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Cabinet – 17 March 2021

DECISIONS

Part I – Public session

Item	Recommendation	Vote record: For, Against, Abstain.
1. Apologies	None	-
2. Minutes – 10 February 2021	Approved	Assent
3. Declarations of Interest	None	-
4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act	To resolve that the public be excluded during consideration of the items in the private session.	Assent
5. Petitions	None	-
6. Questions	Questions received and responded to	
7. Forward plan	That the forward plan be noted.	Assent
8. Black Country Tenancy Strategy (Cllr Andrew)	1) That Cabinet approve the Black Country Tenancy Strategy as set out in Appendix A 2) That Cabinet delegates authority to make any future minor	9-0-0

	<p>amendments to the Strategy, if and when required, to the Executive Director Children's Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader, Regeneration.</p>	
<p>9. Voluntary Refugee Community Sponsorship Scheme for Walsall (Cllr Andrew)</p>	<p>1) That Cabinet approve and agree to be part of the government's Voluntary Refugee Community Sponsorship Scheme and endorse the process for Walsall as detailed in Appendix A.</p> <p>2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Customer Access Management in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to subsequently authorise the approval of any Community Sponsor Group applications and to support the selection of Community Sponsored refugee applicants through the Home Office process.</p> <p>3) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Customer Access Management, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to authorise any variations to the draft process (Appendix A).</p>	9-0-0
<p>10. Black Country Transport Hub Collaboration Agreement (Cllr Andrew)</p>	<p>That Cabinet: -</p> <p>1) Approve the financial implications of the Black Country Transport Team set out within Section 4 (specifically paragraphs 4.34 to 4.43) of this report.</p> <p>2) Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to authorise the sealing of the Collaboration Agreement for the Black Country Transport Hub at Appendix A and the sealing or signing of any</p>	9-0-0

	associated contracts, deeds or other related documents to give full effect to the work of the Black Country Transport Team.	
<p>11. West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2021/22</p> <p>(Cllr Andrew)</p>	<p>1) That Cabinet approves the Walsall Transport Capital Programme 2021/22 as set out at Table 2 in Section 4 of this report.</p> <p>2) That Cabinet approves the utilisation of the Integrated Transport Block element of the grant funding for 2021/22 as described in paragraphs 4.35 to 4.38 of this report and Appendices A to H, including the allocation of any carry forward from 2020/21 to the 2021/22 programme.</p> <p>3) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to manage any required changes to the 2021/22 Integrated Transport Block programme, including amending individual scheme budgets (within the overall programme budget); and adding new projects (to replace or part-replace other projects that can no longer be delivered), in order to maximise the use of the grant.</p> <p>4) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to negotiate on its behalf with the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, West Midlands Combined Authority and government departments to maximise the values of future financial resources allocated to the Council in pursuit of its transport</p>	9-0-0

	<p>priorities, including signing relevant agreements and contracts for schemes which are approved within the Walsall Transport Capital Programme 2021/22.</p>	
<p>12. Making Connections Walsall – Contract Extension (Cllr Perry)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That Cabinet notes the continuation of the Making Connections Walsall programme for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 by extending contracts with the 4 hubs which are Bloxwich Community Partnership, Old Hall Peoples Partnership, Accord Age Matters and Manor Farm Community Association and also West Midlands Fire Service at a total additional cost to Council of £135,000. 2) That Cabinet approves a further allocation of £100,000 to support organisations in the wider MCW network. This money will be allocated through smaller grants in conjunction with the MCW hubs and will be used to improve social prescribing capacity in the MCW network. 3) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resilient Communities, to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements for the services identified above, should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contract Regulations and the Council’s Contract Rules. 4) That a future report is brought to Cabinet on any future plans to 	<p>9-0-0</p>

	continue the successful delivery of a social prescribing model in Walsall, which will ensure befriending, advice and guidance and referral to community activities is continued for Walsall residents.	
13. Update on the action plan to address the mental wellbeing impact of Covid-19 (Cllr Craddock)	1) To note the progress on the Action Plan for managing the impact of Covid-19 as set out in the appendix to the report. 2) To note that the Health and Wellbeing Board will be receiving reports on the mental wellbeing outcomes of the Action plan.	Assent
14. Professional Services Provider for Capital Construction Projects (Cllr Chattha)	1) That Cabinet approves the appointment of Faithful+Gould Limited as the Professional Services Provider for Capital Construction Projects for a maximum period of up to 3 years (1+1+1) subject to satisfactory performance and delivery. 2) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Interim Executive Director for Resources and Transformation to enter into the contract, and to subsequently authorise the sealing, signing or variation of any deeds, contracts or other related documents for such services.	9-0-0
15. Early Years Funding Formula 2021/22 (Cllr Towe)	1) That Cabinet approves the Early Years Funding Formula (Appendix A) recommended by Walsall's Schools Forum at its meeting on 9 March 2021. 2) That Cabinet approves to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills, to amend the final formula, within the total Early Years block funding that is available, to accommodate any changes required to rates once the	9-0-0

	outcome of the January 2021 headcount is available.	
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Part II – Private session

Public summary of decisions

Item	Recommendation	Vote record: For, Against, Abstain.
16. Regional Materials Recycling Facility, Coventry (Cllr Butler)	The Cabinet approved a revised Business Case for the establishment of a regional Materials Recycling Facility with 6 other local authorities; and approved additional Capital funding and revised maximum investment total for this project in order to maximise the benefits of processing the Council’s recyclable waste materials in the long term.	9-0-0
17. Black Country Enterprise Zone: Financial Borrowing (Cllr Andrew)	The Cabinet approved the funding /borrowing requirements to support the strategic delivery of a Darlaston EZ site, subject to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership and Joint Committee decisions to approve such funding, including identification of funding sources to fully repay the investment; and delegated authority to the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Communities to enter into any grant agreement accordingly.	9-0-0