

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Louise Miles (Chair)
Cllr Roger Lawrence (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Hazel Malcolm
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE
Cllr Paul Sweet

Employees

Ross Cook	Service Director - City Environment
Dereck Francis	Democratic Services Officer
Keith Ireland	Managing Director
Tim Johnson	Deputy Managing Director/Strategic Director - Place
Andy Moran	Director of Commercial Services
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
Kevin O'Keefe	Director of Governance
David Watts	Director of Adult Services

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

- 1 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Steve Evans, Val Gibson and Lynne Moran.
- 2 Declarations of interest**
Councillor Louise Miles declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 5 (Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices) in so far as it refers to her employer, City of Wolverhampton College. Councillor Miles also declared a non pecuniary interest in item 10 (Disposal of Former Housing Revenue Account Land and Garage Sites) in so far as two of the pieces of land referred to in the report fall within the ward she represents.
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting - 20 March 2018**
Resolved:
That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5 **Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices**

Resolved:

That the summary of open and exempt individual executive decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Members following consultation with the relevant employees be noted.

6 **Exclusion of press and public**

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within the paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Part 2 - exempt items, closed to press and public

7 **Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services**

The Panel considered proposals for the award of contracts for works, goods and services.

Resolved:

1. That authority be delegated 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 Supply of Gas for four years from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023 when the negotiation process is completed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Place, to approve the award of a contract for Supply and Delivery of Vehicle Spares when the evaluation process is completed.
3. That the contract for Bill Payments be awarded to Allpay Limited of Fortis Et Fides Whitestone Business Park, Hereford HR1 3SE for a duration of two years with an option to extend for a further two years from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2022 for a total contract value of up to £400,000.
4. That the Director of Governance be authorised to execute contracts in respect of the above as required.

8 **Application to the High Court Injunction to Deal with Unauthorised Encampments**

Councillor Roger Lawrence presented the report on the current situation relating to unauthorised encampments by travellers and on the threats posed by a likely increase during 2018. Approval was sought to measures to assist in proactively combating those threats.

Resolved:

1. That pursuing injunctive proceedings to restrain unauthorised encampments in the Council area, by application to the High Court be approved, as it is in the interests of the City of Wolverhampton area.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment in consultation with the Service Director: City Environment and the Director for Governance to authorise, by Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN), the commencement of High Court Injunction proceedings once satisfied as to the cogency and quality of the Council's evidence.
3. That the continuing work to identify suitable land on which to construct a transit site for use by travellers and gypsies and the potential investment requirements associated with this, in accordance with the Black Country and South Staffordshire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People Accommodation Assessment and the Black Country Core Strategy be noted.

9 **Procurement Update PP17156 - Development of 43 New Dwellings at Burton Crescent and Single Storey Office Extension at 27 Burton Road**

Councillor Peter Bilson presented the report that sought approval to a virement of £0.8 million from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital budget for the New Build Programme to complete the delivery of 43 new council houses at Burton Crescent and a single storey extension to 27 Burton Road, Heath Town. A budget of £5.2 million based on an initial estimate of the scheme was approved by the Council as part of the HRA capital programme budget in the HRA Business Plan report approved by Cabinet on 16 January 2018. Tenders received for the contract were higher than estimated leaving a budget deficit of £0.8 million.

Resolved:

1. That a virement of £0.8 million from the Housing Revenue Account capital budget for the New Build Programme to increase the total scheme development budget to £6.0 million be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing and the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Service Director Housing and the Director of Finance, to approve agreements including deed of covenants, collateral warranties, assignments and such other ancillary agreements, including capital variations as may be deemed necessary to facilitate the above developments.

10 **Disposal of Former Housing Revenue Account Land and Garage Sites**

Councillor Peter Bilson presented the report on a proposal to dispose at auction, once outline planning approval for residential use had been obtained, sites within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The sites had been assessed as part of a review of a larger list of council assets that are currently underused or problematic and had been considered for housing development potential.

Disposal of the sites in this manner would ensure that the Council achieved best consideration for the land. Disposal should also ensure that the current poor condition of the sites would improve, at no further cost to the Council.

Resolved:

1. That the disposal at auction of the land behind 6 Lewisham Road, in Oxley Ward, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, subject to obtaining outline planning approval for residential use.
2. That the disposal at auction of the land to the rear of 44 Walter Road, in Bilston East Ward, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 2 to the report be approved, subject to obtaining outline planning approval for residential use together with the grant of any required easements.
3. That the disposal at auction of the former allotment site to the rear of 9 to 12 Elmdon Close, in Oxley Ward, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 3 to the report be approved, subject to obtaining outline planning approval for residential use together with the grant of any required easements.
4. That the disposal at auction of the garage site to the rear of 24 to 42 Highfield Avenue, in Fallings Park Ward, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 4 to the report be approved, subject to obtaining outline planning approval for residential use.
5. That the disposal at auction of the land to the rear of 5 to 8 Osier Place, in East Park Ward, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 5 to the report be approved, subject to obtaining outline planning approval for residential use.
6. That the disposal at auction of the garage site to the rear of 131 Snape Road, in Wednesfield North Ward, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 6 to the report be approved, subject to obtaining outline planning approval for residential use.
7. That the disposal at auction of the garage site to the rear of 104 Snape Road, in Wednesfield North Ward, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 7 to the report be approved, subject to obtaining outline planning approval for residential use.