



Meeting of the City Council

30 April 2014

Report title	Executive Business	
Referring body	Cabinet – 26 March 2014	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Cllr Peter Bilson Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
Wards affected	All	
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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Receive the summary of executive business and for Cabinet Members to answer any questions thereon.

**Executive business including
Policy development/operational issues**

**Councillor Peter Bilson
Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity**

- **Westside Delivery Strategy**
 - Cabinet has approved a proposed strategy for taking forward the regeneration of the Westside. The area represents the largest single mixed commercial, leisure and residential development opportunity in Wolverhampton city centre. It stretches from the Penn Road Island to the south to Darlington Street in the north. The Council has most of the land in its ownership, eliminating the need for large scale land assembly to enable development.

- **Heath Town Regeneration**
 - Cabinet has adopted, in principal, the Heath Town Masterplan, as a framework for the regeneration of the Heath Town estate. It will guide future investment priorities for the estate.

 - The masterplan has been developed in partnership with the community, supported by a consultation process. There may be variations from the plan in delivery to take into account particular issues raised during the consultation, technical requirements and commercial factors, amongst which includes:
 - Adjustments to ensure adequate car parking provision
 - Addressing the garage block in Sanctuary's ownership following discussions with Sanctuary about its future use
 - Amending the focus of new commercial provision from Chervil Rise to the former Duke of York site.
 - Reducing the overall commercial provision to accommodate reduced replacement community facilities now anticipated, and provide more residential accommodation instead.

 - Amongst the recommendations within the report, Cabinet has also approved the delivery of new build affordable housing on the Heath Town estate through a number of potential routes, which includes:
 - Housing Association partner development
 - direct Council newbuild
 - Self-build by local residents

- **Wolverhampton Strategic Approach to Open Space**

- Cabinet has adopted an open space strategy and action plan and approved, for the purposes of consultation, an open space, sport and recreation supplementary planning document (SPD). The documents would direct investment and planning decisions on open space across the city in future years, helping the Council to focus external funding (including developer contributions) and release surplus assets to maximise local community and regeneration benefits.
- **Disposal of Land at Wobaston Road**
 - Cabinet has formally declared vacant sports pitch land at Wobaston Road, Wolverhampton surplus to the Council's operational requirements and agreed the terms of sale for the land at Wobaston Road.