



**CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON**

# **RELIGHTING OUR CITY**

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**OUT OF DARKNESS, COMETH LIGHT...**OUR CITY MOTTO HAS NEVER BEEN MORE RELEVANT.  
WE'VE BEEN HIT-HARD BY THE PANDEMIC, BUT WE WILL **RESET, RECOVER AND RELIGHT.**



# FOREWORD



Good Start Jones Retail Revival Programme

**We'll look after our own, together, as 'one city' and we'll be bold and ambitious about transforming the lives of our residents.**

The council's five point 'relight' recovery plan will:

- Support people who need us most
- Create more opportunities for young people
- Generate more jobs and learning opportunities
- Grow our vital local businesses
- Stimulate vibrant high streets and communities

Our recovery commitment was developed with the people of the City of Wolverhampton at its heart. We have engaged with over 2,500 of you to understand your key priorities and the outcomes you want to see.

**COUNCILLOR**  
**IAN BROOKFIELD**  
Leader of the Council



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## OUR PRINCIPLES

We will underpin our work with the following key principles;



### CLIMATE FOCUSED

This recovery commitment is aligned to our climate change strategy 'Future Generations' and our target to make the City of Wolverhampton Council carbon – neutral by 2028. We are committed to delivering on the recommendations of our Climate Citizen Assembly and to upholding the promises we made when the Council declared a climate emergency in July 2019.



### DRIVEN BY DIGITAL

The city is at the forefront of digital infrastructure and innovation, Wolverhampton will be one of the first cities in the world to host a 5G accelerator hub making us truly a world leader in emerging technology. Now more than ever digital skills and connectivity are vital to ensure our residents can access services, interact with friends and family, and enter the job market.



### FAIR AND INCLUSIVE

We will continue to tackle the inequalities in our communities which impact on the opportunities of local people. The Council's 'Excellent' rated equalities framework is at the heart of our recovery commitment. No community will be left behind as we transform our city together.

# SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO NEED US MOST

The city has come together in the most incredible way during the pandemic to protect and support those who have needed us most. Working alongside our public sector partners and the voluntary and community sector we have delivered medicine, meals and emotional support to the city's residents, rolled out the first mass testing centre in the region and transformed Aldersley Leisure Village into a vaccination site. We will continue to support our communities as we live with and recover from Covid19 using our outbreak control framework to keep local people safe, working with partners to build community resilience to the new challenges the pandemic has brought and harnessing the community spirit which has been so crucial during the city's response phase and will continue to be as we move to recovery.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

### YOU TOLD US THAT

YOU NEEDED SUPPORT FOR THE  
**VOLUNTARY AND  
COMMUNITY SECTOR**

**MENTAL HEALTH  
AND WELLBEING**

KEEPING OUR **MOST  
VULNERABLE SAFE**

**BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

- Since the start of the pandemic our Food Hub has distributed over 60,000 food parcels to local people who needed our support.
- We've worked with partners to keep local people safe and stop the spread of the virus with 60,000 rapid Covid 19 tests completed to date.
- We launched the One City fund in collaboration with Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council. To date over £107,000 has been raised for foodbanks, those financially at risk, homelessness and digital inclusion.
- Supported our communities facing hardship with over 1200 local people receiving debt and welfare advice over the last 12 months and we will invest a further £220,000 to expand our services to support even more residents.
- Worked with our partners in the NHS to roll out vaccines to local people as quickly as possible through the seven vaccination sites across the city.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR...

- Working with the city's food banks we have helped to get 500,000 meals out to hundreds of families across the city with £450,000 of funding to continue the delivery of emergency food parcels.
- We have provided infection prevention support to high risk settings, so incidents receive timely response and support, this includes places such as nurseries, schools, universities and domiciliary care settings.

WV Active Aldersley Food Distribution Hub



## WHAT WILL WE DO NEXT...

### Providing support to those facing hardship

- We're supporting local residents and their families at risk of losing their homes during the pandemic by making £1.2 million available for emergency, temporary accommodation.
- We are committed to ending rough sleeping in the city and will invest £2 million in a new multi-agency team and building which will offer accommodation, assessment and ongoing support to those at risk of homelessness.
- We will continue to use local data and intelligence to target specific locations and communities who have a greater need for support and assistance so that we can ensure we are reaching those who need us most.
- We will make sure no child in our city is left hungry or left out with nearly £1.8 million in funding for healthy meals and engaging activities during school holidays

### Working with our partners to keep the city's communities safe

- We are developing our plans for three new health and social care hubs for Bilston, Oxley and the city centre to bring health and social care services together in one place, benefitting thousands of local people.
- Continuing to support the quarter-of-a-million-pounds investment in our partnership with the Royal Wolverhampton Trust to support residents to leave hospital safely and live independently.
- Delivering better, more focused and more efficient transport services for vulnerable city children and adults through our new Travel Unit by building on our existing £4.6 million funding with £270,000 more.
- We will continue to collaborate with Environmental Health and partners across the city, including local business and the voluntary and community sector, to support them to operate safely and deliver services.

### Building resilience so our communities can adapt and thrive

- Setting a bold ambition to close the city's 'digital divide' by giving everyone who needs it, the kit, connectivity and skills to access opportunities – pump-primed with £500,000 investment.
- Work with community partners, health and social care providers, and mental health services to promote community resilience and ensure residents have the right advice and support when they need it.
- Utilising data and evidence we will reduce wider impacts and health inequalities linked to and amplified by Covid 19 through place-based interventions and co-producing capacity and sustainable solutions in communities.
- Creating more opportunities for youngsters and adults with learning difficulties and autism working with partners to leverage in £650,000 across the Black Country.
- We will establish a Community Champions network that will bring together communities and providers to create a city infrastructure to ensure residents can access support.

# CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

At different times in their lives, children, young people and their families may need additional support and help. We know that this is particularly true right now. Our plan to relight will build resilience, by supporting families, children and young people to safely return to school and grow up in a secure home in a thriving community. We will strive to help families as early as possible and provide targeted support at the right time to ensure children and young people are safeguarded and their long-term outcomes improved. Our ambition is that children and young people have the best possible opportunities to fulfil their potential. Through our #YES youth engagement strategy we will ensure that the voice of children and young people continues to be central in how we deliver services and relight our city.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

### YOU TOLD US THAT

YOU WANT **TO HAVE YOUR  
OPINIONS HEARD**

**MORE AND BETTER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**GOOD EDUCATION TO  
FULFIL POTENTIAL**

**US TO SUPPORT SOCIAL,  
EMOTIONAL HEALTH  
AND WELLBEING**

- Continued to place the emotional wellbeing of our young people at the forefront of everything we do, and at the end of the last academic year over 5000 young people received support from HeadSTART through school's activities and interventions.
- We're continuing to develop our digital inclusion support package, as part of WV Online, to date 334 vulnerable families and young people have received a laptop or digital device so that they can access learning or education.
- We're delivering one of the country's best packages of support for care leavers. 6 care leavers graduated from university in 2020 and 27 care leavers are currently in Higher Education, 3 times the recognised national average.
- We've launched our online WV Squad platform for our city's young people to connect them to activities, opportunities and advice.
- Our #GenerationWolves fund is giving young people opportunities to organise activities they want, supported by an £837,000 fund with a ring-fenced pot for our most disadvantaged children and young people.
- Moved by the issues raised by the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, we have developed core principles to tackle inequalities, improve educational and wellbeing outcomes and experiences for our Black, Asian and minority ethnic youngsters.
- Our 'House Project' is creating opportunities for home ownership for our care leavers. It's fully funded by the council, one of only six in the country and is supporting 19 young people.'
- We have rolled out our social workers in schools programme with £400,000 of funding to further build relationships with schools and support children and families who need us most.

## WHAT WILL WE DO NEXT...

### **We're investing to connect young people to new opportunities;**

- We're investing nearly £1 million in new youth engagement workers to go out into our communities and connect CYP to opportunities, including apprenticeships and jobs.
- Building on the success of our Holiday Squad programme to offer even more, fun-packed and educational holiday activities along with healthy meals – all backed by £1.9 million in funding.
- Safeguarding our city's fantastic youth zone, The Way, with annual investments of £200,000 bringing our total investment to £4 million - plus.

### **We'll drive 'opportunity through learning', supporting our schools to drive up standards**

- There are 13,000 more young people learning in Good or Outstanding schools than five years – we will work to boost this number.
- We'll continue the trend of improving early years outcomes, so we give children the best possible start in life as the foundation for their futures - 14% more children are achieving a good level of development at foundation stage than five years ago.

- We'll build on our youngsters' achievements at key stage 2 and attainment 8 so that progress stays above regional and national averages.

### **Making sure our education provision is inclusive for all CYP with targeted support for our vulnerable learners**

- Improving opportunities for children with special educational needs with £440,000 investment in better services - ensuring that we have an inclusive joined up offer for our SEND CYP by working in partnership across the city.
- We will ensure education within the City lays the foundation of high aspirations and ambitions for our young people so they have the right skills for local jobs.
- We will continue to work with our partners and schools in the city to provide sufficient, safe, high quality learning environments where our children can thrive educationally and socially.
- Helping young people to live healthy lives by bringing in free, annual health and wellbeing checks for all primary school children backed by the NHS and with half-a-million pounds investment.

- Investing £85,000 in a new online platform for children, young people and their families to connect them to opportunities and support at the times they need them most.

### **We will continue to support our most vulnerable young people**

- Supporting families on the 'edge of care' through £700,000 funding for targeted emotional health, well-being and specialist therapeutic support services.
- Actively encouraging and keeping young people in learning for longer – building on our city's ranking of 26th out of 150 Local Authorities in England for youngsters staying on after finishing compulsory education
- We're Developing 'Foster Families United' – a new initiative to help vulnerable children better integrate into caring families through peer support and training for foster carers.
- We will continue to work with partners to ensure that CYP and families are offered the right support at the right time.

# GENERATE MORE JOBS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For too many local people the pandemic has increased the barriers they face to employment, this is particularly true for our young people. We will continue to work with our partners to help people back into work, re-skill our existing workforce and generate new local jobs. Working with further education providers and businesses we will identify the skills needed to drive forward the industries of the future and match skills to new jobs being created so that local people can achieve their potential. We've joined forces with major public sector organisations in the city and launched the 'Wolverhampton Pound' initiative which pledges to keep more of our £834 million collective spending power within the city to benefit local people. Moving forward we will continue to set ambitious expectations about what it means to do business in the city of Wolverhampton to make sure every pound invested in the city benefits local people.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

### YOU TOLD US THAT

**INVESTING IN JOBS AND  
SKILLS SHOULD BE THE NO.1  
PRIORITY FOR THE COUNCIL**

**WE NEED TO PREPARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE  
WITH SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE**

**WE SHOULD MAXIMISE THE POTENTIAL OF  
THE GREEN ECONOMY**

**WE NEED MORE GOOD QUALITY**

**ADVICE AND SUPPORT  
FOR THOSE OUT OF WORK**

- We are working in partnership with the West Midlands Combined Authority to grow and develop apprenticeship opportunities for our local young people and have already committed £100,000 to support new training opportunities.
- We have expanded our Wolves at Work employment programme which has helped 6034 local people into work in the last 4 years with support from over 600 businesses.
- We have secured funding until 2023 to Continue to deliver jobs and opportunities for young people through our Impact youth employment initiative. Over the last 4.5 years, more than 1,600 18-29yr-olds who needed our help most have received offers of jobs or education.
- We have launched the 'Wolverhampton Pound' initiative which will use the collective power of local institutions, businesses and communities to retain and grow as much local wealth as possible to generate new jobs and opportunities.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR...

- Wolves WorkBox, our bespoke one stop digital hub continues to provide access to training and employment opportunities for local people and businesses and currently has 3250 subscribers.
- Supporting local residents affected by the worst of the pandemic and at risk of redundancy, to get the help and opportunities they need by establishing our Response to Redundancy programme.

National Centre for Sustainable Construction and Circular Economy



## WHAT WILL WE DO NEXT...

### We'll future proof our economy, building skills for the future

- City Learning Quarter is a partnership between the City of Wolverhampton Council and Wolverhampton College which will establish a skills and learning hub, safeguarding hundreds of jobs and increasing footfall in the city centre as the scheme will see thousands of students located at the new city centre campus.
- Supporting the University of Wolverhampton's £120 million development at Springfield by securing £14.9 million of funding for the world class National Brownfield Institute. The development will be a catalyst for more jobs and better skills in our city which is set to be an epicentre for sustainable construction and circular economy.
- Through our Wolverhampton Anchor Network, we are developing skills plans for the health and wellbeing, cultural and creative and green sectors in the city so we can align training and education opportunities to the industries of the future.
- We will leverage maximum value from every pound invested in the city through our social value framework and continue to create new apprenticeships, jobs and training opportunities for local people.

### Work with partners to create new jobs and opportunities

- We've worked closely with our partners in Government to secure the relocation of the Ministry for Homes Communities and Local Government to Wolverhampton which will be the first ever ministerial office to be based outside of Westminster and bring 500 civil service jobs to the city.
- I54 western extension (south) will lever in up to £300 million, private investment on top of the £1bn invested so far at the award-winning business park. Once completed the western extension will deliver up to a further 1,700 jobs for local people as well as strengthening local supply chains.
- Our new commercial district is already delivering hundreds of great jobs through our £23.5 million investment at i10 offices and the i9 development will bring a further 350 new jobs to the city centre.
- Developing new employment land at Bilston Urban Village to create up to 300 new jobs on the back of £20 million investment with strong market interest from occupiers.

- We are re-procuring multi-million-pound council maintenance contracts to grow the 'Wolverhampton Pound', generate local jobs and apprenticeships – potentially putting £3.2 million back into the local economy.

i9 Building



# GROW **OUR VITAL** LOCAL BUSINESSES

Businesses in the city are a key part of national and international supply chains with significant clusters in automotive, aerospace and advanced manufacturing. We have a diverse and entrepreneurial local economy with 96% of all businesses in the city small or micro enterprises. Businesses in the city are the building blocks of a strong and resilient local economy. Covid-19 has shown once again the vital role they play in delivering both social and economic benefits for our local people. Many of these crucial businesses are now facing significant challenge but their success is key to a strong and swift recovery. Moving forward we will continue to nurture and support businesses in the city. One of the ways we will do this is by prioritising local spending through our procurement and commissioning approaches. Using a local supplier to provide goods and service will strengthen local supply chains, lead to new jobs and opportunities and grow new sectors in the city. We will use our recovery plans to ensure our business support offer is aligned to our ambitious future skills agenda and our commitment to tackle climate change, safeguarding the city's environment for future generations and making our local economy more inclusive.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

**YOU TOLD US THAT**

**IT WAS IMPORTANT TO  
INVEST LOCAL**

**PREPAREDNESS TO ADAPT TO  
CHANGING CONSUMER TRENDS**

**HAVE SUPPLY CHAIN READINESS**

**ENSURE SAFE TRADING  
AND SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**CAPITALISE ON NEW GROWTH AREAS**

- We have paid £60 million of grants to businesses across the City through the Business Grant scheme throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with more being provided through the current grant scheme.
- Supporting 200 small, local businesses to stabilise and grow through £150,000 investment in our Business Relight Programme providing financial, digital, product, service and market reviews, as well as a year's membership to the Federation of Small Businesses or Black Country Chamber.
- Better understanding their support needs and their journey to success with information and intelligence on a new £50,000 customer relationship management system
- Giving financial incentives to embed covid-19 testing within their workforce, focus on employee well-being and avoid damaging and dangerous virus outbreaks.
- Continuing our bespoke support for SMEs in the city through our AIM for GOLD programme which has supported over 300 local businesses with advice and support since it launched.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR...

Flagship partnership with eBay



- Launched a comprehensive economic package, through our Wolves in Business digital platform to help businesses, voluntary and community sector groups and the city's residents access advice, funding and training opportunities.

## WHAT WILL WE DELIVER...

Meet the Buyer event



### **Continue to develop a bespoke business support offer tailored to local needs;**

- Exciting new business support framework which will offer advisory, financial and incubation support for existing or emerging businesses or organisations in target sectors. Supported by our new Enterprise Hub in the city centre.
- Delivering the City Charter to facilitate opportunities arising from business investment and local procurement to the residents and communities of the city
- Work with our city and regional partners to prepare and support local businesses to manage United Kingdom's transition from the European Union and to maximise the benefits of new trade agreements.
- Building an even closer relationship with the city's top 50 strategic employers so that through effective account management, we can better understand their needs and how they can contribute to local community wealth building
- Kick-starting local entrepreneurs at the beginning of their business journey and, working with local partners, help them to grow. We will use current EU funding and lobby Government for a better deal when the money runs out in March 2022.

### **We'll grow our key sectors to diversify and build resilience in the local economy**

- Working with our partners at the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership we are developing a suite of ambitious action plans for our key sectors in the city which will include opportunities to access finance, the changing labour market and post Brexit trading arrangements.
- We are committed to local purchasing so that we can ensure that growth and investment in the city benefits local people and will maximise social value from Council contracts.
- Continue to work with our regional partners at the Black Country Local Enterprise Hub and West Midlands Combined authority to access funding streams to help businesses adapt and thrive in a changing marketplace
- Spending more locally through the Wolverhampton Pound to grow local jobs, businesses and new sectors using more of the £834 million annual, collective spending power of local partners within the city

# STIMULATE **VIBRANT** HIGH STREETS AND **COMMUNITIES**

Thriving high streets and town centres are crucial to the future of our local businesses and communities. Covid-19 has accelerated many trends already present before the pandemic in the way we choose to live, work, travel and spend our leisure time. Now more than ever, it is vital that we continue to deliver our ambitious plans to reimagine and transform our city and town centres, encouraging more mixed-use spaces and driving forward our bold 'Event City' plan. The future of our high streets and communities must also be about the environment, and we are making significant investments to realise our net carbon zero targets by investing in carbon neutral homes, more cycling and walking routes, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and increasing access to green space. We know that our local businesses and cultural venues have been hit hard by the pandemic but we have a clear vision for the future, which builds on the fantastic assets in our local communities, a world class football team, excellent transport links and a growing reputation as a digital and cultural hub in the West Midlands.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

### YOU TOLD US THAT

YOU WANT **MORE CULTURAL  
EVENTS** AND **EXCITING  
PLACES** TO VISIT

**MORE GREEN AND OPEN SPACES**

BETTER **PUBLIC TRANSPORT** LINKS  
AND MORE **CYCLE LANES**

**SUPPORT FOR RETAILERS**  
TO ADAPT TO THE CHANGING HIGH STREET

GROW OUR **VISITOR ECONOMY**

- We've invested £250,000 invested our city and town centres to make Covid-19 adaptations giving confidence to visitors and ensuring businesses can continue to trade.
- Giving residents and businesses better roadside information in energy efficient 'smart' LED digital screens to keep them safe, informed and better connected to the city's visitor offer.
- We've secured £15.8 million through the Future High Streets fund from Government which will transform the west of our city centre with fantastic public event spaces, a new 'box' park and bring 440 new jobs.
- Launched our Shop Local campaign, with support from Wolverhampton and Bilston Business Improvement Districts, and other city stakeholders which has seen 230 local businesses register for the scheme.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR...

- Completed phase 2 of our new train station and metro extension, strengthening public transport links which will also support the development of the Wolverhampton to Walsall line. Alongside our i9 and i10 developments brings our investment in the interchange area to £150 million.
- Secured £25 million from Governments Towns Fund to transform the city centre, Bilston and Wednesfield.

Wolverhampton Interchange



## WHAT WE WILL DELIVER

### We're delivering our vision to be an events city

- Delivering our £38 million investment and commitment to a new, fantastic Civic Halls, opening early 2022, and – under new commercial management – set to bring thousands of visitors, millions of pounds to the local economy and hundreds of jobs.
- Funding a bold, new five-year 'Event City' plan aimed at delivering two million visitors and £68 million in local economic benefit and by capitalising on the opportunities for our city from the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- Investing £1.2 million in our fantastic Art Gallery to improve the experience for visitors with a new café and better accessibility – just in time for the British Art Show in 2022 which is set to bring 80,000 people into the city centre
- Encouraging more visitors to our town centres with £170,000 investment in Bilston Town Hall so it can host bigger and better community and commercial events and £50,000 investment in upgrading Wednesfield Market.

### We'll continue to drive investment into our communities

- The UK's first city centre solar farm at Bowman's Harbour to provide our fantastic NHS colleagues at New Cross Hospital with clean, green energy for their life saving work.
- 1,000 new city centre homes underway in the next 2 years establishing a residential population in the core of our city, increasing footfall and support for local retailers.
- £5 million investment to deliver full fibre network across the city alongside one of the first 5G accelerator hubs in the country making Wolverhampton a world leading 5G city.
- Improving the city's transport infrastructure with investment in new, major schemes such as the City East Gateway, investment in upgrading existing infrastructure and investment in digital and new technology.

### Reimagining our city and town centre's

- Maintaining effective highways for city businesses and residents and improving how they link to public transport with £4.5 million investment.
- Investing nearly £469,000 in maintaining our city trees so that they continue to provide joy for future generations.
- Switching all 30,000 street-lights across our city to energy-efficient LED lighting with smart sensors by the end 2022 - saving around 4,000 tonnes of carbon a year – and backed by £7 million investment.
- Encouraging cycling and active travel with nearly £1 million investment in developing key cycle routes in and around the city centre, and we have secured an additional £525,000 of funding for construction of a new cycle hub at Wolverhampton Interchange.
- Establishing the largest electric vehicle charging network in the Black Country by installing a further 98 rapid charging stations in the city centre.

# NEXT STEPS

**This document sets out our commitment as a Council to work as ‘one city’ to transform the lives our residents.**

Our immediate next steps are to;

- Continue to engage meaningfully with our different communities in the city to understand their needs and ensure pathways into employment, training and education are created.
- Continue to engage with our local businesses across different sectors to understand their short, medium and long-term needs.
- Ensure that we align our activity with robust data so that the decisions we make are evidence based and our resource is targeted at those most in need.
- Deliver and support Public Health interventions that support the city to be a safe place to live, work, visit and study.
- Work with the West Midlands Combined Authority and the Government to secure the funding and powers the city needs to not only recover but thrive in a ‘new normal’.

We want Wolverhampton to be a city for everyone by working with all of our partners to connect people, places and communities to unlock potential and create change.



# WHAT IS OUR ASK OF **CITY PARTNERS**

1. To work with the Council to design and deliver innovative solutions to some of the challenges we now face.
2. To help us hear as widely as possible the views of communities and businesses by using your own networks to engage.
3. To provide robust data and evidence that you have for your area that could help ensure we are reaching those most in need.
4. To look at how you can support your community to relight, recover and reset.

# KEY CITY INITIATIVES

Investor confidence in the city continues to grow. We have maintained momentum on our key regeneration schemes, which will bring new investment and jobs to the city.



## NEW INTERCHANGE

The City of Wolverhampton is already one of the best rail connected locations in the West Midlands. This position has been further boosted by the £150 million transport Interchange project, creating a single integrated city centre transport hub bringing together rail, bus and Metro services. Work on the Interchange is well underway. It will unlock rail capacity and speed up train times in the region and beyond, helping to raise productivity, unlock housing growth and support our transition to a 'net zero carbon' future.



## i54 WESTERN EXTENSION

Our joint investment at i54 has secured hundreds of millions of pounds of investment and has brought thousands of jobs to the city. Of the 2,700 people currently employed at i54, half live within a ten-mile radius. We are now building on the success of what is already one of the UK's premier advanced manufacturing business parks. The i54 Western Extension will lever in up to £300 million in private investment on top of the £1bn invested so far.



## CIVIC HALLS

Our £38 million investment in the Civic Halls will see the iconic Grade II listed building transformed into a world class entertainment venue. The halls are a vital part of the city's visitor economy, providing jobs and generating millions of pounds to the local economy. The works will ensure that it remains a thriving venue the city can be proud of for many years to come. Further consolidating the City of Wolverhampton's position as the cultural capital of the Black Country.



## i9

'i9, our office led, mixed use development in the city centre has recently been awarded the Wire Score 'Gold' accreditation, the only accredited development in the region. The development will be completed in the summer of 2021 establishing 50,000sqft of Grade A office space in the city centre. Located next to our £150 million transport hub the development is the latest addition to the city's commercial district which includes the i10 and i11 offices.'

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