

Cabinet – 22 MARCH 2023

DECISIONS

PUBLISHED ON 23 MARCH 2023: Decisions set out below cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days after publication of this notice which is FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023.

Item	Decision
1. Apologies	Councillor Elson
2. Minutes	The minutes of 8 February 2023 were approved as a correct record.
3. Declarations of Interest	Agenda Item 13 - Letting Agent Enforcement Policy: Andrew (pecuniary), Ali (pecuniary), Murphy (personal).
4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act	That the public be excluded during consideration of the items in the private session.
5. Petitions	None received.
6. Questions	None received.
7. Forward plan	That the forward plans be noted.
8. Renewal of the Council's Oracle Cloud licenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approved the award of the contract for provision of Oracle Cloud licences for a period of 5 years, commencing on 31 May 2023. 2. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Performance and Corporate Landlord (Section 151 Officer), in consultation with the Leader of the Council as the relevant Portfolio Holder, to subsequently sign contracts or other related documents for the services that have been procured. 3. That Cabinet authorised the signing of this contract under hand, as due to the nature of the services provided it is unlikely the Council would benefit from 12 years of protection under seal. 4. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Performance and Corporate Landlord (Section 151

	<p>Officer), to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements or other related documents for such services should this be required throughout the duration of the term of any contracts and provided they are in line with the Council's Contracts Rules and any relevant legislation, including Public Contract Regulations 2015.</p>
<p>9. Approval of the Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approved the revised Collaboration Agreement, attached as Appendix A, with significant changes set out in further detail in this report. 2. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord and Corporate Performance (s151) in consultation with the Leader, to make any final amendments and authorise the sealing by the Council of the Collaboration Agreement. 3. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord and Corporate Performance (s151) in consultation with the Leader, to negotiate, approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Enterprise Zones.
<p>10. LGA Corporate Peer Challenge: Action Plan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet noted and celebrated the successes highlighted by the Corporate Peer Challenge report. 2. That Cabinet approved the Council's action plan, which responds to the Corporate Peer Challenge in January 2023.
<p>11. West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2023/24</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approved the Walsall Council Transport Capital Programme 2023/24 funding of £5.252m as set out at Table 2 in Section 4 of this report. 2. That Cabinet approved the utilisation of the Local Network Improvement Plan element of the grant funding for 2023/24 (£1.563m) as described in paragraphs 4.40 and 4.41 of this report and appendices A to G, including the provisional allocation of carry forward from 2022/23 to the 2023/24 programme. 3. That Cabinet approved the utilisation of the Promotion of Community Health and Safety – Council capital funding for 2023/24 (£0.12m) as set out in Appendix A, including the provisional allocation of carry forward from 2022/23 to the 2023/24 programme. 4. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to manage any required changes to the 2023/24 Local Network Improvement Plan capital programme, including amending individual scheme budgets (within the overall programme budget); adding new projects (to replace or part-replace other projects that can no longer be

	<p>delivered); and managing carry forward, to maximise the use of the grant.</p> <p>5. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to negotiate on its behalf with the West Midlands Combined Authority and government departments to maximise the values of future financial resources allocated to the Council in pursuit of its transport priorities, including signing relevant agreements and contracts for schemes which are approved within the Walsall Transport Capital Programme 2023/24.</p>
12. Response to Sandwell Local Plan Consultation	<p>1. That Cabinet confirmed approval of the response to the Sandwell Issues and Options Review, as agreed by Planning Committee and attached at Appendix 1, which has been submitted to the consultation which closed prior to the date of this Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>2. That Cabinet approved a delegation to the Executive Director, Economy Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, to submit future responses to neighbouring authority consultations, subject to Planning Committee approval.</p>
13. Letting Agent Enforcement Policy	<p><i>Councillors Andrew, Ali and Murphy left the room for the duration of this item.</i></p> <p>1. That Cabinet approved the adoption of the enforcement policy in relation to relevant letting agency legislation as set out in Appendix A of the report.</p> <p>2. That Cabinet authorised the Executive Director Economy Environment and Communities to make amendments to the financial penalty charge matrices to reflect any changes necessary as a result of amendments to legislation, legal decisions, statutory and best practice guidance.</p>
14. The use of Drones to deal with Off-Road Vehicles	<p>1. That Cabinet noted the content of the report and support the partnership approach to tackle this issue through enforcement, education and other security measures known as target hardening.</p>
15. Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 to 2028	<p>1. That Cabinet approved the Walsall Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 to 2028 (Appendix A).</p> <p>2. That Cabinet delegated authority to make any future amendments to the Walsall Homelessness Strategy 2023 to 2028 to the Director of Customer Engagement in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Customer.</p>
16. Walsall Civic Centre and Council House	<p>1. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord & Assurance to award the contract to the successful tender applicant to undertake the supply and</p>

Improvement Works	<p>installation of the new replacement windows, frames and doors in the Civic Centre complex.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord & Assurance to award the contract to the successful tender applicant to undertake the supply and installation of the new air source heating and ventilation systems in the Civic Centre and Council House. 3. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord & Assurance to award the contract to the successful tender applicant to undertake the supply and installation of the new replacement hybrid fire alarm detection system in the Civic Centre and Council House. 4. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord & Assurance to award the contract to the successful tender applicant to undertake the refurbishment of the Civic Centre ground floor. 5. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord & Assurance 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 variation of the contractual arrangements or other related documents should this be required throughout the duration of the contract.
17. Proposed High Needs Local Funding Formula 2023/24 – Including an Overview of the DSG Management Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approved the Local High Needs Funding Formula for 2023/24 with the increased top-up rates for all provisions, as recommended by Schools Forum at their meeting on 7 March 2023. 2. That Cabinet noted the work that has been undertaken to develop the Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan, the position that this identifies and direction of travel and actions that will be required, and that this plan will be subject to ongoing (at least annual) review and update and in-year reporting.
18. Proposed Early Years Funding Formula for two, three & four years olds - 2023/24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approved the local Early Years Funding Formula (Appendix A) recommended by Walsall's Schools Forum at their meeting on 7th March 2023, with the exception of the Maintained Nursery Schools Supplementary funding that is subject to the recommendation in paragraph 3.2. 2. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills to agree the final allocation methodology within the totality of Maintained Nursery Schools Supplementary funding that will be available.
19. Recommendations from the Social Care and Health	That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the outstanding debt owed to the Council for Adult Social Care.</p>	
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Part II – Private session – public summary of decisions.

Item	Decision – Public Summary
<p>20. (Private Session) Town Deal Walsall Adult Learning Campus project</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet agreed to support removal of the Town Centre Theatre project from the Town Deal programme; 2. That Cabinet agreed to submit to government the Town Deal summary documents for the Adult Learning Campus project; 3. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord and Corporate Performance (Section 151 Officer) in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council, to negotiate and enter into all necessary legal agreements to successfully deliver the Adult Learning Campus project, subject to an updated Outline Business Case