

**City of Wolverhampton Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 12 December 2018**

<b>Title</b>	Wolverhampton Response to South Staffordshire Plan Issues and Options Consultation
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<p>1. That the following principles be approved as the basis of the Council's response to the South Staffordshire Local Plan Issues and Options consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Support for the preferred housing growth option of local housing need plus 4,000 homes of Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area need;</li><li>b. Support for a mix of spatial options which deliver a proportionate amount of housing on the edge of the Black Country in line with the Housing Market Area Strategic Growth Study areas of search, subject to the findings of the joint South Staffordshire and Black Country Green Belt Review and other evidence;</li><li>c. Support for the sites submitted by the Council to South Staffordshire as part of the "Call for Sites", as approved by Cabinet Resources Panel on 2 October 2018;</li><li>d. Support for the employment growth option to allocate additional employment land to help address unmet cross boundary employment land needs for the Black Country, in locations which are the most accessible by a choice of means of transport to the Wolverhampton workforce;</li><li>e. Request for acknowledgement that, if approved, the West Midlands Interchange application would contribute towards unmet Black Country need for employment land and logistics provision;</li><li>f. Support for the existing Brinsford Strategic Park and Ride site allocation and request that this project and other supporting infrastructure which increases access to the rail network should be promoted in the new Plan;</li><li>g. Request that the impact of developments on the wider transport network is assessed, and that developments minimise trip generation through all available mechanisms;</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Request that development links effectively to the strategic transport network and avoids excessive pressure on sensitive transport links;</li> <li>i. Request that any development on the edge of Wolverhampton take into consideration any health, education and environmental implications.</li> </ul>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The alternative option is for the Council not to respond to the consultation. This option is not viable, given the implications of the Local Plan for Wolverhampton could be significant.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The South Staffordshire Local Plan could have significant implications for Wolverhampton therefore it is important that the Council submits a response to each stage of consultation.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	N/A
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	19 December 2018

<b>Title</b>	Joint Public Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Joint Public Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy for Wolverhampton be approved.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that the Joint Public Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy is an overarching document that incorporates City of Wolverhampton Council and NHS Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group's Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy for 2018-2019 – 2020-2021. It includes not just commissioned services to support people with mental health problems, but wider public services and workstreams to prevent mental ill health and promote population wellbeing.</li> <li>3. That it be noted that the Joint Public Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Mental</li> </ol>

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	<p>Health Commissioning Strategy were informed by an extensive consultation that was carried out as part of a Mental Wellbeing Needs Assessment completed in June 2017. Initial feedback was sought on the draft Strategy document from Council and NHS professionals, and members of the Wolverhampton Mental Health Stakeholder Forum and Suicide Prevention Forum. A process of further engagement was carried out between September and November 2018 to capture feedback from a broader range of stakeholders, including the Children's Trust Board, health services, and voluntary and community sector organisations.</p> <p>4. That it be noted that an action plan and timeline are being developed to accompany the Strategy document, along with a formal governance structure. These will be living documents developed via the Mental Health Stakeholder Forum and related groups.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	An alternative option would be to continue without a joint, overarching Strategy in place. Given the wide range of provision and workstreams that have an impact on mental health and wellbeing, which extend beyond health and social care settings, this would make it difficult to identify gaps and opportunities for joint and system-wide working in developing the action plan, which having a cohesive overarching document allows us to do.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>Developing the Strategy has provided us with a framework for developing an action plan based on systematic identification of where support may be lacking, and opportunities for working across teams, sectors and organisations. This is especially important given the policy emphasis on person-centred care and improving integration of health and social care, as well as increasing demands on budgets.</p> <p>Not having a Strategy in place would make it very difficult to coherently describe the public mental health and wellbeing landscape and would therefore compromise our conversations with stakeholders and partners, as well as risking omission and duplication. There would also be a risk of actions becoming focused solely on the treatment and crisis end of the spectrum, when evidence and policy demonstrates the importance of incorporating mental health improvement and mental illness prevention.</p>

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<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Councillor Louise Miles declared a personal interest as a family member was employed by the Clinical Commissioning Group.
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<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	19 December 2018

<b>Title</b>	School Improvement Strategy 2018-2021
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the School Improvement Strategy 2018-2021 be approved.
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>The option to proceed without the revised School Improvement Strategy could lead to a reduction in standards of performance and Ofsted judgements in schools which may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit the Council's opportunity to work in collaboration and influence partners and stakeholders in the city and in the region</li> <li>• Restrict the flexibility and effectiveness of the Council's school improvement offer to all LA maintained schools in the city</li> <li>• Reduce opportunities for school workforce development through CPD that is linked specifically to identified city-wide school improvement priorities</li> <li>• Lose the potential benefits and strengthening of the system gained through facilitated school to school peer reviews and other targeted projects and school improvement interventions</li> <li>• Limit the LA's ability to identify soon enough schools that have underperformance in Key Stages other than KS2 and KS4</li> <li>• Slow down the movement of LA schools judged to be Good or Outstanding</li> <li>• Increase the risk of reputational damage to the council, and the city as a whole, if schools are judged to be requiring improvement or inadequate</li> <li>• Impact negatively on the Council's strong relationships that have been re-established over the last few years with current school leaders.</li> </ul>

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<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The decision to adopt the revised SI Strategy reinforces the Council's vision for education. It would demonstrate the Council's commitment to continue to invest in education, specifically in school improvement as part of the regeneration of the city.
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<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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