

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Council on Wednesday, 30 January 2019

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Part A – Items considered in public

6	Statement of Gambling Policy	That the revised Statement of Gambling Policy be approved.
7	Local Council Tax Support Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a revision to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme be approved so that changes in entitlement of £3 or less were not applied. 2. That a revision to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme be approved so that the financial and household information used to assess entitlement to Universal Credit was used to calculate council tax support. 3. That a revision to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme be approved so that claims would be accepted from notification of an award of Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based), Employment and Support Allowance (income-related) or Universal Credit. 4. That the revised scheme be adopted from 1 April 2019. 5. That a scheme of transitional protection be approved for 2019-2020.
8	Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2019-2020 including Rents and Service Charges	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the 1% reduction in social housing rents be implemented in accordance with the Welfare Reform and Work Act and 28 days' notice be given to all secure and introductory tenants of the rent reduction from 1 April 2019 be approved. 2. That the Business Plan set out at Appendix 1 to this report be adopted as the approved Housing Revenue Account Business Plan including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The revenue budget for 2019-2020 at Appendix 1B to this report b. The Capital Programme for 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 at Appendix 1C to this report to include the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of £24.0 million for estate remodelling • An increase to the budget for the refurbishment of Heath Town Estate of £10.1 million • An addition of £15.0 million to the budget for High Rise mechanical and electrical infrastructure • Total new build programme provision of £157.3 million with £5.0 million for community housing development at Bushbury Hill, £4.0 million for phase 5 of

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		<p>the small sites programme and £60.0 million set aside for future development.</p> <p>3. That the rates for garage rents and service charges set out in Appendix 2 to this report be approved, and tenants be notified formally. There was a one stepped increase to approve, all other charges remained the same.</p>
9	i54 Western Extension	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it be agreed, to be a 50:50 investment partner for the i54 Western Extension which was to be funded through the funding strategy and driving principles. 2. That a phased budget approach working on the principles of working with the partners to secure and maximise grant funding and contributions, use of capital receipts generated from the site and any with borrowing being repaid from future business rates generated from the site be approved. 3. That it be approved, that the use of capital receipts generated from the site form part of the funding package. 4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy and Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Director of Finance, to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. approve supplementary capital budgets for Phase 1, 2 and 3 on the basis that budgets are fully funded through external funding, existing borrowing approvals and contributions from Staffordshire County Council. b. approve Phase 1, 2 and 3 capital budgets to cover the potential transfer of Staffordshire County Council's 50% share of grants and contributions in accordance with the funding strategy.
10	Motions on Notice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the following amended motion on Black Country Flag be agreed: 'That the motion be referred to the Governance Committee who would be requested to carry out a full review of the Council's flag flying protocol.'

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		<p>2. That the following amended motion on Tettenhall Pool be agreed:</p> <p>‘This Council thanks and recognises the response to our consultation on how best to spend the Section 106 monies from the developer. The Council further recognises the outcome and would procure the appropriate specialist contractor to carry out the necessary works to ensure that Tettenhall Pool was safe to use and be enjoyed by residents for many years to come.’</p>
11	Questions to Cabinet Members	That the responses to the written questions be noted.