus • Central Government £2.7 million deficit • West Midlands Fire Service £17,000 deficit <p>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to confirm any final changes to the forecast outturn reflecting any further information received ahead of the statutory deadline of 31 January 2018.</p>

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Options Considered	The estimated outturn on the Collection Fund for 2017-2018 has been prepared in accordance with specifications, regulations and directions made under various sections of the Local Government Finance Acts 1988 and 1992.
Reasons for Decision	<p>The decision will inform the budget setting process for 2018-2019, for the Council and precepting bodies.</p> <p>The delegation to confirm any final changes to the forecast outturn reflecting any further information received ahead of the statutory deadline of 31 January 2018 will ensure that the most up to date information is used to inform 2018-2019 budgets.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 10	
Title	Council Tax Base and Business Rates (NDR) Net Rate Yield 2018-2019
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Collection Fund Council Tax Base for 2018-2019 be set at 62,816.47 Band D equivalents. 2. That the Collection Fund Business Rates, also referred to as Non-Domestic (NDR), Net Rate Yield for 2017-2018 be set at £74.2 million. 3. That the Council’s contribution of £228,000 in 2017-2018 to the West Midlands Combined Authority; which represents the real terms growth in the central share of business rates owed to the West Midlands Combined Authority be approved. 4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Director of Finance to approve amendments to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The final Business Rates net rate yield as required as a result of changes to the NNDR1 form (National Non-Domestic Rates return) by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) or data revisions and changes in projections; b. The Council Tax Base as a result of any data revisions and changes in projections.
Options Considered	The Council tax base and the net business rates yield have been prepared in accordance with relevant legislation.

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<p>Reasons for Decision</p>	<p>Approval of the Council Tax Base and Net Business Rates Yield for 2018-2019 will inform the budget setting process for 2018-2019, for the Council and precepting bodies.</p> <p>The delegation will remove the need for an additional meeting to approve any final changes to the final Business Rates net rate yield as required as a result of changes to the NNDR1 form and the council tax base reflecting any further information received ahead of the statutory deadline of 31 January 2018.</p>
<p>Record of Conflicts of Interest</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Dispensation Granted</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</p>	<p>23 January 2018</p>

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Item 11	
Title	West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Borrowing Powers and Amendments to Key Route Network
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<p>That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Managing Director to implement the following recommendations at an appropriate time by way of written notification to the WMCA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate authority to the WMCA to approve the amendment to statutory regulations which amend the WMCA borrowing powers as set out in the report, subject to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i The additional borrowing powers sought being fully aligned to the WMCA's statutory functions as detailed within the West Midlands Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017. ii Equivalent authority / approval allowing the WMCA to enter into the delegation, being received by the other Constituent Local Authorities. 2. That the WMCA borrowing cap suggested by HM Treasury as outlined within this report be approved. 3. That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Managing Director to approve the amendment to the Key Route Network as detailed within the report.
Options Considered	The alternative option could be to refuse to consent to the proposals to amend statute to enable the WMCA to extend its borrowing powers or amend the KRN. This option is not recommended as it will impact on the WMCA ability to undertake and develop some of the key priorities for the region.

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Reasons for Decision	<p>In accepting the recommendations, the WMCA will be able to enter into the necessary agreements with Government to amend existing statute, enabling the WMCA to borrow for all of the functions attributable to it and make the proposed changes to the Key Route Network.</p> <p>The delegations will ensure that the City Council retains oversight of the final amended orders produced from the Government.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 12	
Title	Review of Contributions to Non-residential Adult Social Care - Outcome of Consultation and Final Proposals
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the final proposals, following consultation, be approved for a new approach to non-residential contributions scheme based on individual financial assessments that are fair and equitable and Care Act compliant and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow for a £12.00 disregard on disability benefits for disability-related expenditure; • Allow for an additional 30% of the enhanced disability premium (currently £4.77) for working-age customers to help mitigate against the lower Minimum Income Guarantee set by Government for working-age people than for pensioners; • Cap any non-residential weekly contribution at no more than the weekly personal budget rate for a residential care home, currently £394.94; • Maintain a £150 charge for the administration costs for self-funders who request that the Council arrange for their care and support and add £75 per year thereafter to cover on-going costs; • Maintain exemptions from contributions for terminally ill customers and carers; 2. That transitional protection for current service users by limiting any significant increases be approved. 3. That the implementation of the new contributions scheme from April 2018 be approved. 4. That the report on the outcome of the public consultation on the review of contributions to non-residential adult social care be noted.
Options Considered	The options that were put to consultation are detailed within the report

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Reasons for Decision	To introduce a more fair and equitable scheme.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
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Item 13	
Title	Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Properties by agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 55 Rooker Avenue, Ettingshall
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Strategic Director for City Housing be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property 55 Rooker Avenue, Ettingshall, Wolverhampton 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. That expenditure for the potential acquisition of the property be approved, with subsequent capital receipts being recycled within the Empty Property Strategy programme. 3. That in the event that the property is improved and re-occupied to the satisfaction of the Strategic Director for City Housing, the property be withdrawn from the CPO. 4. That following any acquisition, the Strategic Director for City Housing be authorised to 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). 5. That the Director of Governance be authorised to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Options Considered</p>	<p>The Council could consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Doing nothing - the property is likely to remain empty, attract anti-social behaviour and continue to be a drain on the public purse. b. An Empty Dwelling Management Order (EDMO) – this is considered to be a less draconian option than compulsory purchase. However the cost of refurbishment of this property would place a strain on the council’s finances and it would be unlikely that the cost of initial refurbishment and subsequent management and maintenance would be recovered through rental income over seven years. c. Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) – The prospect of a CPO often prompts the owner to act leading to the property being refurbished and re-occupied. However, if it is necessary to acquire the property, the proposals for the onward disposal and refurbishment set out at 5.0 of this report ensure that the property is brought back into use at a minimum cost to the Public Purse.
<p>Reasons for Decision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To ensure that the property provides much needed housing by prompting the owner either to act voluntarily or via enforcement through a CPO. b. To ensure that the property does not continue to be visually detrimental to the area and does not continue to attract anti-social behaviour and fly tipping. c. To ensure that the property has a positive financial impact on the public purse through additional New Homes Bonus funding and removing the on-going expenditure arising from the anti-social behaviour.

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	d. The proposal to pursue a CPO is the most cost effective in terms of financial and physical resources for the Council.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 14	
Title	Acquisition of Privately Owned Land by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: Site of former Public House at Willis Pearson Avenue/ Rowley View, Bilston
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Strategic Director for City Housing or the Strategic Director for Place be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the site of former public house Willis Pearson Avenue/ Rowley View, Bilston. WV14 8DA, and, in default of that acquisition, give authority for a compulsory purchase order (CPO) to be made under Section 17 of Part 2 of the Housing Act 1985 and/ or Section 226 Part 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. 2. That expenditure for the potential acquisition of the site, and its subsequent development for Council housing, from within the existing Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme be approved. 3. That the land be withdrawn from the CPO if development of the site is progressed by the current owner to the satisfaction of the Strategic Director for City Housing. 4. That the Director of Governance be authorised to take the following action should it not be possible to agree terms for the acquisition of the site by negotiation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 land 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 land is brought into Council ownership via this process).

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	<p>5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Strategic Director for City Housing or the Strategic Director for Place, following any acquisition, to approve detailed proposals for development of the site by the City of Wolverhampton Council for council housing.</p>
Options Considered	<p>The two main options for the site are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do Nothing – Based upon the owner’s actions to date, the land is likely to remain undeveloped, continue to attract anti-social behaviour/ fly tipping and continue to be a drain on the public purse. b. Negotiated acquisition/ compulsory purchase order (CPO) – The prospect of a CPO often prompts the owner to act. However, if it is necessary to acquire the site, proposals for development are set out at paragraph 5 below.
Reasons for Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To ensure that the land is developed for much needed housing by either the current owner or through the acquisition and development of the site by the Council. b. To ensure that the land does not continue to be visually detrimental to the area and does not continue to attract anti-social behaviour/ fly tipping. c. To ensure that the site has a positive financial impact on the public purse through additional New Homes Bonus funding and removing the on-going use of resources arising from the anti-social behaviour/ fly tipping.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 15	
Title	Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Properties by agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 10 Lloyd Street, Wolverhampton
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Strategic Director for City Housing be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property 10 Lloyd Street, Wolverhampton, 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. That expenditure for the potential acquisition of the property, with subsequent capital receipts being recycled within the Empty Property Strategy programme be approved. 3. That in the event that the property is improved and re-occupied to the satisfaction of the Strategic Director for City Housing, the property be withdrawn from the CPO. 4. That following any acquisition, the Strategic Director for City Housing be authorised to 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). 5. That the Director of Governance be authorised to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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).

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	d. Approve the disposal of the whole and/ or parts of the property by auction, tender or private treaty.
Options Considered	<p>a. Do nothing – the property is likely to remain empty, continue to have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the area and continue to be a drain on the public purse.</p> <p>b. Empty Dwelling Management Order (EDMO) – An EDMO is considered to be a less draconian option than a compulsory purchase. However, the cost of refurbishment of this property would place a strain on the Council’s finances and it would be unlikely that the cost of initial refurbishment and subsequent management and maintenance would be recovered through rental income over seven years.</p> <p>c. Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) – The prospect of a CPO often prompts the owner to act leading to the property being refurbished and re-occupied. However, if it is necessary to acquire the property, the proposals for the onward disposal and refurbishment set out at 5.0 of this report ensure that the property is brought back into use at a minimum cost to the Public Purse.</p>
Reasons for Decision	<p>a. To ensure that the property provides much needed housing by prompting the owner either act voluntarily or via enforcement through a CPO.</p> <p>b. To ensure that the property does not continue to be visually detrimental to the area.</p> <p>c. To ensure that the property has a positive financial impact on the public purse through additional New Homes Bonus funding.</p> <p>d. The proposal to pursue a CPO is the most cost effective in terms of financial and physical resources for the Council</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 16	
Title	Achieving Our Broadband Vision
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the submission of a bid to the Local Full Fibre Network to improve connectivity in the city centre be approved subject to the final signoff by the Cabinet Member for City Economy and Section 151 Officer. 2. That the Council act as a grant recipient for the Local Full Fibre Network bid, if successful. 3. That authority be delegated to Cabinet Members for City Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Place and the Director of Finance to enter into a funding agreement and to approve the procurement exercise if the bid is successful. 4. That engagement with UK Government’s Barrier Removal Taskforce in relation to adopting a local approach to highways, planning, wayleaves that optimises the local environment to improve digital infrastructure be approved. 5. That employees be authorised to explore the use of a concession agreement to enable public WiFi.
Options Considered	<p>Public Sector Anchor tenancy – Council agree – taking certain level of capacity and in response, provider will create fibre network</p> <p>Gigabit Voucher scheme – voucher scheme for local businesses to upgrade their connectivity</p> <p>Full Fibre Upgrades for public sector sites – e.g. tactical upgrades for public sector sites whose footprint is extended to surround premises</p> <p>Reuse of Public sector infrastructure assets such as CCTV, Urban Traffic System (UTC) or Local Authority fibre assets to run a fibre network to premises.</p>

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Reasons for Decision	There are strong economic benefits to improving the connectivity of the city centre, including improved productivity and making the city a more attractive place to invest in.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 17	
Title	Arts Council of England Funding Agreement
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place and Director of Finance to approve the final business plan for the contemporary visual arts and craft programme for submission to the Arts Council and to sign the funding agreement with Arts Council of England National Portfolio 2018-2022. 2. That supplementary revenue budgets be approved to reflect the grants once approved.
Options Considered	If there is not a signed funding agreement in place then the Council will not be awarded the Arts Council funding and therefore will be unable to deliver the outcomes outlined above. Arts Council funding is reliant on investment from City of Wolverhampton in the programme.
Reasons for Decision	A signed funding agreement is required as a condition of the grant funding from the Arts Council.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 18	
Title	Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That the summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees be noted.
Options Considered	Not applicable in relation to the summary report.
Reasons for Decision	In accordance with the Council’s Constitution, a summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees must be reported to the next available meeting of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel for information.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	18 January 2018

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Item 20	
Title	Civic Halls Improvement and Full Restoration
Status	Recommendations Forwarded to Council
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council be recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approve the scope of construction and associated works for the comprehensive restoration of both Wulfrun and Civic Halls. b. Approve the additional capital resources of £23.7 million required to deliver the Civic Halls project. c. Approve the development of a ticket levy to support the proposed scheme. d. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with Strategic Director for Place, to agree the contract variation with Shaylor Group when the negotiation process is complete. 2. That the revised business case for the Civic Halls be noted. 3. That the approach to seeking additional grant funding from external sources, to reduce the cost to the Council be noted.
Options Considered	As detailed in exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	1 February 2018

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Item 21	
Title	Improving the City Housing Offer: Small Sites Newbuild Council Housing Phase 4
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the use of the £4.0 million Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital budget for the delivery of phase four of the small site council housing newbuild programme providing an additional 33 homes across eight sites in the City be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Strategic Director for City Housing to approve any variation from the identified sites for phase four of the small sites new build programme. 3. That the success to date of the small site newbuild Council housing programme, currently delivering 21 new homes across the city through the Council's Strategic Construction Partner (SCP) contractors Wates and United Living be noted. 4. That the progress of phase three of the small sites programme, which had procured and appointed contractors to deliver new homes across six sites, with work already underway be noted.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	The use of the capital budget for small sites phase four will increase the council housing stock numbers which will assist with the current housing shortage across the City, whilst also improving areas of vacant land which have a negative effect on the wider communities.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 22	
Title	Application of Right to Buy Receipts for Additional Social Housing
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the utilisation of £2.5 million of the HRA capital programme for new build for the acquisition of additional social housing units using Right to Buy ‘one-for-one’ receipts be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place to agree the expenditure on individual properties and purchases. 3. That the following proposed priorities for the capital budget be approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Buying back of former Right to Buy properties on the Heath Town estate, where leaseholders prefer to dispose of their properties rather than pay for the investment works required. b. Purchase of properties on the open market to be added to the Housing Revenue Account. c. Purchase of properties on the open market for decanting of Council tenants from larger properties in poor repair, where they are under-occupying and the Council has assessed their existing properties as being uneconomic to repair. d. Purchase of land on the open market for development of new Council homes for affordable rent. e. Investment in Registered Provider developments in the city, where this will provide for a lower rent for the tenants, supporting affordability outcomes. 4. That first lettings of the void properties purchased under recommendation 3(c) above be ring-fenced for the decanting of high cost street properties. 5. That an annual review of Right to Buy receipt expenditure, and the development of a bank of projects to ensure maximum use of one-for-one receipts, enabling the Council to respond quickly to opportunities to increase social housing in the city be approved.

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Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	23 January 2018

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Item 23	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contract for the Survey of Non-Traditional Housing Stock be awarded to Michael Dyson Associates Limited of West House, Meltham Road, Honley, West Yorkshire, HD9 6LB for a duration of three years from 26 January 2018 to 25 January 2021 for a total contract value of £214,898. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of contracts for the Construction of 33 Houses Across Eight Sites when the evaluation process is complete. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director of Education, to approve the award of a contract for the Construction of a New Primary School at Loxdale when the evaluation process is complete. 4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director for Education, to approve the award of a contract for the Extension of Stowlawn Primary School when the negotiation process is complete. 5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director for Education, to approve the award of a contract for the Extension of Springvale Primary School when the negotiation process is complete. 6. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director for Education, to approve the award of a contract for Construction Professional Services for Loxdale Primary School and Aldersley High School Projects when the evaluation process is complete.

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7. That the contract for the Highways Asset Management System be awarded to Pitney Bowes of Building 5 Trident Place, Hatfield Business Park, Mosquito Way, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9UJ for a duration of two years with a further two optional annual extensions from 1 April 2018 for a total contract value of £381,888.
8. That contracts for Medical Referees for the Bereavement Services be awarded to:
 - Dr A Sharma of Bilston Health Centre, Prouds Lane, Bilston WV14 6PW
 - Dr D Bush of 2A Coalway Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 7LR
 - Dr M Manley of 119 Coalway Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 7NAfor a duration of four years from 1 February 2018 to 31 January 2022 for an estimated total contract value of £200,000.
9. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Governance, to approve the award of a contract for Supply of Taxi Licensing Plates when the evaluation process is complete.
10. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for People, to approve the award of a contract for a Qlikview Development Partner when the evaluation process is complete.
11. That the award of the contract for City Learning Quarter Concept Design (RIBA Stage 2) be deferred pending further clarification.
12. That the award of the contract for Extra Care Service at Bridge Court be deferred pending further clarification.
13. That the contract for Construction of Changing Rooms at Barnhurst Lane be awarded to Kiers Construction Limited of Tempsford Hall, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2BD the contract for a duration of six months from 1 March 2018 for a total contract value of £880,000.
14. That the Director of Governance be authorised to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.

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	<p>15. That the changes in the contract value thresholds for compliance with the relevant requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations and for advertising in OJEU from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020 as follows be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplies and Services contracts £181,302 • Works contracts (construction) £ £4,551,413 <p>16. That it be noted that in accordance with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules contracts with values above £181,302 would be included in future Procurement reports to Cabinet (Resources) Panel.</p>
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	23 January 2018

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Item 24	
Title	Council's Residential Children's Home - Future Service Delivery Model
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	That option two for the future of Merridale Street West Children's Home – the delivery of a four-bed assessment home for looked after children through in-house provision be approved.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	23 January 2018

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Item 25	
Title	East Park Gateway Regeneration Programme
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the setting up of an East Park Gateway Regeneration Programme and its proposed governance be endorsed. 2. That the outline business case for the building of new offices for Wolverhampton Homes on Council owned land at Qualcast Road as the first phase of the Regeneration Programme be approved. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Members for City Economy and Resources in consultation with the Service Director, City Economy and the Director of Finance to approve the purchase of strategic interests in land in support of the regeneration programme, subject to identified budget and business case. 4. That the principle of the use of compulsory purchase powers to assemble marketable sites for remediation, servicing and development in the programme area be approved. 5. That employees be authorised to investigate the redevelopment of the Wholesale Market subject to any appropriate safeguards for current tenant traders and to report back with proposals. 6. That employees be authorised to work up and submit applications to the Local Enterprise Partnership for external funding in support of the programme objectives 7. That the interrelationship between the East Park Gateway Regeneration Programme and other Council investment proposals including the rationalisation of waste and depot facilities, replacement offices and facilities for Wolverhampton Homes and the improvement of Willenhall Road be noted.

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	8. That it be noted that reports on detailed proposals for Council intervention to achieve the aims and objectives of the East Park Gateway Regeneration programme would be submitted to future meetings of the Panel.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.
Reasons for Decision	As detailed in the exempt report.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	23 January 2018

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Item 26	
Title	Waste and Recycling Services
Status	Item Deferred
Record of Decision	A report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet or Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
Options Considered	To be detailed in the exempt report to be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet or Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
Reasons for Decision	To be detailed in the exempt report to be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet or Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	Not applicable