

Audit Committee – 24 February 2014

Officer's Exercise of Delegated Powers during 2013/2014

1. Summary of report

This report details decisions made under officers delegated powers within the 2013/14 financial year, highlighting the key decisions taken within the five directorates and the officer who took the delegated decision. These are included in the attached appendices.

2. Background papers

Walsall Council Constitution Part 3.5 Section 3.1.

3. Reason for scrutiny

As set out in part 3.5 section 3.1 of the Council's constitution, chief officers must submit an annual report to the Audit Committee setting out significant decisions, including any key decisions, taken under delegated powers by the chief officer or other post holder within the directorate in the previous year. The direction of significant decision is set out in 3.1 a and b as follows:

- 3.1 a It has a considerable direct and material impact upon the lives of the inhabitants of the borough or business operating within it, or
- 3.1b Results in the Council incurring expenditure for which there is no revenue or capital budget.

4. Recommendation

Audit Committee are requested to review and note the list of decisions taken attached in Appendices 1 - 5 within the 2013/14 financial year.

5. Resource considerations

- 5.1 **Financial:** None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.
- 5.2 **Legal:** None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.
- 5.3 **Staffing:** None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.

6. Citizen impact

None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.

7. Community safety

None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.

8. Environmental impact

None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.

9. Performance and risk management issues

9.1 **Risk:** None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year. The report allows further scrutiny of delegated decisions in accordance with the constitution.

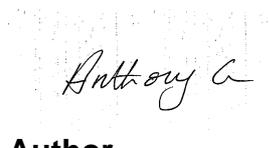
9.2 **Performance management:** None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.

10. Equality implications

None arising from this report. Implications relating to decisions made under delegated powers were considered throughout the year.

11. Consultation

No consultation was required or undertaken for this report. Consultation with relevant areas and/or stakeholders was undertaken where required for decisions made under delegated powers throughout the year.



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Resources Directorate Appendix 1

1	2	3	4
Date Made	Decision Significant (S) or Key (K) Decision	Subject	Officer Taking Decision
15.01.2014	K	Agree and approve the tax base for 2014/15	James Walsh

Neighbourhoods Directorate Appendix 2

1	2	3	4
Date decision made	Significant (S) or Key (K) decision	Subject	Officer taking decision

No key or significant decisions were taken during the course of the year

Social Care & Inclusion Directorate Appendix 3

Date Made	Decision	Significant (S) or Key (K) Decision	Subject	Officer Taking Decision
19 June 2013	S	Urgent Action – being taken by Social Care & Inclusion and Neighbourhoods (jointly), to ensure contractual compliance on both current Public Space Close Circuit Television and Urban Traffic Control Close Circuit Television services maintenance contracts. Whilst providing assurance that Walsall Council has operated in a fair, equitable, open and transparent manner within the Market Place. Waiver/suspension of contract rules 8, 11, 16 and 17.	John Bolton	
8 July 2013	S	Authority – waiver/suspension of contract rules 11, 16 and 17 for the provision of Telecare Contracts under Contract rule 9.1 and 9.2	John Bolton	
21 August 2013	S	Authority – Waiver/Suspension of contract rules 11, 16 and 17 for the provision of Residential and Nursing Care Contracts under Contract Rule 9.1 and 9.2	John Bolton	
22 August 2013	S	<p>Authority – waiver/suspension of contract rules 8, 11, 16 and 17 for the provision of Direct Payments Support Services under contract rules 9.1 and 9.2.</p> <p>In accordance with Contract Rule 18 (contract rules 2010), award transitional spot purchase call off contracts, to the Providers: Shaw Trust Ltd, Age UK Walsall, IBS Support Ltd – formerly known as Jackie Davis Payroll, IBS Managed Account Ltd – formerly known as independent Living Brokerage and Payroll Services (ILBPS), Walsall Voluntary Action, Walsall Service User</p>	John Bolton	

		Empowerment, for up to 6 months from 22.08.13	
24 December 2013	S	<p>Walsall Council's Transport Framework Agreement for the supply of private hire and Hackney carriage (Taxis) Services for the period 1 May 2010 – 30 April 2013, with the option to extend beyond this period on an annual basis up to 30 April 2014. Authority given in accordance with the Contract Rules 21.3 and 21.4. to extend the following contracts up to 30 April 2014 and any other requirements will be prioritised and monitored via the procurement plan:</p> <p>Yellow Cars, Aldridge & Barons, 247 Cars trading as Darlaston Private Hire, A1 Eagle Cars, 247 Cars trading as Rosehill Private Hire, OJs Taxi and Tomkins of Walsall.</p>	John Bolton
20 July 2014	S	<p>Framework Agreement for the Supply of Transport Minibus Services (9-16 passenger seats and fitted with passenger-lift (the "Agreement"). Period: 31 January 2011 – 31 January 2014 with the option to extend beyond this period on an annual basis up to 30 January 2015. Authority given for the Head of Procurement to extend NA Cars and Minibus and Walsall Community Transport up to 30 September 2014 in accordance with the Contract Rules 21.3 and 21.4.</p>	John Bolton

Regeneration Directorate Appendix 4

1	2	3	4
Date Made	decision	Significant (S) or Key (K) Decision	Subject Officer Taking Decision

No key or significant decisions were taken during the course of the year

Children's Services Directorate Appendix 5

Date Made	Decision	Significant(S) or Key (K) Decision	Subject	Officer Taking Decision
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No key or significant decisions were taken during the course of the year