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Item 5	
Title	Pay Policy Statement 2018-2019
Status	Recommendations Forwarded to Council
Record of Decision	<p>That Council be recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2018 – 2019. 2. Approve the publication of the Pay Policy Statement by 31 March 2018 in line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.
Options Considered	There are no alternative options to the Council producing and publishing a pay policy statement as government has defined the requirement.
Reasons for Decision	Section 38 of The Localism Act 2011 requires that each council prepares an annual pay policy statement.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	The Strategic Executive Board collectively declared a pecuniary interest in the Pay Policy Statement.
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	29 March 2018

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Item 6	
Title	Gender Pay Gap Report 2017
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report on the City of Wolverhampton Council's Gender Pay Gap be endorsed. 2. That it be noted that the Gender Pay Gap data would be published on the Gender Pay Gap reporting site on the GOV.UK website, together with the report on the City of Wolverhampton Council's Gender Pay Gap, as required by legislation
Options Considered	There are no alternative options to consider as government has defined the requirements of the report.
Reasons for Decision	If the Council fails to endorse the Gender Pay Gap report it would be unable to meet the government deadline of publishing data which would result in a fine of £20,000.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	27 March 2018

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Item 7	
Title	Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter Three 2017-2018
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the use of £82,000 from the Regeneration Reserve to fund various development works and schemes as detailed at paragraph 5.2.2 of the report be approved. 2. That the amendment of draw down amounts of the Regeneration Reserve that were approved in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 as outlined in at Table 7 of the report be approved. 3. That the use of £104,000 from the Transformation Reserve to cover various works and schemes as detailed at paragraph 5.2.3 of the report be approved. 4. That the use of £169,000 from the Highways Management Reserve to cover various works and schemes as detailed at paragraph 5.2.4 of the report be approved. 5. That the establishment of a new specific reserve for Adult Social Care from underspends in 2017-2018 to offset pressures in 2018-2019 as outlined at paragraph 5.2.5 of the report be approved. 6. That the use of £332,000 from the Future Works Reserves to support Agresso System Development as detailed at paragraph 5.2.6 of the report be approved. 7. That the write off of one Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £19,090.80 as detailed in Appendix 6 of the report be approved. 8. That the write off of five sundry debts totalling £120,156.60 as detailed in Appendix 7 of the report be approved.

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9. That thirty-two virements totalling £8.2 million, for transfers within directorates, as detailed in Appendix 8 of the report be approved.
10. That the write off of £36,111.10 relating to five tenant rechargeable repair accounts over £5,000 as outlined in Appendix 10 of the report be approved.
11. That setting up of supplementary expenditure budgets within the 2017-2018 approved budgets as detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report for grant funded expenditure be approved.
12. That it be noted that as a result of proactive financial management across the Council, all services have completed recovery plans which have identified efficiencies and mitigating actions to recover the overspend that was forecast as at quarter two of 2017-2018. The overall projected outturn for the General Fund for 2017-2018 is now forecast to be an underspend in the region of £70,000.
13. That it be noted that projected redundancy costs, including the cost of pension strain, totalling £3.0 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 Capital Receipts flexibility announced by the Secretary of State, will offset the cost of redundancies.
14. That it be noted that 522 council tax accounts totalling £201,553.80, as detailed in paragraph 8.4.1 of the report have been approved by for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
15. That it be noted that 22 Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) debts totalling £75,616.40, as detailed in paragraph 8.4.2 of the report, have been approved by for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
16. That it be noted that 143 sundry debt accounts totalling £107,007.72, as detailed in paragraph 8.3 of the report, have been approved by for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

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	<p>17. That it be noted that 24 housing benefit overpayments totalling £16,336.13, as detailed in paragraph 8.7 of the report, have been approved for write off by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.</p> <p>18. That it be noted that a £18.5 million surplus on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projected compared with a budgeted surplus of £16.8 million as shown at Table 10 and in detail at Appendix 9 to the report. The projected increased surplus of £1.7 million will be used to redeem debt in line with the HRA Business Plan.</p> <p>19. That it be noted that the Director of Finance has approved the write off 1,240 former HRA tenant rent accounts totalling £707,269.01, as detailed in paragraph 9.5.2 of the report in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.</p> <p>20. That it be noted that the Director of Finance has approved the write off 430 former tenant rechargeable repair accounts totalling £262,257.89, as detailed in paragraph 9.6.2 of the report in accordance with the Council's Finance Procedure Rules.</p>
Options Considered	The write-offs, virements and use of reserve requests requiring the approval of Cabinet (Resources) Panel are all considered to be prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Resources.
Reasons for Decision	In accordance with the Council's financial procedures rules, all virements in excess of £50,000, or those that result in a transfer between Employees and Other Controllable Expenditure headings, require the approval of Cabinet (Resources) Panel. Contribution to and from reserves also requires the approval from Cabinet (Resources) Panel. The write-offs, virements and use of reserve requests detailed in the report which seek the approval of Cabinet are all considered to be prudent in the opinion of the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Resources.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 8	
Title	Quarter Three Treasury Management Activity Monitoring
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contents of the report and in particular that the Council is continuing to operate within the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators approved by Council, and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2017-2018 be noted. 2. That it be noted that savings of £821,000 for the General Fund and £677,000 for the Housing Revenue Account are forecast from treasury management activities in 2017-2018.
Options Considered	As this is a monitoring report of treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy 2017-2018, there are no alternative options available.
Reasons for Decision	The report provides an update on treasury management activities undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy 2017-2018.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 9	
Title	FutureSpace Update
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it be noted that the progress of the FutureSpace programme had been in line with the agreed mandate and intended outcomes. 2. That it be noted that the activity remaining is on target to achieve the outcomes and benefits as set out in the original business case. 3. That it be noted that the programme has been delivered using robust project and programme management consistent with the agreed corporate methodology.
Options Considered	<p>The long-term occupation of the Civic Centre could not be guaranteed due to the failing M&E systems of a 37-year-old building. The substantial risk of failure of building systems was too high to do nothing. An options appraisal was undertaken and the “Do Minimum” option was progressed.</p> <p>Capital investment identified for the main Civic Centre building, had a clear and direct dependency with other project works. These dependencies were managed successfully within the overall programme governance structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Civic Centre Car Park structural and M&E repairs • The Urban Traffic Control (UTC) relocation from Heantun House
Reasons for Decision	To provide assurance that the approved FutureSpace programme has to date, and will continue to deliver its mandate.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 10	
Title	Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation 2018-2019
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the delegation of the Police Grant Community Fund 2018-2019 allocation from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) for the purposes of delivering against the city’s Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-2020 be approved.
Options Considered	The Police and Crime Commissioner grant is allocated specifically for use by the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership to contribute to the City’s Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-2020 through delivery of activity set out in a costed plan.
Reasons for Decision	As the Council is the Responsible Authority for Safer Wolverhampton Partnership’s budget, formal delegation from Cabinet (Resources) Panel must be secured to enable the grant to be spent as intended.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 11	
Title	Recommendations from the Scrutiny Fire Safety Scoping Group
Status	Recommendation Approved
Record of Decision	That the Executive response to the Scrutiny Group's recommendations be approved.
Options Considered	All of the above recommendations have been considered in depth by the scoping group following close examination of the facts and discussions with expert witnesses. It is considered that these recommendations provide a balanced and pragmatic response to the evidence provided.
Reasons for Decision	<p>The Council as employer and corporate landlord has a duty of care to all employees in relation to fire safety and must ensure that this is managed and coordinated at a Strategic level. The Council must designate a Responsible Person who has responsibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carrying out fire risk assessments of the premises and reviewing them regularly • telling staff or their representatives about the risks they have identified • putting in place and maintaining appropriate fire safety measures • planning for an emergency • providing staff information, fire safety instruction and training <p>The same is true of Wolverhampton Homes and each of the TMOs which also have a duty of care to the tenants and leaseholders living in the properties they manage.</p> <p>The Council, its elected members, tenants, employees and members of the public must be confident that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure that a tragedy such as happened in Grenfell cannot happen in Wolverhampton.</p> <p>The fact that this is the case needs to be communicated and the public must be assured that their concerns are being listened to and where appropriate, acted upon.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 12	
Title	Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2018-2019
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed increase in fee levels for 2018-2019 to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage (NLW) be approved. 2. That the engagement with current care and support providers as part of the fee review which builds upon the open book exercise undertaken 2017-2018 be noted. 3. That the intention to review the terms of the Ethical Care Charter be noted.
Options Considered	<p>Option 1 - Do nothing. Do not increase fee levels.</p> <p>Option 2 - Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee only) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage.</p> <p>Option 3 - Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage.</p> <p>Option 4 - Increase fee levels to meet the additional costs (employee and employer) resulting from the increases to the National Living Wage plus an additional 10% as proposed by the Ethical Care Charter.</p>
Reasons for Decision	To ascertain the cost of care provision in the Wolverhampton market, several costing options have been modelled and considered to inform the setting of fee rates for 2018-2019, taking into account the National Living Wage and the Ethical Care Charter.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 13	
Title	External Funding Update
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the submission of a full application to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for the Black Country AIM for GOLD (Advice Investment and Market Development and Growth Opportunities Local Delivery) Project be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to Cabinet Members for City Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director Place and Director of Finance to enter into Grant Funding Agreements and approve budgets relating to successful bids or extensions to projects. 3. That the development of a full application for ERDF funding for a Smart Intelligence Infrastructure Investment I³ project should the outline application be successful be approved.
Options Considered	<p>No bid - projects would not proceed, would proceed at a lesser scale or over a longer timescale if external funding was not available.</p> <p>Bid - external funding enables the Council to deliver priority projects at a faster pace with greater impact.</p>
Reasons for Decision	<p>External funding enables priority projects to proceed, at a faster pace and with greater impact. External funders usually require the Council to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement outlining what the resource can be used for and rules and regulations relating to the funding source in particular EU funded projects. There is a risk of clawback of grant if rules and regulations are not followed, therefore dedicated Project Managers are built into costings for larger external funded projects to minimise risk.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 14	
Title	Acquisition of Privately Owned Empty Property by Agreement or Compulsory Purchase: 15 Gordon Avenue, Lanesfield, Wolverhampton, WV4 6PX
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Service Director, City Housing be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property 15 Gordon Avenue, Lanesfield, 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 Service Director, City Housing, the property be withdrawn from the CPO. 4. That following any acquisition, the Service Director, 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
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Item 15	
Title	Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices
Status	Recommendation 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.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
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Item 17	
Title	Regional Adoption Agency Delegated Authority
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the establishment of the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) be approved. 2. That the service design, structure and governance of the RAA as a Local Authority Trading Company, including transfer of staff into the new organisation be approved. 3. That the financial model and funding formula be approved. 4. That the governance arrangements be approved. 5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in consultation with the Director of Finance and Director for Children’s Services to make further decisions specifically relating to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The finalisation of arrangements for the delivery of support services to the RAA, ensuring that the ‘back office’ costs are funded by Local Authorities and the RAA has a viable balanced budget. b. Cash flows for the RAA. c. The development of an agreed funding protocol between the Local Authorities/Trust to enable the functioning of the funding formula, including tolerances and arrangements for spot purchasing to accommodate variations in numbers of placements required. d. Arrangements for transferring budgets to the RAA during the 2018-2019 financial year to minimise exposure of either the Local Authorities or the RAA to risks of overspend. e. The development of a risk sharing agreement between the four Local Authorities/Trust and the RAA, with appropriate governance for LAs to hold the RAA accountable. f. Authorising Adoption@Heart officer director appointments as appointments to an external body.

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	<p>g. Taking any and all decisions including without limitation the approval of all documents to enable the RAA to be incorporated; and</p> <p>h. Taking any and all necessary shareholder decisions required following incorporation.</p> <p>6. That authority be delegated to the Director of Governance, in consultation with the Director of Children’s Services, to enter into and authorise all necessary deeds, contracts and other related documents to implement the above recommendations.</p>
Options Considered	<p>To continue with the current arrangements: this would not provide the opportunity to realise the benefits that have been identified; it would also mean that the City of Wolverhampton Council would not be working to Government policy.</p> <p>To develop a RAA as a “hosted” model, where one LA delivers the RAA on behalf of the other three LAs who do not have any ownership of the RAA. As the previous report to Cabinet set out, this arrangement would hold the following key disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be an unequal role in governance between the LAs. • Non-host LAs may feel less participation and commitment. Service is subject to priorities of host LA, which may create risks. • Difficult for RAA to run independently of the host LA in the event of difficulties • Less scope for RAA to adapt its range of activities. • Limited potential for innovation and less likely to adopt best practice of all partners and beyond.
Reasons for Decision	<p>The decision to move to a Regional Adoption Agency established as an LATC has been taken for the reasons stated in the exempt report; chiefly that it will enable the benefits identified to be realised, ownership and governance to be equal, and the Council to keep in line with Government policy.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	<p>None</p>
Dispensation Granted	<p>Not applicable</p>
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	<p>27 March 2018</p>

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Item 18	
Title	Looked After Children Housing Adaptation Application
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the funding for housing adaptations for two looked after children with severe disabilities be approved. 2. That the virement of £100,000 from the Disabled Facilities Grant project to the Extension / Vehicles capital project be approved. 3. That the creation of a new scheme 'Extension Mr & Mrs G' and the virement of £147,000 from the Extension / Vehicles project to fund the housing adaptations 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
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Item 19	
Title	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That authority be delegated to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the award of a contract for Lots 1 and 3 for Enforcement Agents Services when the evaluation is complete. b. the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of a contract for Lot 2 for Enforcement Agent Services when the evaluation is complete. 2. That the contracts for Support for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children for two years from 27 March 2018 to 26 March 2020 be awarded to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Refugee and Migrant Centre Limited of 1st Floor Roma Parva 9 Waterloo, Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 4NB for £197,018. b. Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group of Wolverhampton Science Park, Technology Centre, Glaisher Dr, Wolverhampton WV10 9RU for £126,600. 3. 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 Multi-Functional Devices when the evaluation process is complete. 4. 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 Provision of a Wide Area Network when the evaluation process is complete.

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5. 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 Provision of Internet Services when the evaluation process is complete.
6. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Finance, to approve the novation and extension of the contract for the Support and Maintenance of Unit4 Business World (Agresso) to Unit4 Business Software Limited of Eden House, Eden Office Park, 82 Macrae Road, Pill, Bristol, England, BS20 0DD for three years from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021, when the negotiation is complete.
7. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of a contract for a Management Information System for Adult Education when the evaluation process is complete.
8. That the award of a contract be authorised for the Supply of Independent Living Equipment to London Borough of Croydon of Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA for three years from 1 June 2018 to 31 May 2021.
9. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Strategic Director for People, to approve the award of the contract for the Healthy Child Programme to Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV10 0QP for one year from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, when the negotiation is complete. Subsequently, subject to successful completion of agreed activities by RWT in the first year, to then extend the contract for a further one year from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.
10. That the award of contracts be authorised to providers who meet the registration requirements for undertaking NHS Health Checks for up to a four year period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022.
11. That the Director of Governance be authorised to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.

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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
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Item 20	
Title	Schools Condition Allocation Capital Programme 2018/2019
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the detailed projects for school's condition allocation capital funding in 2018-2019 as listed in paragraph 3.6 of the report be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, and Strategic Director of Place, to initiate works in relation to emergency works preventing a school closure, the nature of which would not allow sufficient time to gain normal Council approvals, then to be confirmed through an Individual Executive Decision Notice and to enter into any ancillary agreements necessary for the works to be undertaken. 3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, and Strategic Director of Place, to initiate works in relation to asbestos removal preventing a school closure, the nature of which would not allow sufficient time to gain normal Council approvals, then to be confirmed through an Individual Executive Decision Notice. 4. That it be noted that the resources available for implementing the 2018-2019 school's capital maintenance programme are provisionally £1.7 million (This figure will be adjusted once grant confirmed) against a condition backlog of £3 million for priority 1 items. 5. That it be noted that the resources available for basic need have been fully committed toward the expansion of the primary and secondary school estate, to support the provision of additional pupil places given a continued increase in demand.

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Options Considered	<p>The Council has a duty to ensure that all council school assets are statutory compliant and fit for purpose.</p> <p>The programme of works evidences the Council's statutory requirement to submit an annual return to the Department for Education detailing what the school condition allocation grant has been spent on.</p>
Reasons for Decision	<p>The proposed schools capital programme contained will reduce the highest priority condition liabilities identified from the property database. The programme will reduce the risk of any school closures due to maintenance issues.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	<p>None</p>
Dispensation Granted	<p>Not applicable</p>
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Item 21	
Title	Waste and Recycling Services
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the revised waste and recycling services as detailed in the report be approved. 2. That the delegation of the appropriate commercial and legal arrangements between the Council and Enterprise Managed Services Ltd (Amey PLC) and any changes to service charges to facilitate the new waste and recycling services to be delivered be approved. 3. That the finalisation of the arrangements be delegated to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment in consultation with the Managing Director and the Deputy Managing Director/Strategic Director for Place.
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
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