

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on Tuesday, 5 February 2019**

<b>Item 5</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Business Rates Discretionary Reliefs
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the following extensions to the local business rates discretionary relief policy be approved:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In respect of revaluation support for one year from 1 April 2019.</li> <li>b. In respect of charitable and voluntary organisations for one year from 1 April 2019.</li> <li>c. In respect of local newspaper discount for one year from 1 April 2019.</li> <li>d. In respect of retail discount for two years from 1 April 2019.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Revenues and Benefits to award relief in individual cases, in respect of new categories d. above.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose not to extend the discretionary relief scheme. This option has been discounted for those categories that are fully funded by Government as the funding provides an opportunity to reduce rates bills for local businesses.</li> <li>2. Choose to top up the Government funding from its own resources. This option has been discounted because of the impact on the medium-term financial strategy.</li> </ol>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The extension of the scheme for revaluation support is in line with the Government’s aim of assisting businesses hardest hit by the revaluation and is aligned with the principles of other schemes across the region.</li> <li>2. Extending the scheme for charitable and voluntary organisations continues support to a range of organisations providing support to vulnerable groups allowing the Council to foster good relations and enhance equal opportunities.</li> <li>3. The creation of a new category of relief for retail businesses is in line with the Government’s aim of supporting the retail sector.</li> </ol>

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	4. Adopting the new categories of relief would benefit those individual businesses that would see a reduction in their rates liability and would benefit the Council due to a reduction in the amount of rates to collect.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	11 February 2019

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<b>Item 6</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Future Use of Former Old Fallings Adventure Playground
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the former Old Fallings Adventure Playground be formally declared surplus to the Council's requirements.</li> <li>2. That the future use of the site and its feasibility for affordable council housing development (100% affordable homes, to be principally affordable rent Council housing, with a proportion of affordable home ownership to be considered as required by planning regulations) be explored.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place to approve the disposal or appropriation of the former Old Fallings Adventure Playground.</li> <li>4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Service Director City Housing to approve the development of the site for Affordable Council Housing once feasibility studies and site investigations are complete.</li> <li>5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Service Director City Housing to approve agreements including but not limited to deed of covenants, collateral warranties, assignments and such other ancillary agreements, including capital variations as may be necessary in order to facilitate housing development on this site and the adjacent garage site.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p><b>Option 1</b> - Making good the two buildings in order to attract income generation through room rental. However, the rental income would not cover the investment expenditure and running costs of the building.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> - Community Asset Transfer has been considered but community groups have been disconcerted by the level of vandalism and the ongoing maintenance requirements for the two buildings and grounds.</p>

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	<p><b>Option 3</b> - Dispose of the site on the open market, however due to the challenging site and access issues, the likelihood of disposing is minimal. This would also limit the influence on what the site is used for and the input residents would have in the future of the site.</p> <p><b>Option 4</b> – Demolish the buildings and undertake landscaping works to create a green space. This option would require investment and ongoing maintenance liabilities and could still attract anti-social behaviour to the neighbouring residents.</p> <p><b>Option 5</b> - Appropriate to the Council’s Housing Revenue Account (subject to further cost and viability investigations) for affordable Council housing (100% affordable homes, to be principally affordable rent Council housing, with a proportion of affordable home ownership to be considered as required by planning regulations).</p>
<p><b>Reasons for Decision</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The recommended Option 5 would provide the best future use of the site. The site has a minimal valuation due to access constraints and is unlikely to be an attractive proposition for a private developer for either housing or other uses.</li> <li>2. The recommendation is subject to further cost, viability investigations and planning consent which if approved will be undertaken by Housing Development. Local residents would have the opportunity to be involved in this process so that their concerns are listened to.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Dispensation Granted</b></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b></p>	<p>11 February 2019</p>

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<b>Item 7</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices
<b>Status</b>	Recommendation Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees be noted.
<b>Options Considered</b>	Not applicable in relation to the summary report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	In accordance with the 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.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	6 February 2019

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<b>Item 9</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 two contracts: (1) Site Investigations; (2) Ground Stabilisation, when the evaluation process is completed.</li> <li>2. That the contract for Tuberculosis and Infection Prevention Control services be awarded to Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV10 0QP for two years with the option to extend for an additional two years from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023, for a maximum contract value of £1.072 million.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Strategic Director for People, to approve the award of the contract for Community Activities Young People and Adults under 65, when the evaluation process is completed.</li> <li>4. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in consultation with the Director for Children’s Services, to approve the award of the contract Voluntary Adoption Agency Services when the negotiation process is complete.</li> <li>5. That the Director of Governance be authorised to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None

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<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	11 February 2019

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<b>Item 10</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Land at Reedham Gardens - Housing Revenue Account Site Development
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the development of the site between Reedham Gardens and Oakley Road through the Housing Revenue Account for affordable housing be approved.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Governance to execute legal agreements in respect of the land at Reedham Gardens development as required.</li> <li>3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Service Director of City Housing for the approval of any minor variations to the project required for its delivery.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that this site was previously approved for transfer to WV Living, but the site is no longer to be developed through the WV Living Business Plan.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	11 February 2019



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<b>Item 11</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Horseley Fields, Canalside South - Site Disposal
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council enter into a six-month Exclusivity Agreement with Placefirst, to deal with any unforeseen barriers to progress either an adoptable masterplan or outline planning application for its land on Phase 1 at Canalside South and an infrastructure plan.</li> <li>2. That a licence be granted to Placefirst to enable due diligence works on the Horseley Fields site.</li> <li>3. That the Council enter into a conditional agreement to transfer the Council's Canalside South land holding at Horseley Fields to Placefirst to support the wider aspirations of the Canalside South masterplan. The details of the disposal would be subject to a separate Individual Executive Decision Notice, but the heads of terms are set out in the report.</li> <li>4. That the principle be adopted that Placefirst would be given support to develop the wider Phase 1 masterplan area including support for acquiring listed neighbouring properties and approval of the terms of any support be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy in consultation with the Director of Regeneration.</li> <li>5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy in consultation with the Director of Regeneration to approve any early termination of the Council's lease with Dunton Environmental.</li> <li>6. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy in consultation with the Director of Regeneration to approve the terms of any sale of the Council's land at Limekiln Wharf (also known as Commercial Wharf).</li> <li>7. That approval of the final terms of the disposal of Canalside South land holding at Horseley Fields to Placefirst be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Economy in consultation with the Director of Regeneration.</li> </ol>

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<b>Options Considered</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	As detailed in the exempt report.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	11 February 2019