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<b>Item 5</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Business Rates - Discretionary Relief
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That an extension to the local business rates discretionary relief policy be approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. in respect of revaluation support for 2018-2019.</li> <li>ii in respect of charitable and voluntary organisations for 2018-2019.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. That a corresponding increase in awards under the revaluation support scheme be approved should the Government change its position and allow any underspend in 2017-2018 to be carried forward into 2018-2019.</li> <li>3. That it would be noted that the revaluation support scheme would need to be reviewed and revised each year in line with the funding available.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	Alternative options were considered as part of the original scheme.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The extension of the scheme for charitable and voluntary organisations continues to support a range of organisations providing support to vulnerable groups allowing the Council to foster good relations and enhance equal opportunities.</p>
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE declared a pecuniary interest in the item.
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	None
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	6 March 2018

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<b>Item 6</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Special Provision Capital Fund
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorsed the acceptance of a grant of £1,158,571 over three years from the Department of Education in relation to the Special Provision Capital Fund.</li> <li>2. Endorsed the development of the planned investment of the Special Provision Capital Fund, in line with the guiding principles set out in the report.</li> <li>3. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director of Education, for decisions relating to the future investment of the Special Provision Capital Fund.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	<p>The funding available through the Special Provision Capital Fund offers the opportunity to improve provision and support for children and young with SEND.</p> <p>The proposed delegation of authority enables required activities to be undertaken in a timely fashion to secure funding allocated through the Special Provision Capital Fund. Whilst alternative decision-making functions could be employed, they may impair the Council’s ability to fulfil the necessary requirements regarding publication and consultation.</p> <p>The Council must fulfil the necessary requirements to secure the allocated funding.</p>
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The recommendations would maximise the opportunity for investment in provision for children and young people with SEND and support the realisation of the aims identified within Wolverhampton’s Joint Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) 2015-2020.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
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<b>Item 7</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations 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 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 available meeting of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel for information.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	28 February 2018

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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. Delegated authority 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 the Demolition of Northicote School and Bushbury Community Centre when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director of Education, to approve the award of a contract for Internal Alterations at Aldersley High School when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>3. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director of Education, to approve the award of a contract for the Conversion of Swimming Pool Building at Aldersley High School when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>4. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of a contract for the Renovation of Rakegate Renton Road Play Area when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>5. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of a contract for the Provision of Themed and Outdoor Markets when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>6. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of a contract for Building Improvements at WV Active - Aldersley when the evaluation process is complete.</li> <li>7. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director for People, to approve the award of a contract for the Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Audio Visual Equipment when the evaluation process is complete.</li> </ol>

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	8. Authorised the Director of Governance to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.
<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>	Keith Ireland, Managing Director declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to Aldersley High School in so far as he is a governor on Amethyst Academies Trust
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	None
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<b>Item 10</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Transfer of Extra Care Service Contracts to Midland Heart
<b>Status</b>	Recommendation Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	Agreed to increase the rate paid for additional care hours and to fund waking nights staffing at Broadway Gardens, Bushfield Court and James Beattie House at an additional cost of £87,000, taking the revised annual contract value to around £980,000.
<b>Options Considered</b>	Other options for the delivery of these contracts have been considered, namely re-tendering the contracts and re-modelling the contracts. The option to transfer the contracts with the recommended variations is the preferred option because it ensures continuity of service for the tenants of the schemes, has the least financial impact and maximises control of expenditure. In addition, there are no quality concerns about the services.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	To enable the tenants of Broadway Gardens, Bushfield Court and James Beattie House to continue to receive extra care services that meet their needs and to experience a seamless transfer to the new service provider.
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
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<b>Item 11</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Extension of the Extra Care Service Contract held with Methodist Homes Association
<b>Status</b>	Recommendations Approved
<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council's contract with Methodist Homes Association for the provision of extra care housing be extended for five years until 31 March 2023.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Director of Adults Services to approve to vary the contract with Methodist Homes Association to include a requirement for Methodist Homes Association to provide (subject to this being provided within the current contract value of £267,000 per annum), re-ablement and/or enhanced care to prevent delayed transfers of care from hospital for the people who live at Bridge Court.</li> </ol>
<b>Options Considered</b>	The other options for this contract are to re-tender it or allow it to end and stop providing the service. The option to extend the contract is the preferred option because it ensures continuity of service for the tenants of the schemes, has the least financial impact, maximises control of expenditure, brings the end of the contract in line with that held by all other extra care service providers and is in line with the strategic direction of the council. In addition, there are no quality concerns about the service.
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	To enable the extra care contract held by Methodist Homes Association to be co-terminus with the Council's other extra care contracts; and to introduce a contractual requirement for Methodist Homes Association to provide re-ablement or additional care to prevent delayed transfers of care from hospital for the people who live at Bridge Court.
<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 March 2018

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<b>Item 12</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Waste and Recycling Services
<b>Status</b>	Item Deferred
<b>Record of Decision</b>	The item was deferred to a future meeting.
<b>Options Considered</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	Not applicable
<b>Record of Conflicts of Interest</b>	Not applicable
<b>Dispensation Granted</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decision available for implementation (subject to call-in)</b>	Not applicable