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<b>Title</b>	Wolverhampton for Everyone Partnership and Ward Funds
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the establishment of a Ward Fund of £10,000 for each of the 20 wards, totalling £200,000 be approved as a pilot for a period of one municipal year, running from May 2019 to May 2020.</li> <li>2. That a contribution of £50,000 to be made to the Wolverhampton for Everyone Partnership be approved to accelerate their programme and agenda.</li> <li>3. That start-up costs to manage and administer the ward funds process be approved at a cost of £25,000.</li> <li>4. That it be approved that the total cost of £275,000 be funded from Public Health grant income.</li> <li>5. That the proposed Governance structure for the ward funds, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly, be approved.</li> <li>6. That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, to make any changes to the Ward Funds governance.</li> <li>7. That authority be delegated to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Deputy Managing Director, to make any changes to the Ward Funds processes and procedures.</li> <li>8. That it be noted that Wolverhampton for Everyone is an existing partnership between the City of Wolverhampton Council, Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council and other key partners.</li> <li>9. That it be noted that the core values of Wolverhampton for Everyone have been included within the Council Plan 2019-2024 and the ward funds initiative will directly contribute towards the partnership by co-producing and co-designing local solutions to foster cultural change and future resilience within communities.</li> <li>10. That it be noted that a full evaluation of the impact of the ward funds initiative will be</li> </ol>

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	<p>undertaken in order to establish the outcomes delivered for the community, this will help to inform whether the ward funds will be available in future years, the outcome of this evaluation will be reported to Cabinet.</p>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>Option 1 - no change to existing process and policy.</p> <p>This would result in a missed opportunity to co-produce and co-design solutions at local level which will support the empowerment of communities.</p> <p>Option 2 – Approve the Ward Funds on an ongoing basis</p> <p>This is not preferred at this stage. This is a pilot and full review and assessment of impact must be made when the one-year period has lapsed. This will include a full review of the benefits it has achieved within the wards and possible savings to the Council as well as the internal logistics and governance arrangements.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>Wolverhampton for Everyone Partnership and Ward Funds will allow the ward Councillors to further establish their every changing role within the community. The benefit of this action will allow communities with support from their ward Councillors to create a culture of change, to build resilience and find solutions to their issues on a local level.</p> <p>This will help support the work of Wolverhampton for Everyone and contribute to the creation of a participatory City and further support the values of “people working together on practical ideas that make their neighbourhoods more exciting and enjoyable places to live.”</p> <p>This will build resilience within the communities in all wards to provide solutions to small local issues at pace. This in time, will lead to a reduction in demand for services.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A

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<b>Title</b>	Westside Link Public Realm Proposals - Outcome of Consultation for Phases 1 and 2 and Potential Delivery Programme for Phase 1
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the development phase funding as outlined in section 6 of the report be approved for all phases of the Westside Link Project, to construction design stage and Early Contractor Involvement.</li> <li>2. That the submission of a Full Business Case for Phase 1 to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, West Midlands Combined Authority and/or Central Government for potential funding opportunities be approved.</li> <li>3. That the outcome of the public and stakeholder consultation and responses provided to address the issues raised be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>The consultation on the project involved only the Victoria Street phase (Phase 1 Victoria Street, Salop Street, School Street, and Skinner Street) and Queens Square phase (Phase 2 -Lichfield Street and Queen Square) of the project. Following assessment of the responses it was clear that the Victoria Street phase was deliverable in its entirety without significant issues to resolve in terms of bus relocation, access, and servicing.</p> <p>The Queens Square Phase however, as evidenced above, does pose issues that have not yet been resolved. Further work is required to produce options which will help mitigate against negative effects identified.</p> <p>At this stage phase 3, Civic Halls has not been consulted on.</p> <p>The options put forward are;</p>

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		<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Issues / compromises</b>	
		<p>Retention of a one way, west bound bus lane along Lichfield Street and Queen Square. This option would only include the minimum enabling works required in order to realign the highway. This is the preferred approach put forward by TfWM and NX</p>	<p>By retaining a westbound bus only lane, the volume and frequency of traffic will be significantly reduced and bus stops and routes will remain unchanged in one direction. The benefits anticipated from the creation of a much improved pedestrian only events space of considerable scale however, will be significantly diminished. The high quality new features and materials which form part of the full scheme will not be implemented due to value for money considerations and requirements around retaining a carriageway. There are concerns about pedestrian safety with this option and objectives around hostile vehicle mitigation cannot be achieved should traffic be retained through the square.</p> <p>It would need to be determined if an appropriate regulatory mechanism for effectively enforcing the necessary restrictions could be implemented.</p>	

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Option 2	
Implementation of the full scheme as proposed in the consultation. Creating a fully pedestrianised Lichfield Street (West) and Queen Square and retention of one way traffic, westbound in Darlington Street.	<p>This option will provide a significantly improved and extended civic square with new water feature and events spaces. Pedestrian safety will be improved through a series of hostile vehicle mitigation interventions. This option will assist in the development of the Events City concept which will ultimately increase visitor numbers and support the growth of the city's visitor economy. Compromises however need to be made in respect of bus stop relocations and rerouting resulting in slightly longer journey times and walking distances to destinations. These issues can be mitigated against as far as possible through detailed careful design and location of street furniture and layout. Access to St Peters Church will be restricted to official vehicles only.</p> <p>It would need to be determined if an appropriate regulatory mechanism for effectively enforcing the necessary restrictions could be implemented.</p>

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		<p><b>Option 3</b></p> <p>Do nothing</p>	<p>As stated above, do nothing is not an option. It is widely acknowledged by key stakeholders, investors, local businesses and the public that the city needs to refocus and repurpose itself to uses and activities that are not reliant on retail. The events city concept is at the heart of the rationale for the implementation of the project.</p>	
<p><b>Reasons for Decision</b></p>	<p>All of the options relating to the two phases have been evaluated by the project team and the following recommendations have been made;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Street, phase 1 (including Salop Street, School Street and Skinner Street) - This phase has now been designed up to Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) stage 3 detailed design and is ready to move into the construction design stage and early contractor involvement immediately after Cabinet, subject to approval and securing funding. Construction could start on site for this phase in September 2019 should external capital funding be secured. This phase has an 18 month build programme. Urban and Civic, developers of Westside, have stated that early delivery of this phase will have significant impact on the success of the development and is paramount to the integration of Westside into the city centre core.</li> <li>• Queen Square, phase 2 - The options identified in paragraph 4.3 above have been fully evaluated and it is recommended that further work is needed to design option 1 (above) and understand the implications to the wider network and budgetary requirements. It is recommended that, until this option has been fully evaluated and brought back to members for approval, no further work is undertaken on developing phase 2 through the next design stages. It is also proposed that the project is brought before a joint Scrutiny Panel in June 2019.</li> </ul>			

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	<p>Phase 3, which incorporates North Street, Red Lion Street and adjoining streets around the Civic Halls, was initially intended to be brought forward at a later date and was not part of the initial round of consultation completed recently and is currently at the concept design stage. However, to ensure alignment of works with the other capital works projects, phase 3 is being brought forward to ensure the programme of works for both this scheme and the Civic Halls refurbishment programme can be delivered through a coordinated approach. The programme for the Civic Halls refurbishment project has now been established and there is a clearer understanding of the timeline required for the design and delivery of the Westside Link phase 3 scheme. Progressing the stage 3 design will be a priority over the next three months in order to establish the delivery programme and costs.</p> <p>This phase will create a much improved customer experience around the Halls and will provide a safer, usable events area in front of both entrances. The inclusion of antiterrorism measures around the halls including pedestrian protection is of course an important aspect. Much work has yet to be undertaken to understand the operational requirements of the Halls and the surrounding occupiers before detailed design can be completed, however, given the timeline for the opening of the venue it is important that this work is carried out by the design team as soon as possible in order to achieve a coordinated delivery timeline. It is therefore recommended that the phase 3 design stage of the scheme is undertaken at the same time as the construction design and delivery of the Victoria Street phase.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Tackling Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Including Violence against Women and Girls Strategy 2019-2022
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the Tackling Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Including Violence against Women and Girls Strategy 2019-2022 be endorsed.
<b>Options Considered</b>	The VAWG Strategy 2016-2019 will expire on 31 March 2019. Alternative options included not refreshing the strategy or incorporating VAWG into the Violence and Exploitation Strategy.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>Given the significant difference between VAWG and other violent crimes the decision was taken to refresh the VAWG strategy and keep it as a standalone strategy. The drivers behind the interpersonal violence associated with all crimes within the strategy have no relevance to the public place violence seen with youth, weapon-related crimes.</p> <p>Not refreshing the strategy may have prevented the Council from fulfilling its legal requirements detailed in section 9.0 and cause reputational damage for the Authority.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	City of Wolverhampton Safeguarding Statement
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	That the Safeguarding Statement for the City of Wolverhampton Council be approved.

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<b>Options Considered</b>	This is a new document. Consideration was given to not having a Safeguarding Statement although this was discarded as an option during consultation with Councillors and senior Council employees.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The Safeguarding Statement presents a statement of the Council's commitment to safeguarding. It sets out the standards the Council is committed to in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, and how this is demonstrated and owned across the whole organisation regardless of role or position.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Children and Young People's Participation and Co-Production Strategy 2019-2021
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Children and Young People's Participation and Co-Production Strategy 2019- 2021 be approved.</li> <li>2. That the Council's commitment to ensuring that children and young people have influence over decisions and actions on services that affect them be endorsed.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The Children and Young People's Participation and Co-Production Strategy ensures that the Council is compliant with statutory requirements.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The previous Strategy expires in 2019 and therefore a revision and development of the Strategy is now required.
<b>Record of Conflicts of</b>	None

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<b>Interest</b>	
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	City of Wolverhampton Youth Council Annual Report 2018
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Youth Council’s future aims for 2019 be endorsed.</li> <li>2. That the work of the City’s Youth Council throughout 2018 be acknowledged as outlined in their annual report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	This an annual report and is to share with Councillors the activities of the City’s Youth Council throughout 2018.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Endorsing the Youth Council Annual Report 2017 and acknowledging the work completed gives relevance and support to the Youth Council and their continued work.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A
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<b>Title</b>	Education Grants
<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 Education, in consultation with the Director of Education and the Director of Finance, to accept the grant of £516,000 as outlined in the report and to spend against the grant monies received</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director of Education and the Director of Finance, to accept the grant of £272,000 as outlined in the report, awarded from the Early Years Professional Development Fund, and to spend against the grant monies received.</li> <li>3. That the establishment of budgets to allow expenditure, as set out in the report, and the grants to be spent be approved.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The only alternative option available would be to not accept the grants and to return them to source. This option has been discounted as the City would miss out on a valuable opportunity to improve outcomes for its children and young people.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>The decision for delegated authority will ensure actions and expenditure are timely and are in line with the requirements for each of the funds. The Director of Education, acting as the grant recipient, will assume responsibility and will meet the requirements of the DfE, specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Information sharing for the purpose of the funding.</li> <li>b. Record keeping and accounting of expenditure for the grants.</li> <li>c. Liaison with the DfE and its partners, including quarterly reporting.</li> </ol>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	N/A

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