

Meeting of the City Council

27 January 2016

Report title	Executive Business	
Referring body	Cabinet – 13 January 2016	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Sandra Samuels Public Health and Well Being	
	Cllr Peter Bilson City Assets	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet members with lead responsibility	Cllr Sandra Samuels Public Health and Well Being	
	Cllr Peter Bilson City Assets	
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Originating service	Governance	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	13 January 2016

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**

Cllr Sandra Samuels, Public Health and Wellbeing

• **Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy**

- Cabinet has formally endorsed the city's new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2016-19. The strategy addresses domestic violence (DV) and sexual violence (SV), female genital mutilation (FGM), honour based violence (HBV) and forced marriage (FM).
- The refreshed strategy builds upon significant progress achieved from the 2012-15 strategy through close city-wide partnership working and develops work across three strands (processes, policy developments and partnership working). It focuses on developing a more systematic approach to identifying victims of violence at a much earlier point through work with schools and specialist support organisations; ensuring services are in place to respond to lower risk cases, avoiding escalation of risk; it will raise awareness across frontline practitioners and targeted work with communities to challenge a culture of violence against women and girls (VAWG).
- Safer Wolverhampton Partnership has been the strategic lead on the local response to VAWG and working collaboratively with the Wolverhampton Domestic Violence Forum will be driving forward the implementation of the strategy.

• **Playing Pitch Strategy and Assessment Report**

- Cabinet has approved a playing pitch strategy (PPS) for the city. It provides a strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities in the city area between 2015 and 2020. The vision is to 'provide a network of good quality outdoor sports provision to increase participation and promote a healthier lifestyle for all'.
- The strategy identifies current levels of provision in the area, across the public, education, voluntary and commercial sectors, and compares this with current and likely future levels of demand. The associated action plan shows how Wolverhampton can best deliver on the vision for the provision of playing pitches for the city.

Cllr Peter Bilson, City Assets

• **Active Travel Strategy**

- Cabinet has approved the adoption and implementation of an Active Travel Strategy for Wolverhampton.
- In addition to providing direction for decisions on active travel issues, the strategy would support the case for future bids to funding opportunities. Resources for this project were secured from the Public Health Transformation Fund (PHTF) and supplemented by contribution from the Local Sustainable Travel Fund.
- The Active Travel Strategy is built around a vision for Wolverhampton to become "a city where active travel modes become the preferred choice, supported by a connected network of high quality and inviting cycle routes and walkways". The scale of task involved in achieving this vision is such that the Strategy assumes a timescale of 20 years.