

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Statement of Decisions made at a meeting of the Executive on Wednesday, 13 March 2024

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The following decisions were made by the Executive at its meeting on **Wednesday, 13 March 2024**. These decisions will come into force on **Friday 22 March 2024** after call-in period expires. A decision by the Executive may be called-in (in accordance with Part 4 – Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council’s Constitution) by **Thursday 21 March 2024**. 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.

	Item	Reason for Decision:	Alternative options:
5	<p>Improvement Plan Progress</p> <p>(1) that progress against the Improvement Plan up to 31 January 2024 is received;</p> <p>(2) that Cabinet receive the Improvement Plan Risk Register;</p> <p>(3) that Cabinet receive changes to the Improvement Plan;</p> <p>(4) that Cabinet receive any recommendations or comments made by Audit and Risk Assurance Committee in relation to the Improvement Plan progress which was</p>	<p>The Improvement Plan was agreed by Council on 7 June 2022 to address recommendations from the Value for Money Review into the Council’s governance arrangements, a CIPFA financial management review, an LGA Corporate Peer Challenge, and Statutory Directions from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The Improvement Plan replaced the Governance Review Improvement Plan which was approved in January 2022.</p> <p>To ensure that senior officers and members had oversight of delivery against the</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 included statutory recommendations the Council had a legal obligation to respond appropriately.</p> <p>The Directions issued by the Secretary of State were a statutory requirement and the Council had a legal obligation to respond appropriately. Failure to do so would result in further intervention measures.</p>

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	<p>reviewed 22 February 2024;</p> <p>(5) that Cabinet note that Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board will consider the Improvement Plan Progress report on 20 March 2024, and that any recommendations or comments made in relation to the Improvement Plan progress will be reported to a future meeting of the Cabinet.</p>	<p>Improvement Plan, Council approved that progress would be monitored by Leadership Team monthly and reported to Cabinet quarterly. This would continue until all actions had been completed, or changes had been embedded into business-as-usual management mechanisms.</p> <p>The report to Cabinet was the seventh update on progress of the Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Reviewing progress against the Improvement Plan enabled senior officers and members to have oversight of delivery, and take corrective action, as necessary. Alternative methods of monitoring progress could be adopted. The current monitoring method was regularly reviewed to ensure it remained fit for purpose and provided the Leadership Team with the oversight they require.</p>
6	<p>Performance Management Framework - 2023/24 Quarter 3 Monitoring</p> <p>(1) that Cabinet note progress on the further development of the Corporate Performance Management Framework and approve the 2023/24 Quarter 3 monitoring reports;</p> <p>(2) that Cabinet approve changes to PIs as set out in Appendix 4.</p>	<p>An effective performance management framework facilitated increased accountability, learning and improvement. It also provided early warning signals and facilitated decision-making.</p> <p>On a quarterly basis, the Council gathered and analysed a wide range of data and information to understand how effectively its plans were being implemented and whether the strategic outcomes contained in the Corporate Plan were being achieved.</p> <p>The information collected was used to enable the authority to better understand the impact of its work on local people, and where necessary, target actions and resources.</p>	<p>There was no alternative option.</p>
7	<p>Highfields Primary School - Making Significant Changes (Prescribed Alternations) Consultation Outcome for Change of Age Range.</p> <p>(1) That in connection with the proposed</p>	<p>Highfields Primary School had a 60 place Nursery which offered parents morning or afternoon sessions with 30 pupils in each session and was open during the school day; 9.00am to 3.20pm, term time only. The school employed a class teacher and two</p>	<p>Do nothing and keep the age range at the existing range of 3-11 years – this would be a detrimental impact on the school’s budget and resources.</p>

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	<p>prescribed alterations to change the age range of Highfields Primary School, Beeches Road, Rowley Regis, B65 0DA (the school) from 3 – 11 years old to 5 – 11 years old, approval be given to the:</p> <p>(a) publication of the appropriate Statutory Proposal;</p> <p>(b) subject to no objections being raised during the statutory representation period for the Statutory Proposal, that the Director of Children and Education be authorised to make a final decision on the proposal for the prescribed alterations at Highfields Primary School, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer and Assistant Director – Legal & Assurance and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education; and</p> <p>(c) in the event that any objections are raised during the statutory representation period for the Statutory Proposal, that a report is submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education with full details of representations received to inform a final decision on the proposal.</p>	<p>members of support staff.</p> <p>In September 2022 of the 60 places available at Highfields Primary School’s Nursery class, there were 27 on roll, all attending the morning session. Over the past five years numbers on roll had shown a downward trend.</p> <p>In February 2023 the governing body decided to close the nursery temporarily for 2023/24 academic year due to it not being financially viable. At the start of the 2023/24 academic year the governing body reviewed its decision to temporarily close the nursery and were now requesting a permanent closure of the nursery and a change of age range. The change of age range will not affect the pupil admission number therefore the same number of places will be available for Reception to Year 6.</p>	<p>Retain the existing age range of 3-11 years, but reduce the Nursery to 26 places, 13 AM session / 13 PM session. The Governing Body had considered reducing the overall capacity of the Nursery to fewer places but in the long term, does not consider there was sufficient demand to provide a sustainable solution for future years.</p> <p>Combine the school’s Nursery and Reception classes to form an Early Years / Foundation Unit. The Governing Body had considered the option but, the financial viability of operating a unit model would create additional financial concerns for the school.</p>

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8	<p>Camera Enforcement of Endorsable Traffic Offences - West Midlands Regional Working Agreement</p> <p>(1) that approval be given for Sandwell Council to enter into a new Regional West Midlands Working Agreement with West Midlands Police in relation to the operation and management of Camera Enforcement of Endorsable Traffic Offences across the whole of Sandwell Council adopted road network;</p> <p>(2) that authorisation be given for the delegation of all approvals on operational decisions and details of the final agreement to the Director of Borough Economy / Executive Director Place in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development and management of operational policy regarding enforcement, site selection and operation; • approval of all terms and conditions in any new regional agreement in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance. <p>(3) that approval be given for the Director of Law and Governance / Executive Director of Finance and Transformation to execute any documentation necessary to give effect to recommendation in (1);</p> <p>(4) that approval be given for Sandwell Council to continue operating within the current</p>	<p>Speed had been identified as a key risk factor in road traffic injuries, influencing both the risk of road traffic crashes and the severity of the injuries that result from them.</p> <p>West Midlands Police was the only authority within the region that had the power to undertake speed enforcement whilst local highway authorities had the ability to install and maintain detection equipment on or near the highway. There was therefore a collaborative approach between West Midlands Police and local authorities to collectively deliver a data led programme of speed enforcement.</p> <p>As the Local Traffic Authority, Sandwell Council had a statutory duty to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on the Councils road network and to introduce initiatives to help reduce identified road casualties.</p> <p>The development of a new Camera Enforcement of Endorsable Traffic Offences - West Midlands Regional Working Agreement would ultimately lead to a significant reduction in the number of Killed and Seriously injured road casualties in Sandwell as well as the wider region, by targeting enforcement of the highest speed roads in the borough. This would help achieve the challenging road safety targets recently approved in the new Sandwell Strategic Road Safety Plan 2024-2030 and the West Midlands Refreshed Road Safety Strategy</p>	<p>Do Nothing was not recommended as West Midlands Police would not continue to operate under three separate ASE working agreements after March 2025. Hence Average Speed Enforcement would cease in Sandwell, with West Midlands Police relying solely on speed camera vans to undertake limited speed enforcement in the borough which would have a significant detrimental impact on the ability to reduce the most serious road casualty rates.</p>

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	<p>terms and conditions of the existing Black Country Average Speed Enforcement Working Agreement for an additional interim year 2024/25 or until such time as the Regional Working Agreement is finalised and adopted.</p>	<p>2030.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Sandwell Valley 10 Year Master Plan</p> <p>(1) that approval is given to adopt the 10-year Master Plan and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. authorise the Cabinet Member for Housing and Built Environment and the Assistant Director for Borough Economy (Green Spaces, Visitor Services, Events)/Executive Director Place to proceed on a phased basis for the spend of capital; b. approve the capital borrowing requirement for £7.856m to be released in the three phases set out in this plan. <p>(2) that subject to a satisfactory strategic finance appraisal being undertaken, approval is given to three phases of delegated authority for release of the capital funds as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phase One: April 2024 – March 2025 – Investment into infrastructure, Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre, King George V Pavilion, Land Train, entrance and shop 	<p>Over the last two years a range of improvements had been implemented across Sandwell Valley. The Master Plan for Sandwell Valley brought together services to build on improvements with the aim of making Sandwell Valley a destination of choice, as well as revenue targets as set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>	<p>It was proposed for Cabinet to adopt the full master plan. The investment amount of £7.856m, delivered in a staged way over three financial years. This investment had been approved by Cabinet as part of the Capital Plan, within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>The option to not invest in Sandwell Valley at any of those levels would impact the net budget position, remaining at c.£700k. The do-nothing option would also leave Sandwell Valley Visitor and Swan Pool Sailing Centre in its current condition.</p>

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	<p>expansion at Forge Mill Farm, and the development of a nature conservation and heritage plan. Total capital investment for this phase: £3,332,033.00;</p> <p>b. Phase Two: April 2025 – March 2026 – Investment into Swan Pool Water sports Centre and Café. Total capital investment for this phase: £2,774,024</p> <p>c. Phase Three: April 2026 – March 2027 – Investment into Forge Mill Farm Food Education Barn. Total capital investment for this phase: £1,750,000</p>		
10	<p>City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Grants</p> <p>(1) that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & WMCA and the Assistant Director – Growth & Spatial Planning in conjunction with the Interim Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer be authorised to accept City Region Sustainable Transport Fund grants from West Midlands Combined Authority under the Terms and Conditions contained in the Grant Agreements for the following schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smethwick to Birmingham Inclusive Growth Corridor Transport Package • Wednesbury Brierley Hill Extension Sustainable Access Measures 	<p>The City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) was a five-year capital settlement to enable the city regions to achieve their ambitions in terms of transport investment. The fund was overseen by the Department for Transport (DfT) and in the West Midlands it aligned with the emerging Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP5). CRSTS commenced in 2022-23 and was the main source of transport capital funding for local transport schemes with a scheme cost of £50m or less.</p> <p>Approval was required to enter into grant agreements with the WMCA and accept grants for CRSTS funding to enable the projects listed to be further developed, including the submission of each business</p>	<p>Authority to accept grants and enter into grant agreements could be sought from Cabinet for each agreement as they arise. However, this would result in multiple reports appearing on Cabinet agendas. As such, approvals would be ancillary to the main project approvals already granted by Cabinet – this option, therefore, was not considered to be an efficient approach.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A461 Bus, Cycle & Walking Corridor 	<p>case stage, to enable detailed design to be carried out, and following full approval, for the schemes to be constructed.</p>	
11	<p>Ratification of Single Settlement Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>It is recommended that –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> approval be granted to the single settlement Memorandum of Understanding as set out in the report and attached Appendix A; the Leader of the Council be authorised to endorse Sandwell Council’s entry into the single statement Memorandum of Understanding when the matter is determined by the West Midlands Combined Authority Board. Cabinet note and endorse the proposed high-level next steps for the single settlement negotiations and implementation. 	<p>The single settlement was one of the most significant commitments in the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) trailblazer deeper devolution deal announced at the 2023 Spring Budget. The trailblazer deal was ratified by WMCA Board on 13 October 2023 on the basis that there would be further decisions about particular elements of the deal, including the single settlement.</p> <p>A draft of the Memorandum of Understanding was considered and agreed in-principle by Mayoral and Portfolio Leaders on 3 November 2023. Now the final Memorandum of Understanding had been published, the WMCA Board would be asked to agree the MoU at their meeting on 15 March 2024.</p>	<p>Not to enter into the MoU. This would be contrary to the spirit of the agreements already entered in to under the Deeper Devolution Deal. This option was therefore dismissed.</p>
12	<p>Sandwell Levelling Up Zone</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> that Cabinet approve the geographical boundary of the Sandwell Levelling Up Zone as shown on the Sandwell Levelling Up Zone Map at Appendix 1; that Cabinet approve the boundary of the Growth Zone as shown on the Sandwell Levelling Up Zone Map at Appendix 1, which subject to Government compliance 	<p>The establishment of the Sandwell Levelling Up Zone would enable the Council to take advantage of the benefits created by the completion of the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension. The designation of a Growth Zone would allow the retention of business rate growth on selected sites within the Metro corridor and reinvestment in regeneration and economic growth.</p>	<p>The Council does not establish the Sandwell Levelling Up Zone and does not benefit from 25-year business rate retention on Growth Zone sites.</p> <p>The Council approves the designation of the Growth Zone and benefits from 25-year business rate retention without ringfencing receipts for levelling up activity. Neither Government nor the WMCA had set parameters documenting how Growth Zone</p>

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	<p>checks and enactment of secondary legislation, will allow the council to retain business rates generated within the Zone over a 25-year period above a baseline figure;</p> <p>(3) that delegated authority be given to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with Assistant Director - Spatial Planning and Growth and the Cabinet Member Regeneration & WMCA to undertake the necessary actions required by Government for Growth Zone business rates to be retained with a start date 1 April 2024;</p> <p>(4) that delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director – Spatial Planning and Growth, Assistant Director - Legal and Assurance and the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member Regeneration & WMCA to undertake the necessary legal, policy and procedural actions to establish, manage and monitor the Levelling Up Zone;</p> <p>(5) that Cabinet approve the use of Regeneration Reserves to fund the establishment, management, and monitoring of the Levelling Up Zone up to a value of £300,000 over a period of up to three years. Following this period, the effectiveness of the Levelling Up Zone will be reviewed including the amount of receipts from business rate uplift that have been realised;</p>		<p>receipts should be used by the Council. However, the legislative powers had been secured through the Deeper Devolution Deal as part of WMCA objective to level up the region. The Council and WMCA could face reputational risk should the Council reject the spirit of the Deeper Devolution Deal and not ringfence Growth Zone receipts for levelling up activity. Government may choose to undesignate the Growth Zone. Furthermore, by not using initial receipts to unlock the regeneration of further Growth Zone sites the Council may inadvertently reduce the total Growth Zone receipt over the lifetime of the Levelling Up Zone.</p>

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	<p>(6) that Cabinet approve that first consideration is given to the use of retained business rates generated in the Growth Zone to fund the costs associated with the establishment, management, and monitoring of the Levelling Up Zone over its lifetime.</p>		
13	<p>Levelling Up Fund Round 3 Bid Submission</p> <p>(1) that the Assistant Director of Legal & Assurance in consultation with the Assistant Director for Growth & Spatial Planning, the S151 Officer, and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & West Midlands Combined Authority be authorised to review and formally accept the Levelling Up Fund funding offer/ grant conditions from Government for Grove Lane, Smethwick, subject to an acceptable Financial Appraisal.</p> <p>(2) that Cabinet endorse the Grove Lane, Smethwick Levelling Up Fund bid.</p>	<p>The deadline for the bid submission did not afford time for a Financial Appraisal to be undertaken in advance. With agreement from the S151 Officer, the bid was submitted to DLUHC on the basis that a financial appraisal be undertaken, and if acceptable, the Council would then enter into a Memorandum of Understanding. The bid was previously approved by Cabinet 22 June 2022 and had not materially changed.</p> <p>On the 22 December 2023, the Government confirmed the next stage of the Levelling Up Fund project validation process, requesting for the bid to be reviewed to take account of the fact that the bid submission under round 2 was made in August 2022 and as such project costs would need to be updated. The review of the bid had not resulted in any changes to the scope of the project or the funding ask from the Government or the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Project Funding Total - £20,070,142 · Levelling Up Fund - £18,063,128.41 · Sandwell Council - £2,007,013.69 <p>The project intended to acquire and demolish</p>	<p>The Council withdraws the bid.</p>

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		<p>3.45hectars of brownfield land in the Grove Lane area of Smethwick by March 2026. By undertaking the project, the identified sites were effectively de-risked to enable residential development to be delivered by third parties. It was estimated that 151 homes could be built along with a primary school.</p>	
14	<p>Long Term Plan for Towns - Smethwick</p> <p>(1) that the Assistant Director of Legal & Assurance, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Growth & Spatial Planning and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & WMCA, be authorised to establish a Smethwick Long-Term Plan Board through undertaking necessary selection processes to make appointments to the Board, and finalise the associated Terms of Reference;</p> <p>(2) that the Assistant Director of Legal & Assurance, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Growth & Spatial Planning and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & WMCA, be authorised to make any changes to the Long-Term Plan for Smethwick Town Board terms of reference in response to any further Government guidance or Board requirements;</p> <p>(3) that authority be granted to the newly appointed board, once constituted to develop a Long-Term Plan for Smethwick, to include public consultation, and to submit</p>	<p>The Long-Term Plan for Smethwick was to be produced, overseen, and delivered by the Town Board and submitted to Government by 1 August 2024. The submission of the plan would enable the £20m endowment style funding to be drawn-down to deliver plan interventions of a 10-year period, in accordance to the draw-down profile, submitted as part of the plan.</p> <p>It was envisaged that upon submission and acceptance of the Long-Term Plan by Government, the Council would be expected to enter into a funding agreement or memorandum of understanding. The premise would be that the Council agrees to act as the Accountable Body for the programme and as such programme governance would need to be established.</p> <p>Government had confirmed that investment from the Long-Term Plan for Smethwick was eligible within the boundary plan provided by Government as part of the data pack. Government had advised there was scope to make representations to the department to alter those boundaries.</p>	<p>The Council advise Government the deadlines for establishing a board and submission of the Long-Term plan would not be achievable.</p>

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	<p>to Government, subject to S151 Officer authorisation;</p> <p>(4) that Assistant Director of Legal & Assurance, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Growth & Spatial Planning, the S151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & WMCA, be authorised to review and formally accept the Long-Term Plan funding offer/ grant conditions from Government</p> <p>(5) that approval be given for the Council to act as Accountable Body for the Long-Term Plan for Smethwick programme and adopt programme governance arrangement;</p> <p>(6) that the geographical boundary for the Long-Term Plan for Smethwick as determined be endorsed, and the Assistant Director of Growth & Spatial Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration WMCA be authorised to make any necessary representations to Government to amend the boundary in consultation with the new Board;</p> <p>(7) that the Assistant Director for Growth & Spatial Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & WMCA, be authorised to approve public consultation in relation to the Long-Term Plan for Smethwick.</p>	<p>The Long-Term Plan was to be driven by local people and local priorities and as such public engagement and consultation would be required throughout the development of the plan.</p>	
15	Levelling up Partnership	In September 2023, details of the Levelling	This report provided an overview of progress

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	<p>(1) that Cabinet receive the progress update on the delivery of the Levelling Up Partnership;</p> <p>(2) that Cabinet receive a further progress update in 6 months.</p>	<p>Up Partnership (£20.4m) were formally announced by Government. This followed a set of Cabinet approvals in September to establish governance arrangements, approve the target geography as Wednesbury, and to agree the set of projects as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friar Park Urban Village • Wednesbury Community Safety Scheme • Wednesbury Town Centre Improvements • Wednesbury Greenspaces Improvements • Friar Park Millennium Centre expansion <p>Levelling Up Partnerships were targeted interventions designed to identify practical, tangible actions to support priority places to 'level up' and to help government develop a more holistic understanding of place. Sandwell was one of the first of 20 areas selected to form a Levelling Up Partnership.</p>	<p>of the Levelling Up Partnership Programme. It was requested by Cabinet to provide assurance on delivery progress. Alternative options would be for Cabinet to receive progress reporting through the Council's performance management framework rather than a bespoke report.</p>
17	<p>Adult Social Care Market Sustainability</p> <p>(1) that Cabinet approve the proposed fees in the table below to be implemented in 2024/25 for the adult social care provider market to ensure market sustainability, with any uplift to the Free Nursing Care rate in 24/25 to be fully passed onto applicable nursing homes when announced by the Department for Health and Social Care;</p>	<p>Cabinet was updated in July 2022 and in February 2023 about the new burdens created by the Department of Health and Social Care's policy paper: 'Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund: purpose and conditions 2022 to 2023'.</p> <p>The policy paper set out the Government's intentions for Local Authorities to move towards paying rates that are sustainable to the care and support market for 18+ Domiciliary Care and 65+ residential and nursing care homes by undertaking a Cost of</p>	<p>Due to difficult budgetary decisions across the Council and the need to deliver a balanced budget, the Council had in previous years had to hold fees and rates for many of its markets for over a decade, however the February 2023 Cabinet paper approval sought to respond to the financial challenges. To go back to a position where fees were not uplifted would impact sustainability and make the Council an outlier given the policy expectations.</p>

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18	<p data-bbox="172 1198 824 1334">Procurement of Accommodation Based Support Services and Floating Support Services for Vulnerable Homeless: Young People, Teenage parents, Families and Adults.</p> <p data-bbox="221 1366 645 1398">(1) that approval be given for the</p>	Services were required to support the Council's delivery of statutory duties. Supported accommodation services were not a statutory requirement; however, it was widely recognised as a crucial component in the prevention of further crisis management and	<p data-bbox="1509 1198 1789 1230">Option 1: Do Nothing</p> <p data-bbox="1509 1267 2063 1331">Option 2: Decommission Housing Related Support Services</p> <p data-bbox="1509 1366 2101 1398">Option 3: Council to provide accommodation-</p>																																								

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	<p>commencement of a procurement for an Accommodation-Based Support Services and Floating Support Services for vulnerable: Young People, Teenage parents, Families and Adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Sandwell;</p> <p>(2) that the Director of Housing be authorised to award a contract for the provision of Accommodation-Based Support Services and Floating Support Services for vulnerable: Young People, Teenage parents, Families and Adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Sandwell, for a period of two years, with the option to extend this by two periods of one year each on terms to be agreed with the Director of Housing at the end of the procurement process;</p> <p>(3) that the Director of Housing be authorised to enter into contract(s) with the successful tenderer(s) for the provision of Accommodation-Based Support Services and Floating Support Services for vulnerable: Young People, Teenage parents, Families and Adults with for a period of two years, with the option to extend this by two periods of one year each on terms to be agreed with the Director of</p>	<p>escalation and in turn significant spend in various statutory services including Health, Adults and Children’s Social Care and homelessness.</p>	<p>based support services and housing support services.</p> <p>Option 4: To commission the same services under new contracts commencing in August 2024.</p> <p>Option 5: Seek permission to procure new remodelled services under new contracts commencing on 1st August 2024.</p>

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	<p>Housing;</p> <p>(4) that any necessary exemption be made to the Contract Procedure Rules to enable the course of action referred to in (1) and (2) to proceed.</p>		
19	<p>Project Costs for the Relocation and Redevelopment of the Indoor Market in West Bromwich</p> <p>(1) that approval is given to a revised funding package to deliver the West Bromwich Indoor Market;</p> <p>(2) that the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Spatial Planning and Growth, be authorised to amend the capital programme to reflect the total project cost;</p> <p>(3) that the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Spatial Planning and Growth, be authorised to identify an appropriate revenue budget from which to fund the annual prudential borrowing costs associated with the revised funding package;</p> <p>(4) that the Assistant Director for Spatial Planning and Growth be authorised to carry</p>	<p>The West Bromwich Masterplan, adopted in 2022, outlined an aspirational vision for the town wherein a new, diversified Indoor Market was a core tenet. The need to improve the indoor market was one of the most notable aspects of the detailed consultation that informed the Masterplan.</p>	<p>End relocation/redevelopment project and do nothing.</p>

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	<p>out all necessary procurement activities, in accordance with statutory regulations and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, to deliver the West Bromwich Indoor Market project;</p> <p>(5) that the Assistant Director of Spatial Planning and Growth be authorised to progress any consents or applications required for Demolition, Planning, Building Regulations or Highways appertaining to the delivery of the West Bromwich Indoor Market scheme and any other agreements with the procured contractor(s) as may be deemed necessary to facilitate development of the site.</p>		