

# Cabinet

**Wednesday 20 March 2024**

**Minutes of the meeting held in Conference Room 2 at the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall at 6pm.**

## **Present**

Councillor Bird (Chair)	Leader of the Council
Councillor Andrew	Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor Elson	Children's Services
Councillor Ferguson	Internal Services
Councillor Flint	Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Murphy	Clean and Green
Councillor Perry	Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Councillor M. Statham	Education and Skills

## **In attendance**

E. Bennett	Chief Executive
D. Brown	Executive Director – Economy, Environment and Communities
J. Greenhalgh	Executive Director – Resources
C. Male	Executive Director – Children's and Customer
S. Darcy	Director of Finance, Corporate Performance Management and Corporate Landlord
D. Moore	Director – Regeneration and Economy
A. Osborn	Director of Commissioning
S. Portman	Head of Law
C. Goodall	Principal Democratic Services Officer
E. Cook	Democratic Services Officer

## **Part 1 – Public Session**

### **4190 Welcome**

Councillor Bird opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining that the Cabinet was meeting that evening in person and that the agenda and reports for this meeting were available on the Council's website. He explained that voting would be by way of a show of hands which would be witnessed and recorded by the Democratic Services officer in attendance.

### **4191 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

### **4192 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2024 were submitted.

**Resolved**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2024, a copy having been sent to each member of the Cabinet, be approved and signed as a correct record.**

**4193 Declarations of interest**

The following declarations of non-prejudicial interest were received:

- Councillor Perry – Item 9 - ‘Walsall Proud: Update and next stages of transformation’
- Councillor Andrew - Item 10 - ‘Darlaston Long Term Plan’

**4194 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

**Resolved**

**That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items set out in the private part of the agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972**

**4195 Petitions**

Cllr Whitehouse submitted a petition to oppose the change of use of the heritage Bridge pub in Short Heath.

**4196 Questions**

No questions were received.

**4197 Forward plan**

The forward plan as of March 2024 was submitted:

(annexed)

**Resolved**

**That the forward plan be noted.**

**4198 Public Sector Equality Duty Annual Report 2024**

Councillor Bird introduced the report setting out the Public Sector Equality Duty Annual Report 2024, future plans and work already done to strengthen equality, diversity and inclusion across the Council.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Bird and **seconded** by Councillor Andrew and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

- 1. That Cabinet noted and celebrated the successes highlighted by the Equalities Annual report;**
- 2. That Cabinet approved the Council's Annual report and note the future plans and work already underway to strengthen EDI across the Council.**

#### 4199 **Walsall Proud: Update and Next Stages of Transformation**

Councillor Bird introduced a report recognising the Council's transformation journey over the previous five years and setting out the approach for the next stages of transformation.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Bird and **seconded** by Councillor Elson and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**That Cabinet noted:**

- 1. The positive progress of the Council's transformation journey over the past 5 years and recognised the successful outcomes which had been delivered.**
- 2. That the contract with PwC had now come to an end.**
- 3. The approach for the next stages of Walsall's transformation work.**

#### 4200 **Darlaston Long Term Plan for Towns**

Councillor Andrew introduced a report which sought to ensure civic leadership and effective management of the Darlaston Long Term Plan for Towns fund.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

- 1. That authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to perform the accountable body function for the Darlaston Long Term Plan for Towns and to administer funds according to the instructions of the Darlaston Town Board.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer to be in receipt of and administer the sums of £50,000 and £200,000 capacity funding**

followed by the remainder of the £20m fund in a profile yet to be set by the government and to agree with the Darlaston Town Board as to the optimum use of these sums.

3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities in consultation with the Deputy Leader (Regeneration) to agree the final Darlaston Town Board membership, governance and operating arrangements.

#### 4201 **West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2024/25**

Councillor Andrew introduced a report which sought to ensure the delivery of a programme of transport capital projects in 2024/25 that supported the implementation of the West Midlands Local Transport Plan (LTP), City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), and Active Travel Fund (ATF) objectives in various locations across Walsall.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

1. That Cabinet approves the Walsall Council Transport Capital Programme 2024/25 funding of £5.635m as set out at Table 2 in Section 4 of this report.
2. That Cabinet approves the utilisation of the Local Network Improvement Plan element of the grant funding for 2024/25 (£1.563m) as described in paragraphs 4.45 and 4.46 of this report and Appendices A to F, including the provisional allocation of carry forward from 2023/24 to the 2024/25 programme.
3. That Cabinet approves the utilisation of the Promotion of Community Health and Safety – council capital funding for 2024/25 (£0.12m) as set out in Appendix A, including the provisional allocation of carry forward from 2023/24 to the 2024/25 programme.
4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to manage any required changes to the 2024/25 Local Network Improvement Plan and Promotion of Community Health and Safety 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 delivered); and managing carry forward, to maximise the use of the grant.
5. That authority be delegated 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 LNIP transport capital programme 2024/25.

6. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to authorise the sealing of deeds and/or signing of grant agreements relating to the development of City Region Sustainable Transport fund projects, including the A41/A4038 Moxley to Walsall Town Centre Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor project.
7. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to authorise the sealing of deeds and/or signing of grant agreements relating to the development and delivery of Active Travel Fund projects, including the Willenhall Pinson Road to Rose Hill Cycle Scheme.
8. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to approve the final highway designs to be implemented for the Willenhall Pinson Road to Rose Hill Cycle Scheme.

#### 4202 **Town Deal and Future High Street Fund updates**

Councillor Andrew introduced a report which sought approval for the necessary delegations of authority to continue to progress the delivery of the transformational Town Deal and Future High Streets Fund schemes.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Communities, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, in relation to the Walsall Town Deal (excluding projects that cover both Town Deal areas- see Appendix A) and the Future High Streets Fund (Connected Gateway) projects to:
  - (i) Approve, as necessary, any amendments or variations to the project business case(s) to ensure that the programme can continue to be delivered, subject to being within the approved programme, outcomes and/or project budget and no additional funding allocation being required.

- (ii) **Approve works to action the implementation of projects in accordance with approved project business case(s), including designs, invitations and acceptance of tenders, quotations or estimates (subject to Financial and Contract Rules), and final designs.**
  - (iii) **Authorise the Council entering into the contractual arrangements and other related documents for such goods, works and services and any variations thereof, should this be required throughout the duration of the term of any contracts and provided they are in line with the council's Contract Rules and any relevant legislation, including the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources & Transformation, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, in relation to the Bloxwich Town Deal (including projects that cover both Town Deal areas - see Appendix A) to:**
- (i) **Approve, as necessary, any amendments or variations to the project business case(s) to ensure that the programme can continue to be delivered, subject to being within the approved programme, outcomes and/or project budget and no additional funding allocation being required.**
  - (ii) **Approve works to action the implementation of projects in accordance with approved project business case(s), including designs, invitations and acceptance of tenders, quotations or estimates (subject to Financial and Contract Rules), and final scheme plans.**
  - (iii) **Authorise the Council entering into the contractual arrangements and other related documents for such goods, works and services and any variations thereof should this be required throughout the duration of the term of any contracts and provided they are in line with the council's Contract Rules and any relevant legislation, including the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.**

#### **4203 Healthy Levelling Up Partnership (LUP)**

Councillor Andrew introduced a report which sought approvals to take forward the Walsall Healthy Levelling Up Partnership and deliver positive outcomes for the local area.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

- 1. That Cabinet approve that the council act as the Accountable Body for the Walsall Healthy Levelling Up Partnership, to be in receipt of and**

administer funds of up to £20million in accordance with government guidance and approvals.

2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to agree the final Walsall Healthy Levelling Up Partnership priority projects with DLUHC, and to finalise governance and delivery responsibilities.

4204 **Approval of the design brief for the Walsall Connected Gateway Project**

Councillor Andrew introduced the report setting out plans to deliver the Walsall Connected Gateway project, which aimed to improve connectivity between the town centres rail and bus stations, whilst modernising the Saddlers Centre and delivering public realm enhancements in Walsall Town Centre.

(annexed)

*The decision was taken in the private session following consideration of exempt information (see minute number 4216).*

4205 **Law change in relation to Fixed Penalty Notice Levels for littering and certain waste offences**

Councillor Perry introduced the report which considered the level at which fly-tipping, litter and duty of care fixed penalty notices should be set within Walsall.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Perry and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

1. That Cabinet approve the following maximum levels for fixed penalty notices for litter, household duty of care and fly tipping:

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Maximum Fixed Penalty Notice Level</b>
<b>Litter</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>Household Duty of Care</b>	<b>£600</b>
<b>Fly Tipping</b>	<b>£1000</b>

2. That Cabinet set a date of 1 April 2024 as the commencement date for the implementation of the new levels.
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities in consultation with the Deputy Leader (Resilient Communities) and the Portfolio Holder for Street Pride, to agree appropriate levels for discounted charges.

4206 **Contract for Waste Treatment and Disposal Services – Green Waste**

Councillor Murphy introduced a report which sought approval for new waste contracts to ensure the Council had in place appropriate arrangements for the treatment and final disposal of green (garden) waste.

(annexed)

*The decision was taken in the private session following consideration of exempt information (see minute number 4218).*

4207 **School Gate Parking Update**

Councillor Murphy introduced the report which provided an update on the progress made and seeking support for the continued implementations of recommendations made by the Scrutiny Overview Committee working group in 2022-23.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Murphy and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**That Cabinet note the progress to date and support the continued implementation of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee in respect to school gate parking.**

4208 **Alternative Education Framework Contract**

Councillor Statham introduced the report which informed Cabinet of the proposed arrangements for securing a new Alternative Education Framework to be in place for Spring 2024.

(annexed)

*The decision was taken in the private session following consideration of exempt information (see minute number 4219).*

4209 **Proposed Local High Needs Funding Formula 2024/25**

Councillor Statham introduced the report which sought to ensure a continued fair, needs-led and child-centred approach to allocating funding for school aged children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND).

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Statham and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**That Cabinet approve the Local High Needs Funding Formula for 2024/25.**

#### 4210 **Proposed Local Early Years Funding Formula 2024/25**

Councillor Statham introduced the report which sought approval to utilise the recommended Local Early Years Funding Formula in allocating the Early Years Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) to Early Years Providers in 2024/25.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Statham and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**That Cabinet approve the Local Early Years Funding Formula as set out in Appendix A.**

#### 4211 **SEN Place Requirement**

Councillor Statham introduced the report which provided an overview of the current position of SEN (Special Educational Needs) placements and options to support the development of education provision for Walsall's most vulnerable children.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Statham and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

- 1. That Cabinet note the number of places we currently have in Walsall, the number of places we require in the borough and the recommendations on how to meet the requirement of places. Walsall currently have 1,121 places across the borough, with 124 additional places approved to be provided through Specialist Resourced Provision expansion. A potential 500-740 places are required to meet projected demand over the next five years.**
- 2. That Cabinet approve budgetary provision in the sum of £5,900,000, to complete phase 5 of the Educational Development Centre.**

- 3. That Cabinet approve budgetary provision in the sum of £1,140,000 to convert Rowley Robins to provide 47 pupil places for special educational needs.**
- 4. That Cabinet approve budgetary provision in the sum of £2,000,000 to improve the facilities at Oakwood Special School for pupils with special educational needs.**
- 5. That Cabinet approve budgetary provision in the sum of £4,700,000 to expand the programme of SRPs by 100 places.**
- 6. That Cabinet approve budgetary provision in the sum of £3,956,250 to progress the feasibility studies for expansion of special schools as referred to in section 4.8 to RIBA stage 4, detailed design, to allow for a more accurate cost estimate and to allow a procurement exercise to be undertaken.**
- 7. That Cabinet approve the New Leaf pupil referral unit to be permanently located at Stroud Avenue and to approve budgetary provision in the sum of £300,000 to progress the feasibility studies for required improvement works to RIBA stage 4, detailed design, to allow for a more accurate cost estimate and to allow a procurement exercise to be undertaken.**
- 8. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Internal Services to enter into a contract for the works and to subsequently authorise the sealing or signing of any associated contracts, deeds or other related documents award the contract following the completion of the procurement process.**
- 9. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Childrens Services, in consultation with the Leader, to make minor amendments to the budgetary provision in the event of the successful tender exceeding the estimated amount to a maximum of 10%**
- 10. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources and Transformation, to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements or other related documents for such works should this be required throughout the duration of the term of any contracts and provided they are in line with the Council's Contract Rules and any relevant legislation, including Public Contract Regulations 2015.**
- 11. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources and Transformation to enter into contracts for the works required.**

#### **4212 Schools Growth Funding**

Councillor Statham introduced the report which sought approval to adopt a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth, extending options to fund schools for agreed increased pupil place numbers at different points throughout the financial year.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Statham and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**That Cabinet adopt the Schools Growth Funding Procedure (Appendix A).**

#### 4213 **Exclusion of public**

**Resolved**

**That during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, the Cabinet considers that the items for consideration are exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and accordingly resolves to consider the items in private.**

#### **Part 2 - Private Session**

*The following is a public summary of decisions taken in the private session.*

#### 4214 **Acquisition of a Strategic Town Centre Development Site**

Councillor Andrew introduced the report seeking approval for the acquisition of a strategic town centre development site.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

- 1. That Cabinet approves the acquisition of the freehold interest in the strategic town centre development site and delegates the approval of the final terms of the acquisition to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration on the proviso that:**
  - a) the legal due diligence to be undertaken by the council's external lawyers demonstrates that the property presents a good and marketable title;**
  - b) the building surveys undertaken as part of the council's due diligence are satisfactory; and**
  - c) the transaction represents a purchase at best value.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to identify the appropriate method of short-term funding for the purchase, in the event that the allocated Levelling Up Partnership funding is not available to be drawn down in time for the completion of the transaction.**

*(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)*

#### 4215 **Acquisition of a Town Centre Property for Strategic Regeneration**

Councillor Andrew introduced the report seeking approval for the acquisition of a town centre property for strategic regeneration.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**1. That Cabinet approves the acquisition of the freehold interest in the town centre property and delegates the approval of the final terms of the acquisition to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration on the proviso that:**

- a) the legal due diligence currently being undertaken by the council's external lawyers demonstrates that the property presents a good and marketable title;**
- b) the building surveys undertaken as part of the council's due diligence are satisfactory; and**
- c) the transaction represents a purchase at best value.**

**2. That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to identify the appropriate method of short-term funding for the purchase, in the event that the allocated Levelling Up Partnership (LUP) funding is not available to be drawn down in time for the completion of the transaction.**

**3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to agree terms and enter into any leases required in the property on the proviso that the terms for any lease represent best consideration or the best terms available in the marketplace.**

*(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)*

#### 4216 **Approval of the design brief for the Walsall Connected Gateway Project**

Councillor Andrew introduced the report including exempt information, setting out plans to deliver the Walsall Connected Gateway project.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**That Cabinet approve the RIBA Stage 3 brief design for the Connected Gateway project and allow the project to commence RIBA Stage 3 works.**

*(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)*

4217 **Strategic Acquisition in Pheasey**

Councillor Andrew introduced the report which sought approval of the strategic acquisition of land in Pheasey via Compulsory Purchase Powers.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

**1. That Cabinet authorise the use of Compulsory Purchase Powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to acquire the freehold interest of the land in Pheasey subject to:**

- i. undertakings to pay the council's costs in full, together with the compensation payable to the freeholder be received;**
- ii. The grant of full planning permission for the scheme (or a resolution to grant);**
- iii. Funding being in place to deliver the scheme; and**
- iv. the land to be acquired being essential to the delivery of the approved scheme.**

**2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, to approve the use of the Council's capital budget to cashflow all costs associated with the acquisition of the third-party land parcels (including any unregistered land).**

*(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)*

4218 **Contract for Waste Treatment and Disposal Services – Green Waste**

Councillor Murphy introduced the report which sought approval for new waste contracts to ensure the Council had in place appropriate arrangements for the treatment and final disposal of green (garden) waste.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Murphy and **seconded** by Councillor Flint and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

1. That Cabinet approve the award of Lot 1, for the provision of Waste Treatment and Disposal Services – (Kerbside Collected) Green Waste, with a projected annual contract value of circa. £410,000 (collection vehicles to direct deliver the waste to the bidders' facility), to Greener Composting Ltd.
2. That, following consideration of the confidential report in the private session of the agenda, Cabinet approve the award of Lot 2, for the provision of Waste Treatment and Disposal Services – (from sources other than kerbside collections) Green Waste, with a projected annual contract value of circa. £110,000 (excluding transport), to Greener Composting Ltd.
3. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Street Pride to enter into contracts with the successful bidder by using the most appropriate procedures and to subsequently authorise contract extensions, contract variations, the sealing of deeds and/or signing of contracts and any other related documents for the provision of such services.
4. That Cabinet notes the financial impact on the 2024/25 disposal budget is a pressure of circa. £24,000 per annum dependent on the waste tonnages sent for disposal.

*(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)*

#### 4219 **Alternative Education Framework Contract**

Councillor Statham introduced the report which informed Cabinet of the proposed arrangements for securing a new Alternative Education Framework to be in place for Spring 2024.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Statham and **seconded** by Councillor Murphy and it was;

**Resolved** (unanimously)

1. That Cabinet approve the award of contracts for the period 10 April 2024 to 9 April 2027 with an option to extend for up to 3 years in total, in blocks of up to 12 months at any one time, to providers listed in Table 1 onto the Alternative Education Framework.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills, to award contracts for the provision of Alternative Education to new providers who are approved and appointed to the alternative education framework during the lifetime of the framework.

3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills, to authorise all subsequent call offs from the framework agreements in accordance with the processes for doing so and terms and conditions of any such call offs that are set out in the Alternative Education Framework agreement.
4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills, to enter contracts and to subsequently authorise the sealing or signing of any associated contracts, deeds or other related documents.
5. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills, to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements or other related documents for such services should this be required at any time during the term of any contracts and provided they are in line with the Council’s Contract Rules and any relevant legislation, including Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

*(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)*

*The following decision was made as an Urgent Decision required to protect the Council’s financial interests by the meeting of a grant conditions deadline.*

*In accordance with Part 4.2, Paragraph 16 of the Constitution the agreement of, that the decision could not be reasonably deferred was sought and obtained from Councillor John Murray, as Chair of the Scrutiny Overview Committee, on 19 March 2024.*

*In accordance with Part 4.5 of the Constitution, Paragraph 17.02 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, consent was provided from the Mayor on 19 March 2024 to waive the call-in process in order to protect the Councils interests.*

#### 4220 **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme – Walsall Council House and Civic Centre**

Councillor Bird introduced the report which sought approval to authorise the award of contracts to purchase materials required during the 2023/24 financial year as part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation, as an urgent decision.

(annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Bird and **seconded** by Councillor Elson and it was:

**Resolved** (unanimously)

1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources & Transformation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Internal

**Services to authorise the award of contracts to purchase materials required during the 2023/24 financial year as part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for the Council House and Civic Centre, to claim the full grant in compliance with the conditions before 31st March 2025, which may result in contracts for goods/materials exceeding £500,000.**

- 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources & Transformation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Internal Services to authorise the award of contracts to purchase materials required during the 2024/25 financial year to complete the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for the Council House and Civic Centre, to claim the full grant in compliance with the conditions before 31st March 2024, which may result in contracts for goods/materials exceeding £500,000.**
- 3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources & Transformation to enter into contract(s) and to subsequently authorise the sealing or signing of any associated contracts, deeds or other related documents.**

*(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)*

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 7:21 pm.

Chair:

Date: