

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Statement of Decisions made at a meeting of the Executive on Wednesday, 13 April 2022

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The following decisions were made by the Executive at its meeting on **Wednesday, 13 April 2022**. These decisions will come into force on **21st April 2022**. A decision by the Executive may be called-in (in accordance with Part 4 – Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution) by **21st April 2022**. Should you have any queries about any decision that has been made, contact should be made in the first instance to Democratic Services at democratic_services@sandwell.gov.uk. Any declaration of interest made by any member of the Executive is shown below.

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4	<p>Additional Items of Business</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That approval be given to use the Household Support Fund (HSF) to provide financial support to those Sandwell residents who are most in need once the final guidance is received.</p> <p>1.2 That the Director of Finance/Section 151 officer be authorised to approve Sandwell's Housing Support Fund Scheme in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources</p> <p>1.3 That in the event that there are any further Household Support Schemes introduced by the government, the Director of Finance/Section 151 officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, be authorised to approve Sandwell's Housing Support Fund Scheme</p>	<p>The Government announced on the 31st March 2022 that they were providing a further £421m to councils to support those most in need, particularly those including children and pensioners who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water bills.</p> <p>Sandwell have been allocated funding of £3,471,442, for the period 1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022</p> <p>Government draft guidance states it will be up to each council to decide how to administer the funding.</p>	<p>The draft Government guidance does state the Household Support Fund may be awarded to households not currently in receipt of DWP welfare benefits.</p> <p>This approach could be considered when looking at our HSF policy</p>	

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5	<p>School Organisation Plan 2021-2026</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the School Organisation Plan 2021–2026 be approved as a basis of consultation in accordance with the statutory obligation placed upon the council under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, and a further report be submitted at the end of the consultation period to seek approval to publish.</p>	<p>Paragraph 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 provides that every local education authority shall prepare a school organisation plan for their area and shall prepare further such plans at such times as may be prescribed.</p> <p>A School Organisation Plan is a statement which sets out how the authority propose to exercise their functions during the prescribed period with a view to securing the provision of primary education, and secondary education suitable to the requirements of pupils of compulsory school age that will meet the needs of the population of their area.</p> <p>The proposed 'School Organisation Plan 2021–26' sets out the current contextual basis of educational provision across the six towns, with the projected demand and supply of school places during the next 5 years. The plan will be used to inform future decisions on the supply of school places across the Borough.</p>	<p>This is a requirement placed on the council by the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. There is no other option available.</p> <p>For at least the last 12 years, the Authority has responded to an unprecedented and significant growth in the birth rate, inward migration and retention levels. Pupil place planning and capital investment has responded to the challenges the growth has presented to the school sector. However, as the birth rate has started to ease, but the level of inward migration continues to fluctuate, there is now a need to plan for future provision. The option to do nothing, does not bode well for future place planning.</p>	

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6	<p>Disposal of Former Gas Showroom Site, Lombard Street West, West Bromwich</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That approval be given to the disposal of the former Gas Showroom Site, Lombard Street West/High Street, West Bromwich to Black Country Housing Group, as set out in Appendix A, for £270,000 for the delivery of 27 affordable rent dwellings, recognising that this figure is less than the Best Consideration that could be obtained for the site.</p> <p>1.2 That the Director of Regeneration and Growth be authorised to agree the terms for a conditional contract (subject to planning consent) for the disposal of the site to Black Country Housing Group.</p> <p>1.3 That the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer be authorised to release a restrictive covenant placed on the site of the former Shaftesbury House, West Bromwich previously sold to Black Country Housing Group that restricts the permitted use for residential development.</p> <p>1.4 That the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer be authorised to enter into or execute under seal, if necessary, any other related documentation in connection with the freehold disposal of the site referred to in 1.1 above.</p>	<p>Black Country Housing Group have been approached by Sandwell College to acquire the site of the former Shaftesbury House, High Street, West Bromwich. The site was acquired from the Council in 30th June 2020.</p> <p>To fulfil their Towns Fund application, Sandwell College require a site to deliver an engineering campus and have identified the former Shaftesbury House site as the primary location.</p> <p>Black Country Housing Group approached the Council to ascertain if the former Gas Showroom site, Lombard Street West/High Street, West Bromwich (edged red on the attached plan in Appendix A). could be acquired to deliver their project.</p> <p>The disposal of the site to Black Country Housing Group will enable the delivery of 27 much needed affordable rent units. It will also unlock several regeneration opportunities in the town centre and accelerate development in conjunction with the West Bromwich Town Centre Master Plan. As well as facilitating the new engineering campus on the Shaftesbury House site it will also enable Black Country Housing Group to deliver 27 affordable housing units on the former gas showroom site.</p>	<p>The Council could consider disposal of the freehold on the open market but this may not generate a much greater level of capital receipt. It would also miss an opportunity to unlock two important regeneration opportunities to deliver education facilities and affordable accommodation in West Bromwich Town Centre.</p>	

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7	<p>Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy - Proposed Expansion</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal being completed by Strategic Finance, approval be given to the allocation of £763,000 from the council's Basic Need / School Condition funding to fund refurbishment works to Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy (the Academy), Lower City Road, Tividale, Oldbury, B69 2HE.</p> <p>1.2 That the Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer be authorised to enter into a funding agreement on terms agreed by the Director of Children and Education as required to enable Ormiston Academy Trust (the Trust) and the Academy to procure and complete the refurbishment works as referred to in 1.1 above.</p>	<p>The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure a sufficient supply of school places. Whilst the unprecedented growth in the birth rate experienced over recent years has started to ease, the Borough continues to receive a high demand for school places, primarily due to increased migration and retention rates.</p> <p>The Schools Capital Programme aligns to service needs so that the council can meet its statutory responsibility of ensuring every child in Sandwell has access to a good school place by seeking to build on its commitment to expand successful and popular schools.</p> <p>Secondary school places are required in Oldbury and Ormiston Academy Trust has agreed to increase its Published Admission Number from 210 to 240 to offer an additional 150 places.</p> <p>Following a feasibility report commissioned by the Trust and discussions with the council it was identified that no new accommodation was required. Internal refurbishment will provide suitable accommodation to support the additional 150 places.</p> <p>The Trust and Academy will procure the works on behalf of the council. This will provide best value for money and minimise the council's risk. A Funding Agreement will be agreed between the council and the Trust. The Trust will provide evidence, or a statement of account for payments to its contractor to support each invoice submitted to the Authority for payment.</p>	<p>Do nothing.</p> <p>Permanent extension at Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy.</p> <p>Temporary extension at the Academy. A temporary solution would not be conducive to educational provision</p>	<p>Page 6 of 17</p>

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8	<p>Oracle E-Business Suite Software Licence Renewal</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That the Director of Finance be authorised to renew and award a contract for the existing Oracle E-Business Suite software licences for the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023 at a cost of £330,730.</p> <p>1.2 That the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer is authorised to sign any contract documentation in relation to the renewal of the Oracle software maintenance and license agreement as referred to in 1.1 above.</p> <p>1.3 That any necessary exemptions be made to the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules to enable the course of action referred to in 1.1 above to proceed.</p>	<p>The council is currently progressing a large-scale project to migrate from the Oracle E-Business Suite to a cloud-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution, Oracle Fusion.</p> <p>An exemption report was signed off to extend the Oracle EBS licences from 1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022 at a total cost of £218,148. This included additional HR invoices of £54,000 which were subsequently not required and therefore the actual cost was approximately £164,000. There is now a need to further extend this until 30 April 2023 in order to allow sufficient time for the project to be completed whilst ensuring adequate cover for vendor support, software maintenance updates and license compliancy. The cost of this is £330,730 and the renewals would be directly with ORACLE Corporate Limited.</p>	<p>The migration to the Oracle Fusion solution cannot be completed before 30 April 2022 therefore the council will need to continue to operate with the Oracle E-Business Suite. The council could continue to use the EBusiness Suite without renewing licences and maintenance. However, remaining on unsupported software is an unacceptable risk to the council due to the loss of service updates and support patches which are required to ensure that the software operates effectively and in accordance with appropriate legislation.</p>	

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9	<p>Award of Contract for ICT Technology Hardware</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That approval be given to authorise the Director of Business Strategy and Change and the Director of Finance - Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to approve the award of contract for providing ICT Technology Hardware for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2025, with the option to extend for a further 12 months.</p> <p>1.2 That an exemption be made to the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules to enable the course of action referred to in 1.1 above to proceed.</p> <p>1.3 That the Director of Law and Governance – Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute any documentation necessary to enable the course of action referred to in 1.1 above to proceed.</p>	<p>This report is seeking approval to delegate authority to award a contract for the provision of ICT Technology Hardware to the Director of Business Strategy and Change and the Director of Finance - Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources. The contract will be awarded through the Crown Commercial Services Framework RM6068, following a compliant further competition and evaluation process.</p> <p>The contract award will allow for the purchase of new end user devices such as laptops, desktops, monitors, docking stations, mobile phones, tablets and other end user ICT peripherals. The contract period will be 3 years from 01 June 2022 to 31 May 2025 with an option to extend for a further 12 months.</p>	<p>A "do nothing" approach is not feasible, as this would result in ICT hardware orders being spread across multiple hardware resellers rather than having one single point of contact with dedicated account management.</p> <p>The alternative approach is to go out to tender every time for every hardware order, however this reduces the opportunity for best value as orders are considered in isolation rather than strategically.</p> <p>Without a hardware supplier it would not be possible to take advantage of free bonded warehouse storage, which has benefited Sandwell many times during the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	

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10	<p>Outcome on the Consultation for Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That Cabinet receive the results of the consultation on the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards as detailed in Appendix 1.</p> <p>1.2 That approval be given to adopt the proposed changes to conditions of licence as set out in Appendix 2 in line with the changes to the Draft Sandwell Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy.</p> <p>1.3 That approval be given to adopt the proposed changes to the current policy as detailed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 which is the draft revised Sandwell Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy containing the proposed changes highlighted in yellow.</p> <p>1.4 That approval be given to the implementation plan as set out in Appendix 5 outlining the approach and actions to be taken for implementing the changes resulting from the adoption of the Draft Sandwell Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy.</p> <p>1.5 That the standard relating to mandating the installation of CCTV in all licensed vehicles as a mandatory policy requirement is not adopted at this time, and that the current policy position of voluntary installation is maintained.</p>	<p>The Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards were introduced to protect children (under 18) and vulnerable people as defined by Section 42 of the Care Act 2014. Licensing authorities are under a legal duty under Section 177 (1) of the Police and Crime Act 2017, to have regard to the Statutory Standards which means they should be rigorously considered in formulating policy.</p> <p>The Standards recognise that licensing authorities must reach their own decisions, both on overall policies and on individual licensing matters in light of the relevant law, however it should be noted that the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards might be drawn upon in any legal challenge to an authority's practice.</p> <p>A consultation on the adoption of the standards was undertaken between December 2020 and March 2021. At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 23 September 2021, the Committee considered the results of the consultation and supported the implementation of the proposed changes in principle with the exception of CCTV being a mandatory requirement in licensed vehicles. The reason for this was that there was no proven local need but agreed that should such a proven need arise in the future, that further consideration be given to such a requirement.</p> <p>The Licensing Committee supported the adoption of the use of the NR3 register hosted by NAFN (National Anti Fraud Network) and the additional checks that could be made regarding whether an</p>	<p>There are no alternative options given for consideration. Licensing Authorities have a legal duty under Section 177 of the Police and Crime Act 2017, to have regard to the Statutory Standards.</p>	<p>Page 9 of 17</p>

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11	<p>Hackney Carriage Fare Review</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That approval be given to consult on the request received from a group of hackney carriage vehicle licence holders to increase the hackney carriage fares by means of an advert in the local press and via a public notice in Council buildings.</p> <p>1.2 That, in connection to 1.1 above, in the event that no objections are received, the proposed increases as set out in the report, to come into effect on the date stated within the advert.</p> <p>1.3 That, in the event that objections are received and are not withdrawn, a further report be submitted to Cabinet for those objections to be considered.</p>	<p>The Council sets the fares for Hackney Carriage Vehicles and any request for an increase is usually submitted by the Trade. The last time that the fares were increased in Sandwell was November 2013.</p> <p>Charges for private hire vehicles are set by each Private Hire Operator and do vary between operators. They can also be lower or higher at peak times than the hackney carriage fares.</p> <p>The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 under Section 65 requires that when a request is received that a notice is published in a local newspaper inviting objections and, in the event that no objections are received, the change of fares comes into effect on a date specified in the notice. The setting of fares is an executive function, and is brought to Cabinet for consideration to proceed with the public consultation as outlined in the Act.</p> <p>Licensing Committee met on 24 February 2022 to discuss the proposed changes and Committee</p>	<p>By virtue of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1976 there are no alternative options other than to consult upon the request received by hackney carriage vehicle licence holders, and in the event of no objections being received to adopt the fare increase proposal made. In the event that objections are received, a further report will be brought to Cabinet for consideration.</p>	

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12	<p>Procurement of Adult Weight Management System</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That approval be given to re-commission the Tier 2 Weight Management Service for Adults ensuring future delivery of support for Sandwell residents.</p> <p>1.2 That the Director of Public Health be authorised, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to procure a two plus one-year behavioural (tier 2) weight management service for adults using either the public health budget, or external funding provided by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities to commence on 1st July 2022 for a period of two years to 30th June 2024 with the option to extend up to a further year until 30th June 2025 at a cost of £200,000 per year.</p> <p>1.3 That the Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer be authorised to enter into and execute, under seal as may be required, any contracts or ancillary documentation in relation to the award of contract referred to in recommendation 1.2 above.</p> <p>1.4 That any necessary exemption be made to the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules to allow a contract to be awarded to enable the course of action referred to in 1.2 above to proceed.</p> <p>1.5 That the Director – Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults, Social Care and Health, be authorised to approve Variations to the</p>	<p>The public health team would like to take the opportunity to expand on some previous short-term funding provided by Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID). We would like to commission a service that will continue to improve levels of physical activity, healthy eating and support people to adopt healthier behaviours beyond the initially funded period.</p> <p>We would also like to take advantage of the unique learning opportunity provided by this previous funding which has highlighted a significant level of need and demand for weight management services in Sandwell.</p>	<p>There is an option to wait until there is confirmation of further funding from OHID to seek approval to commission future adult weight management services. However, there has been no confirmation on the extension of the adult weight management services grant, or any timescales on when a decision might be made. If we wait on confirmation of further funding, there will be a significant gap in service delivery and we won't know how long the funding will be for.</p> <p>We don't commission a future adult weight management service. This will have implications for people locally that could widen health inequalities.</p>	

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13	<p>Drug Strategy Grant: Enhanced Substance Misuse Treatment Provision</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, be authorised to vary the current Adult Alcohol and Drug Service Contract to fund additional enhanced provision totalling £280,066 allowing the additional enhanced provision for the remaining period of the contract term which will end 31 January 2023</p>	<p>Government has announced further additional funding for substance misuse treatment services for a period of 3 years covering the following financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.</p> <p>The expectation from government is that the additional enhanced delivery commences from Quarter 1 of 2022/23 and continue throughout the 3-year period of enhanced funding (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25).</p> <p>Many of the permissible spend interventions can only be delivered by our existing substance misuse treatment provider (Cranstoun), for example, expansion of pharmacological and psychosocial intervention capacity. To not have these delivered by our existing treatment provider could compromise client experience and continuity of provision.</p> <p>We therefore propose to secure approval to allow a variation of the current Adult Alcohol and Drug Service Contract value to fund additional enhanced provision totalling £280,066 for the remaining period of the contract term which will end 31 January 2023</p>	<p>Do not approve the variation. An alternative method of delivery of the proposed variation interventions would be to secure provision through a competitive tender process.</p> <p>Do not approve the variation and not utilise the additional funding but simply return the monies to government. This will mean that the local treatment service and ultimately those who could benefit from accessing such a service will not benefit from the potential quality and capacity improvements that the monies could afford</p>	

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14	<p>Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Capacity Funding</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That the Director of Regeneration & Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Growth, be authorised to submit Sandwell’s capacity fund spend proposal, for financial year 22/23 to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Board.</p> <p>1.2 That the Director of Regeneration & Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Growth, be authorised to make any necessary amends to the spend proposal to ensure the full allocation is spent within financial year 22/23.</p> <p>1.3 That the Director of Regeneration & Growth and the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Growth, be authorised to undertake the necessary procurement processes and award contracts associated with the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Capacity Fund.</p> <p>1.4 That the Director of Regeneration & Growth, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, be authorised to enter into necessary legal agreements and execute under seal where required, to ensure the full allocation is spent within financial year 22/23.</p>	<p>The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (BCLEP) Board is the approver of the BCLEP Capacity Fund allocations to Local Authorities, and proposals put forward by Local Authorities are to be approved by Cabinet. The total value of the proposal from Sandwell MBC is circa £500k.</p> <p>The nature of the proposals may require changes to be made throughout the financial year. Should this become necessary, it will be critical that the council can act swiftly to ensure it meets it’s spend allocation by close of financial year 22/23. Procurement processes will need to be undertaken swiftly to secure specialist support to develop Sandwell’s regeneration projects within financial year 22/23. There may also be a requirement for the council to enter into legal agreements to deliver against the proposals.</p>	<p>No alternative options considered, given this is the process outlined within the Collaboration Agreement.</p> <p>Projects identified within the proposal have been selected on the basis they meet the BCLEP funding criteria.</p>	

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15	<p>Arts Council England - Libraries Improvement Fund funding for Sandwell Libraries / Archives</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1.1 That approval be given to receive funding of £495,000 from Arts Council England's Libraries Improvement Fund to roll out Library+ to 10 libraries, following a pilot at Thimblemill Library, in line with action C6 of the Corporate Plan.</p> <p>1.2 That the Director of Borough Economy be authorised to accept the funding from Arts Council England's Libraries Improvement Fund on terms and conditions agreed by the Director – Borough Economy in consultation with legal services to enable roll out of Library+ to proceed.</p> <p>1.3 That the Director of Borough Economy, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, be authorised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare any necessary Tendering documentation; • Procure, in accordance with the public procurement rules, the Council's procurement and financial regulations a contractor(s) to carry out works on site; to award a contract and to enter into or execute under seal any financial agreement(s) as may be deemed necessary in relation to the project; and • Accept Grant funding from the Art Council England on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Director of Borough Economy in consultation with the Director of 	<p>Inward investment from Arts Council England will enable the delivery of the Library+ project at 10 of the borough's libraries.</p> <p>Approval to accept the Arts Council England funding will enable officers to complete and submit the necessary grant paperwork.</p> <p>The project will enable access to the council's libraries to be extended beyond current advertised opening hours</p> <p>By authorising the Director of Borough Economy to oversee the implementation of recommendations will ensure the timely and efficient roll out of this key project.</p> <p>The project will assist in the Council's efforts to help residents access libraries for books, computers, events and activities for longer and allow local groups to use libraries outside of advertised opening hours.</p> <p>Strategic Finance colleagues have carried out an appraisal of the funding application, which has been evaluated against HM Treasury Green Book guidance. The appraisal process recorded a score of 72%, with some areas of risk identified. The full appraisal is set out at Appendix 1. The appraisal has recommended action points to mitigate any risk to the council, these action points are detailed in Section 1.3 of the report</p>	<p>No alternative options have been considered for this project. Whilst the 'Do nothing' approach is an option, it would result in the loss of potential inward investment along with a missed opportunity to make libraries more accessible to local people. As such it is not considered a satisfactory option.</p>	

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16	<p>Governance Improvement Plan Progress</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That progress against the Governance Improvement Plan up to 10 March 2022 be received.</p>	<p>To provide an update on progress against the Governance Improvement Plan and set out approach to develop a single Improvement Plan to address the recommendations from the CIPFA Financial Management Review and LGA Corporate Peer Challenge.</p>	<p>The Value for Money Governance Review was undertaken as part of the external auditor's role to provide assurance on the council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. As the report includes statutory recommendations the council has a legal obligation to respond appropriately. Reviewing progress against the improvement plan enables senior officers and members have oversight of delivery, and take corrective action, as necessary.</p> <p>The government's Directions for improvement set out clearly that the Improvement Plan must address the specific areas set out in paragraph 4.14 in the report. Failure to update the existing Improvement Plan to address the intervention package and demonstrate delivery of sustained and embedded improvement</p>	

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17	<p>Action Taken on Matter of Urgency - Transforming Cities Fund Grant Agreement</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the following details of the urgent actions taken by the Leader of the Council be noted:-</p> <p>a) to authorise the Director for Regeneration and Growth to accept the £1,000,000 Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Grant for the Birchley Island M5 Junction 2 Scheme under the Terms and Conditions contained in the Grant Agreement;</p> <p>b) to authorise the Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Section 151 officer, to accept the TCF £1,000,000 Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Grant for the Birchley Island M5 Junction 2 Scheme under the Terms and Conditions contained in the Grant Agreement</p>	<p>The matter was urgent and could not be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting given the need to ensure that the Transforming Cities Fund Grant could be drawn down in this financial year (2021/22) to maintain the funding profile needed to deliver the scheme. The Chair of Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board has been consulted.</p>	<p>The Birchley Island M5 Junction 2 Scheme will be under-funded if the TCF Grant is not accepted. An alternative would be to make up the shortfall with an additional £1m Capital contribution from the Council.</p>	