

Cabinet – 21 July 2021

DECISIONS

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Part I – Public session

Item	Decision
1. Apologies	Councillors Andrew and Craddock
2. Minutes – 16 June & 7 July 2021	Approved
3. Declarations of Interest	None
4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act	Resolved that the public be excluded during consideration of the items in the private session.
5. Petitions	None
6. Questions	None
7. Forward	That the forward plan be noted.

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<p>8. Corporate Financial Performance</p> <p>(Councillor Bird)</p>	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Notes the total Covid-19 funding available to Walsall in 2021/22 of £29.31m as set out in section 4.6 and Appendix 1 of this report, and that this may be insufficient to cover the additional costs of supporting the council's Covid-19 response beyond the short term. 2) Notes that of the £29.31m grant, £14.64m is ringfenced for specific activity as set out in Appendix 1 and this is expected to be fully spent. 3) Notes the forecast impact of Covid-19 to May 2021 £1.82m and total forecast of £12.28m for 2021/22 based on known assumptions in relation to costs <i>not covered by specific grant</i>, as set out in section 4.6 to 4.12, and the estimated financial impact on the delivery of 2021/22 approved savings as set out in sections 4.13 to 4.15 and Appendix 3. 4) Approves the use of £5.51m of Covid-19 funding from unringfenced grant to support Adult Social Care demographic and workforce pressures, looked after children pressures and increased waste disposal costs, as referenced in section 4.12. 5) Approves the use of £905k of unringfenced Covid-19 funding to support the one-off shortfall in savings set out in Appendix 3, noting that the £306k saving for Money Home Job was approved by the Leader on 19 April 2021 in advance of Cabinet due to the impact on the service, as referred to in section 4.15. 6) Notes that, of the £14.67m of unringfenced Covid-19 grant available, all but £1.92m is allocated, leaving little to manage any further unknown pressures that may arise. 7) Notes the non Covid-19 related demand and other service pressures totalling c£4.49m as set out in 4.16 to 4.27, and actions being taken to address these. 8) Approves the passporting of Financial Transparency in Local Authority Maintained Schools Grant to Finance as set out in section 4.28. 9) Approves amendments to the capital programme as set out in section 4.29, including noting the redesignation of existing resources of £500k to fund additional One Source costs for the development of payroll systems, as approved by the Leader.

	<p>10)Notes that the forecast for the council funded capital programme is currently expected to be on budget with no carry forwards currently being reported into 2022/23.</p> <p>11)Notes financial health indicator performance as set out in section 4.32 to 4.37 and Appendix 4.</p> <p>12)Notes the prudential indicators as set out in section 4.38 to 4.40 and Appendix 5.</p> <p>13)Notes the work underway to update to the medium term financial outlook and approve the approach for setting the 2022/23 budget, as set out in section 4.41 to 4.50 alongside the council's budget framework and Proud promises.</p> <p>14)Notes that the Medium Term Financial Strategy is being assessed against the CIPFA Code of Financial Management, and amendments will be reported back to Cabinet in October, as set out in section 4.51.</p> <p>15)Approves the amendments to the Tax Strategy and governance arrangements to ensure it remains fit for purpose, as set out in section 4.52.</p>
<p>9. Treasury Management Annual Report</p>	<p>To note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017)), the annual position statement for treasury management activities 2020/21 including prudential and local indicators (Appendix A).</p>
<p>10. Corporate Performance Management Framework</p>	<p>1) That Cabinet notes and accepts the comments and recommendations of Audit Committee and thanks them for the Committee's assurance role in this matter.</p> <p>2) That Cabinet approves the Performance Management Framework and its use by all services.</p>
<p>11. Restart Scheme</p>	<p>1) That Cabinet approves the Council to enter into a contract with Serco for a term of 5 years to act as a supply chain partner on the Restart scheme subject to intensive scrutiny, due diligence and contract negotiations.</p>

	<p>2) That Cabinet notes the financial implications and financial risks set out in Section 4 of the report.</p> <p>3) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director for Economy Environment and Communities in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to authorise the Council to enter into a contract and to subsequently authorise the sealing of any deeds, or signing of contracts or other related documents for such services and variations to the contract during its term.</p>
12. Civil parking and Moving Traffic Enforcement Contract	<i>Decision taken in private following consideration of confidential information. See summary of decision at item.18</i>
13. Local Authority Delivery Scheme – appointment of contractor	<p>1) That Cabinet awards a contract to E.on Energy Services Limited for energy efficiency works to homes in Walsall as provider for the Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LADS) 1B and 2 schemes, as call offs from the Fusion 21 Framework, for a period from 2 August 2021 up to end of March 2022, with an option to extend if required and with an anticipated value of up to £4,530,000.</p> <p>2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director of Children’s Services to enter into the relevant agreements with E.on Energy Services Limited on behalf of the council and to subsequently authorise signing of any associated contracts, deeds or other related documents.</p>
14. Domestic Abuse Accommodation Service	<p>1) That Cabinet approves the new Domestic Abuse service delivery model, and undertaking of a competitive procurement process, to determine the most suitable provider(s) for the delivery of support to all victims with children who need Children’s Services interventions</p> <p>2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, to approve the new service delivery model for domestic abuse safe accommodation and support following a public consultation exercise, and note that Cabinet will receive a further report to approve contract award following the procurement exercise.</p>
15. Shared Lives Payments remodelling	<p>That Cabinet</p> <p>1) Notes the summary of key findings from the recent consultation exercise (Appendix 1).</p>

	<p>2) Approves the Directorate's wish to proceed to implementation of the preferred payment model inclusive of four bandings, for purpose of payments to Shared Lives carers. As originally set out within the report to cabinet in April 2021.</p> <p>3) Agrees that this work can be delivered across several months as part of good practice and to maximise the opportunities of the service retaining its current cohort of carers, to minimise disruption to existing end users of the service and to ensure that people are given sufficient notice of the changes, noting that the changes will also require the support of other Directorate teams and systems to ensure the smooth process for payments across the scheme.</p>
16. Liquid Fuel supply Contract	<i>Decision taken in private following consideration of confidential information. See summary at item.20</i>
17. Variation to Determined Admission Arrangements for 2021/22 and 2022/23	<p>1) That Cabinet approves the amended paragraphs 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 of the Local Authority's determined admissions arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic years 2021/22 and 2022/23 as previously determined by Cabinet on 12 February 2020 and 10 February 2021.</p> <p>2) That Cabinet gives conditional approval for these variations to take effect from 1 September 2021. In the event that the draft Code does not come into force from 1 September 2021 then the existing determined arrangements for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 academic years as previously determined by Cabinet on 12 February 2020 and 10th February 2021 will stand.</p> <p>3) That Walsall Council informs all relevant stakeholders of these variations to its determined admission arrangements for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 academic year in accordance with the provisions of the School Admissions Code 2021</p>

Part II – Private session – Summary of decisions

Item	Decision
18. Civil Parking and Moving Traffic Enforcement Contract	<p>Following consideration of confidential information, the Cabinet</p> <p>1) Approved the award of contract to APCOA Parking(UK) Ltd for the provision of civil parking and moving traffic enforcement services for the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2026.</p> <p>2) Delegated authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for</p>

	<p>Regeneration, to authorise the award of the additional 2 further optional 1 year extensions for the periods 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027 and 1 October 2027 to 30 September 2028.</p> <p>3) Delegated authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to authorise the signing and sealing of the contract documentation.</p>
<p>19. Phoenix 10 project environmental impairment liability insurance</p>	<p>The Phoenix 10 project aims to secure major investment in the borough to enable substantial new employment floorspace and significant job creation.</p> <p>The Cabinet considered a confidential report relating to the need secure the necessary approvals to enable contractual obligations to be met in respect of the provision of Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance.</p> <p>The Cabinet delegated authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to award the contract for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance for the Phoenix 10 Project; and to subsequently authorise the sealing of Deeds and/or signing of contracts and any other related documents for the provision of such services as well as any extension and variation of the contractual arrangements including cancellation and re-write arrangements or other related documents should this be required throughout the duration of the contract</p>
<p>20. Liquid Fuel Supply Contract</p>	<p>Following consideration of confidential information, the Cabinet:</p> <p>1) Approved the award of the contract to supply vehicle fuel and heating oil to Certas Energy UK Ltd through the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation Liquid Fuel 981 framework for an initial period of 24 months commencing 1 October 2021 with the option to extend the contract for a further 24 months (2 x 12 month extensions).</p> <p>2) Delegates authority to the Executive Director of</p>

	Economy, Environment & Communities toauthorise the award of the contract to Certas for the initial 24 months and the two subsequent 12 month extensions
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