

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Chair)
Cllr Obaida Ahmed
Cllr Ian Brookfield
Cllr Paula Brookfield
Cllr Chris Burden
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal
Cllr Linda Leach

Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
Emma Bennett	Executive Director of Families
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer
John Roseblade	Director of City Housing and Environment
Becky Wilkinson	Director of Adult Social Services
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Dereck Francis	Democratic Services Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

- 1 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Beverley Momenabadi.
- 2 Declarations of interest**
Councillors Stephen Simkins and Linda Leach declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (Community Asset Transfer - Bilston Town Football Club), insofar as they are Board Members of Bilston Town Football Club. David Pattison, Chief Operating Officer added that although not present, Councillor Beverley Momenabadi also wished to declare the same interest. He advised Councillors Simkins and Leach to leave the meeting whilst the report is considered to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

3 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 May 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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

Councillor Obaida Ahmed presented the report on the latest procurement activity across the City Environment and Climate Change, and Health and Wellbeing portfolios. She reported that in line with the Council's commitment to the Wolverhampton Pound there was an opportunity in this procurement for local businesses and also specific opportunities for the voluntary sector.

Resolved:

1. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of a contract for Environmental Enforcement when the evaluation process is complete.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Public Health, to approve the award of contracts for Voluntary and Community Sector Contracts when the evaluation process is complete.

5 **Food Service Plan**

Councillor Steve Evans presented the report on the Council's draft Food Service Plan for 2022. Delegated authority was requested to approve the final version of the document. He highlighted some of the key achievements of the Environmental Health Service during 2021- 2022 in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and maintaining the position of the food service during the period. Although there was a national recovery plan in terms of Food Standards set by the Food Standards Agency, Wolverhampton was well placed because of the work of its Covid Support Officers to support, offer advice, raise awareness and when necessary, take action. The team carried out some 1000 interventions and responded to around 1281 complaints related to food hygiene and standards. Councillor Evans placed on record his sincere thanks to the team of Covid Support Officers for their work during the pandemic on behalf of businesses and residents of the Wolverhampton.

Resolved:

1. That the draft 2022 Food Service Plan as summarised in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Head of Regulation Service, to approve the final version of the Food Service Plan.
3. That the requirement to prepare a Food Service Plan be noted.
4. That the Service's key achievements for the year 2021 be noted.

(NB: Having previously declared an interest in agenda item 6, Councillors Stephen Simkins and Linda Leach left the meeting room whilst Cabinet (Resource) Panel considered the report. Councillor Ian Brookfield took the Chair during consideration of the item.)

6 Community Asset Transfer - Bilston Town Football Club

Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal presented the report on a proposed Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of Bilston Town Football Club Stadium and an adjacent piece of land to Bilston Town Community Football Club on the basis of a 35 year lease. The Board of the football club proposed to create a Community Development Committee to manage the stadium and ensure the site was fully utilised. They would also seek further funding via Sport England, The Football Foundation, The Premier League Development Fund and The National Lottery for projects to install a 3G pitch; convert the adjacent land into a car park to support the club's growth; and to improve the facilities at Bilston Town Football Club.

The CAT proposal would enable the football club to expand its role and remit as an integral community asset in a relatively deprived part of the city. It also supported delivery of the Council Plan in ensuring that a successful, local organisation are empowered to actively improve community facilities in an inclusive manner to support the wellbeing of those it serves.

Resolved:

1. That the Community Asset Transfer of Bilston Town Football Club Stadium, Queen Street, WV14 7EX to Bilston Town Community Football Club for a term of 35 years subject to terms be approved.
2. That the Community Asset Transfer of land adjoining Bilston Town FC Stadium, Queen Street, WV14 7EX to Bilston Town Community FC for a term of 35 years subject to further a feasibility assessment and subject to terms be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Director Assets to approve the terms of the Community Asset Transfer and lease.

(NB: Councillors Stephen Simkins and Linda Leach returned to the meeting room. Councillor Simkins resumed as Chair.)

7 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 item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Part 2 - exempt items, closed the press and public

The Chair reported that as stated previously the meeting was in confidential session as the information included in the report could, if released into the public domain,

prejudice the financial position of the Council or its partners. As such all present are under a legal duty of confidentiality and must not disclose any confidential information - to do so would not only be a breach of the Council's codes (for councillors and employees) but also a breach of the legal duty of confidentiality.

8 Procurement - Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services

Councillor Obaida Ahmed presented for approval the report on the award of contracts for works, goods and services. She also asked that exemptions to Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance during April 2022 be noted.

Resolved:

1. That the contract for Mobile Voice and Data Connections be awarded to BT of 81 Newgate London EC1A 7AJ for a duration of three years from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 for a total contract value of £976,896.
2. That the contract for Provision of Highway and Transportation Consultancy Services be awarded to Waterman Aspen of Pickfords Wharf, Clink Street, London, SE1 9DG for a duration of 18 months from 20 June 2022 to 19 December 2023 for a total contract value of £1.25 million.
3. That the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Head of Procurement and Director of Finance from 1 to 30 April 2022 be noted.