



## Health and Wellbeing Together

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<b>Report title</b>	City of Wolverhampton Council Plan 2019-2024 Consultation	
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### Recommendations for action:

The Health and Wellbeing Together Board is recommended to:

1. Provide comment on the key strategic priorities for the City of Wolverhampton over the next five years to determine the City of Wolverhampton Council Plan 2019–2024.
2. Consider how the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is reflected in the strategic priorities.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The City of Wolverhampton Council is in the process of developing a new Council Plan for 2019-2024, to replace the existing Corporate Plan 2016-2019. The plan will build on the council's transformation journey with a focus on delivering improved outcomes for the City.
- 1.2 It is essential the Council Plan reflects the views of our local people, business and stakeholders. Consultation is taking place across the City to attain the views of local people, to identify people's priorities for the next five years and how the council can work more collaboratively with them.
- 1.3 This report provides an overview of the Council Plan consultation sessions that are taking place and to engage with the Health and Wellbeing Together Board on determining our City's priorities moving forwards.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The City of Wolverhampton Council has worked hard to protect essential services despite significant government funding cuts over the last eight years. During that time, the Council has identified over £220 million in budget reductions. It is expected that a further £40-50 million will need to be found over the next five years.
- 2.2 Moving forwards the council must review how it operates to ensure it is sustainable financially and able to fulfil statutory duties and provide those services that local people need the most. This can only be achieved by working collaboratively with local people and partners. It is vital a more collaborative approach is taken to maximise resources and ensure that local people are provided with the opportunities to reach their full potential.
- 2.3 The City of Wolverhampton Council will ensure it engages much more closely with local people, both whilst setting out our core priorities and over the lifetime of the plan itself. The aim is to develop a 'City Conversation', where there is an open and continued dialogue with residents, partners and businesses across the City to work together to realise the City's priorities.
- 2.4 The council is keen to ensure that the Council Plan 2019-2024 is developed with the people of the City of Wolverhampton at its heart. Council Plan consultation sessions have taken place with residents, including young people (Youth Council and school visits), businesses, the voluntary sector, partner organisations, employees and elected members throughout November and December 2018. Engagement from the budget consultation, organisation development sessions and the Managing Director's ward walks has also been captured to ensure the City's views are represented.
- 2.5 Once the engagement and feedback from these people and groups has been analysed this will form the basis by which we design our draft Council Plan. This document will be consulted on with key stakeholders, local people and businesses during phase two of the

consultation process in January and February 2019. The plan will go to Cabinet in March and Full Council in April 2019 for approval.

### **3.0 Progress**

3.1 During the engagement sessions participants were asked to consider three key questions to gain their views and a greater understanding of their priorities:

- What makes you proud of the City of Wolverhampton?
- What should be the main priorities for the council over the next five years?
- How can we work more collaboratively with other organisations, businesses, and residents to deliver these priorities?

3.2 The consultation feedback and draft Council Plan 2019-2024 priorities will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Together Board during a presentation at the meeting.

3.3 It is vital that we engage with our local people, partners and businesses before we design our Council Plan 2019-2024. This ensures the plan has been co-designed with our local people at its heart, and they are a key partner in both its creation and delivery.

3.4 Our Council Plan 2019-2024 will therefore be reflective of what our City most needs, based on the views of our local people.

### **4.0 Financial implications**

4.1 All costs associated with consultation and preparation of the Council Plan will be met from existing budgets.  
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### **5.0 Legal implications**

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.  
[TS/11012019/Q]

### **6.0 Equalities implications**

6.1 The Council Plan 2019-2024 is relevant to all residents of Wolverhampton. Consideration was given to the consultation process to ensure accessibility and inclusivity. The Wolverhampton Equality and Diversity Panel was also invited to feedback its key priorities and will also be consulted with once the draft plan is ready to be circulated.

### **7.0 Environmental implications**

7.1 The Council Plan development is currently in the consultation phase; the implications will be detailed when the draft plan is taken to Cabinet and Council.

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

8.1 The Council Plan development is currently in the consultation phase; the implications will be detailed when the draft plan is taken to Cabinet and Council.

## **9.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

9.1 The Council Plan development is currently in the consultation phase; the implications will be detailed when the draft plan is taken to Cabinet and Council.

## **10.0 Health and wellbeing implications**

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## **10.0 Schedule of background papers**

10.1 Not applicable.