



Cabinet – Wednesday 11 September 2024

DECISIONS – PUBLIC

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Item	Decision
1. Apologies	Councillor Murphy.
2. Minutes	The minutes of 17 July 2024 were approved as a correct and accurate record.
3. Declarations of Interest	None received.
4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act	There were no items in the private session.
5. Petitions	None received.
6. Questions	None received.
7. Forward plan	That the forward plans be noted.
17. Recommendations from the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Derelict Properties Taskforce	It be noted that the Cabinet is leading on strengthening the Councils approach to derelict properties and has set up a cross-service Taskforce to provide focus and leadership. The Taskforce is leading on a review to develop a policy/strategic plan on actions required to improve the Council's approach to addressing the challenging issue of derelict properties including tackling landowners, long term void sites and identifying what resources across council services are required to make an impact across the borough.
8. Article 4 Direction for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)	1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities in consultation with the Associate Leader, Economic Growth and Regeneration to make a non-immediate article 4 legal

	<p>direction which will be applied to the council's administrative area (borough-wide) to remove permitted development rights for the change of use of dwellinghouses (C3 use) to smaller Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) (C4 use).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That notice of the article 4 direction be publicised for a period of at least six weeks to allow members of the public and other interested stakeholders to submit comments on the proposal. 3. That Cabinet note that a further report will be submitted to a meeting following the end of the consultation period to consider any comments made, and informed by these comments, determine whether the article 4 direction should be confirmed. 4. That, should the article 4 direction be confirmed, that confirmation not take place until 12 months after first notice has been made.
<p>9. Walsall Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Strategy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approve the adoption of the Walsall Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Strategy as set out at Appendix A. 2. That Cabinet approve the future delivery of infrastructure in line with the targets identified in the Walsall Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Strategy, subject to all relevant legal, financial, and planning approvals. 3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Associate Leader for Economic Growth and Regeneration, to award the contract(s) for the provision of electric vehicle chargepoints across the borough to meet the interim targets included in the Walsall Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Strategy. 4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Associate Leader for Economic Growth and Regeneration, to subsequently authorise the sealing of deeds and/or signing of any related contract(s) and/or document(s) for the provision of electric vehicle chargepoints across the borough to meet the interim targets included in the Walsall EV Chargepoint Strategy, to include 300 chargepoints across the borough up to 2026 as well as any extension and variation of these contractual arrangements should this be required throughout the duration of the contract(s). 5. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Associate Leader for Economic Growth and Regeneration, to negotiate on its behalf with the West

	<p>Midlands Combined Authority, government departments and private sector to maximise the values of future financial resources allocated to the council in pursuit of the delivery of electric vehicle chargepoint infrastructure. This includes signing relevant agreements and contracts for electric vehicle chargepoint investment across the borough in line with targets outlined within the Walsall Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Strategy.</p> <p>6. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Associate Leader for Economic Growth and Regeneration, to authorise the sealing of deeds and/or signing of grant agreements relating to the development of Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure capital funding and City Region Sustainable Transport Scheme capital funding for the Black Country Transport and Innovation Programme.</p>
<p>10. Commercial Strategy</p>	<p>1. That Cabinet approve Walsall Council's commercial strategy contained at Appendix A of this report.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Associate Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, to make minor amendments to the strategy and update the programmes.</p>
<p>11. West Midlands Regional Residential Children's Homes Framework</p>	<p>1. That Cabinet authorise the Council to enter into an Access Agreement with Coventry City Council to join the new West Midlands Regional Residential Framework.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to subsequently authorise the sealing of deeds and/or signing of contracts and any other related documents for the provision of such residential services under the framework, as appropriate, including any access agreement with Coventry City Council to facilitate access to and provision of these services.</p> <p>3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, 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.</p> <p>4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to enter into 'call off' contracts with Residential Children's Home Providers who are awarded 'Residential Framework Agreement' contracts by Coventry City Council pursuant to the new West</p>

	<p>Midlands Regional Residential Care Framework for a period of 5 years with the provision to extend by 2 increments of 3 and 2 years respectively with an expiry date no later than 16 December 2034.</p> <p>5. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, to enter into ‘spot contracts’ where the framework does not meet capacity and/or capability requirements.</p>
<p>12. Contract Extension of the Black Country Family Drugs and Alcohol Court (FDAC) Service in the Boroughs of Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley</p>	<p>1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Children’s Services, to vary the contractual arrangements to allow the extension of the contract from 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2026, and subsequently authorise the sealing or signing of any associated contracts, deeds or associated contracts, deeds or other related documents.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Children’s Services, to authorise any lawful variations to the contractual arrangements for services identified above, should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council’s Contract Rules.</p>
<p>13. Walsall Youth Justice Service Annual Strategic Plan</p>	<p>1. That Cabinet note the initial overview and activity set out in the report and recommends the Walsall Youth Justice Annual Strategic Plan to Council for approval.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, to make any future minor amendments to the plan, if and when required.</p>
<p>14. Registration with the Regulator of Social Housing to enable provision of additional Homeless Temporary Accommodation</p>	<p>That Cabinet approve the Council’s registration with the Regulator of Social Housing to become a Registered Provider.</p>
<p>15. Secondary School Sufficiency</p>	<p>1. That Cabinet approve the continued cost to expand Pool Hayes Academy at £3,647,700.</p> <p>2. That Cabinet approve the cost to expand West Walsall EACT Academy at £500,000.</p> <p>3. That Cabinet approve a design and feasibility study to for the expansion at Ormiston Sheffield Academy at a cost of</p>

	<p>£325,000, once full financial costs are established, a further paper will be brought to Cabinet for approval.</p> <p>4. That Cabinet approve a design and feasibility study for the expansion at Willenhall EACT Academy, at a cost of £325,000, once full financial costs are established, a further paper will be brought to Cabinet for approval.</p>
<p>16. Community Reablement – Phase 1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, to accept tenders and award contracts for the provision of Community Reablement services, for a period from 1st November 2024 until 31st March 2025, with the option to extend the contract by up to a further 6 months, following completion of the tender. 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care to enter into contracts for these services and to subsequently authorise the sealing of any deeds, contracts or other related documents for such services. 3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care 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, provided they are in line with the Council's Contract Rules and any relevant legislation, including Public Contract Regulations 2015.