

City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on Tuesday, 6 November 2018

Item 5	
Title	Fees and Charges Review 2019/2020
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the fees and charges as set out in Appendices 1 to 4 to the report be approved to take effect from 1 December 2018 (or as soon as possible thereafter). 2. That authority be jointly delegated to the responsible Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director as appropriate to vary fees and charges as detailed in Appendices 1 to 4 to the report. 3. That authority be jointly delegated to the responsible Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director as appropriate to approve any other fees and charges not detailed in Appendices 1 to 4 to the report. 4. That in the following instances, authority be jointly delegated to the relevant Director in consultation with the Director of Finance, to vary existing fees and charges during the financial year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where the cost of food (including frozen food) and drink procured for resale or onward supply changes, fees and charges may be set taking the new costs into account. b. Where short-term change in fees and charges to ensure that a business opportunity can be pursued or secured; if the change is for a period of more than three months then the change should be referred to Cabinet (Resources) Panel for decision during the three-month period. c. Where market conditions dictate, fees may be varied provided that satisfactory market information is maintained. d. Charges to external organisations for bespoke professional services may be varied. e. Court summons costs charged to council tax and business rates payers may be varied following default on payment. f. Charges to schools/academies for services delivered under Service Level Agreements (SLAs) may be varied. g. Where funding allocations are amended during the year.

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	<p>h. Library charges may be varied to fall in line with Black Country Libraries in partnership participating authorities (Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Sandwell).</p> <p>5. That, should any amendments be made to the VAT treatment of specific fees and charges, authority to vary those fees and charges be delegated to the Cabinet Member of Resources, together with the responsible Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the relevant Director.</p> <p>6. That it be noted that the fees and charges for the following items, are not reviewed as part of this report as they would be subject to separate arrangements for their approval:</p> <p>a. Adult social care contributions to care packages.</p> <p>b. Street trading, Hackney Carriage and private hire licensing and general licensing charges.</p> <p>7. That it be noted that the fees and charges which are no longer applicable have been excluded from Appendices 1 to 4 of the report.</p>
Options Considered	<p>In determining the proposed fees and charges for approval, consideration has been made to the impact on demand as a result of price fluctuations and commercialisation. Some prices have been frozen or reduced, whilst others have been uplifted. If all prices were frozen at the current levels, any potential additional income that could be generated to support the Council over the medium term would be lost. This would therefore impact on the resources available to the Council and potentially service delivery.</p>
Reasons for Decision	<p>It is anticipated that the implementation of the revised fees and charges will generate additional income which will contribute towards reducing the Council's projected medium-term budget deficit, which stands at £6.0 million to be identified by 2019/2020, as reported to Cabinet on 17 October 2018.</p>
Record of Conflicts of Interest	<p>None</p>
Dispensation Granted	<p>Not applicable</p>
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	<p>12 November 2018</p>

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Item 6	
Title	Supporting Adolescents who are at risk
Status	Deleted
Record of Decision	That the proposal to establish a specialist multiagency team to work with adolescents who are at risk be approved.
Options Considered	<p>Provide support for at-risk adolescents within the current service structure - this option is essentially maintaining the status quo that existed prior to the pilot of the young person’s team. As stated above, before the pilot started there were high and increasing numbers of young people coming into care within the target age group, and the costs of these placements was high. Selecting this option would risk increased numbers of young people entering care and increased costs.</p> <p>Continue the young person’s team as constituted within the pilot phase - this option would involve having a team of two social workers working specifically with young people. While the pilot showed this to have various benefits, and significantly there was a reduction in the number of 13 to 16 year olds becoming young people in care, the evaluation of the pilot also identified ways that this model could be improved, specifically, a need for increased capacity to enable low enough caseloads to facilitate forming of strong relationships with young people, and the need for a multidisciplinary skill mix to ensure that support can be tailored to young people’s needs.</p>
Reasons for Decision	<p>The proposal outlined in the report is preferred to alternative options as this would address the issues outlined in section six of the report and build on the evidence base about what works when working with vulnerable and at-risk adolescents.</p> <p>The evidence of need and research evidence outlined in the report indicate that there is a need to develop more focused, integrated and flexible services to work with at-risk adolescents, in order to prevent negative outcomes such as engagement in risky behaviours, exposure to exploitation, and to help young people to remain safe with their families.</p> <p>Not only is it expected that the team can improve outcomes for at-risk young people and help to keep them safe, it is also expected that this model can be cost-effective by achieving savings by reducing the need for care placements for young people.</p>

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Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	12 November 2018

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Item 7	
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 scheduled meeting of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
Record of Conflicts of Interest	None
Dispensation Granted	Not applicable
Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)	7 November 2018

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Item 9	
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 the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of a contract for Modular Housing at Former Patchbox Public House Bilston when the evaluation process is complete. 2. That the contract for Stowlawn Primary School Expansion Project Management and Design be awarded to Faithful and Gould Limited of Woodcote Grove, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BW for a duration of 14 months from 10 November 2018 to 9 January 2020 for a total contract value of £172,419. 3. That the contract for i54 Western Extension Lead Consultant with Perfect Circle JV Ltd of Halford House, Charles Street, Leicester, United Kingdom, LE1 1HA be extended for a duration of three months from 10 November 2018 to 31 January 2019 with an extension value of £100,906. 4. That the contract for Project Management and Design for the Civic Halls Restoration be awarded to Faithful and Gould Limited of Woodcote Grove, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BW for a duration of three months from 12 November 2018 to 31 January 2019 for a maximum contract value of £290,000 dependent on usage. 5. That authority be given to enter into an agreement to provide a Procurement Support Service to Lichfield District Council from 12 November 2018 to 31 March 2020 with an option to extend for future years. 6. That the Director of Governance be authorised to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.

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	7. That the total spent on agency staff and the list of staff with a day rate of £500 or over be noted.
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)	12 November 2018

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Item 10	
Title	Westside Link Proposal - Phases 1 and 2
Status	Recommendations Approved
Record of Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the appointment of a contractor in order to undertake Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) under the Midlands Highway Alliance Medium Scheme framework be approved. 2. That the creation of a budget of £100,000 from the Regeneration Reserve to fund advanced works, prior to grant application approval be approved. 3. That the advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders related to the scheme be authorised and authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment in consultation with the Service Director of City Environment to approve the sealing and implementation of the Orders subject to the appropriate approvals being in place.0. 4. That the Director of Governance be authorised to sign a variation to the Advanced Quality Partnership Scheme agreement with the West Midlands Combined Authority. 5. That the submission of a full business case to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership/ West Midlands Combined Authority for delivery funding for phase 1 and 2 of the Westside Link project in the context of the wider vision bid for future phases as they come forward be noted. 6. That it be noted that a further report will be presented in January 2019 on the outcome of the consultation and to seek approval to establish a project budget to undertake the delivery of the scheme in order that the projected delivery timescales can be met.
Options Considered	As detailed in the exempt report.

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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)	12 November 2018