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Scrutiny Date	Recommendation	Cabinet Date	Decision	Action Taken
13/06/2019	<p>Wyre Forest District Local Plan: Revised Local Development Scheme (Project Plan 2019-21)</p> <p>The proposed revised Local Development Scheme Project Plan 2019 – 2021 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report is approved.</p>	19/06/2019 Agenda Item 7.1	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>The proposed revised Local Development Scheme Project Plan 2019 – 2021 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted.</p>	The adopted Local Development Scheme (2019-2021) was published on the Council's website.
04/07/2019	<p>Wyre Forest District Local Plan: Pre-Submission Publication</p> <p>The Pre-Submission Publication consultation documentation, the updated technical evidence base studies, and the draft Consultation Plan be approved; subject to the following proposed amendments;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the publicity leaflet for residents to be produced in colour; 2. an additional drop-in session be held in Bewdley on 19th September 2019, from 2pm to 4.30pm at Wribbenhall Parish Rooms; <p>In making these recommendations Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>	16/07/2019 Agenda Item 7.1	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Local Plan Pre-Submission Publication documentation for the re-opened public consultation (Regulation 19) (as shown in appendix 1 to 3 of the Cabinet report) be approved; b) The technical evidence base studies (in appendix 4) as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan be agreed; and c) Delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Cabinet 	The Local Plan Pre-Submission re-opened consultation took place in September/October 2019 for 6 weeks. The draft Local Plan and the evidence base documents were made available for public viewing on the Council's website and also at the 4 drop-in sessions that were held during the consultation period. A publicity leaflet printed in colour was sent to households across the district to inform residents of the consultation and the drop-in session dates. The additional drop-in session requested at Bewdley was held at Wribbenhall Parish Rooms on 19 th September 2019.

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	noted that a final decision on the Plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State had to be taken by Council in 2020.		Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Capital Investments to make any necessary amendments to the consultation documentation up to the launch of the consultation that may arise from the receipt of additional information following the Cabinet meeting.	
04/07/2019	<p>Asset Management Strategy</p> <p>The proposed strategy should be adopted.</p>	<p>16/07/2019 Agenda Item 8.1</p> <p>24/07/2019 Council Agenda Item 12 (a)</p>	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>The Asset Management Strategy be approved and recommend to Council that it be adopted as part of the Capital Strategy 2019-22.</p> <p>Council decision: The Asset Management Strategy be adopted as part of the Capital Strategy 2019-22.</p>	Strategy currently in operation and reports have been presented to O&S on performance by Jones Valerio.
04/07/2019 EXEMPT	<p>Disposal of Land in Stourport</p> <p>The proposed disposal should proceed.</p>	<p>16/07/2019 EXEMPT Agenda Item 11.2</p>	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet decided:</p> <p>1.1 To dispose of the land in Stourport as shown on the plan at Appendix 1 of the confidential</p>	Exchange of land successfully completed.

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		<p>Cabinet report, subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The advertisement of the Council’s intention to dispose of land and the consideration of any representations arising from this advertisement; b) The grant of planning permission for the proposed use; c) The inclusion of appropriate provision in the disposal documentation to ensure that the land is developed for the intended use as detailed in the confidential report to Cabinet. <p>1.2 Delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place to advertise the intended disposal of land in accordance with the statutory requirements identified in the report and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Capital Investments consider any objections made as a result of the advertisement and following such consideration to decide whether the land should be disposed of.</p>	
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			1.3 Delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Capital Investments to agree the wording of any provisions in the disposal to ensure that the land disposed of is developed for the intended purposes as detailed in the confidential report to Cabinet.	
30/07/2019 Sub- Committee	<p>Capital Portfolio Fund – Development Funding Proposal</p> <p>The proposed investment should proceed.</p>	31/07/2019 Cabinet Sub- Committee	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee, Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>1.1 The business case for the development of the Land as set out in the confidential report to be funded from the Capital Portfolio Fund.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing to agree the terms for the</p>	Proposal still in development, currently at planning application stage.

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			development of the Land, to effect the redevelopment of the Land for the purposes set out in the confidential report.	
05/09/2019	<p>Annual Report on Treasury Management Service and Actual Prudential Indicators 2018-19</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the actual 2018-19 prudential and treasury indicators in the report; 2. Approve the actual 2018-19 non-treasury prudential indicators for Capital Portfolio Fund property acquisitions; 3. Note the annual treasury management report for 2018-19, including information on the non-treasury prudential indicators for Capital Portfolio Fund acquisitions. 	25/09/2019 Council Agenda Item 14 (a)	<p>Council decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 The actual 2018-19 prudential and treasury indicators in the report be approved; 1.2 The actual 2018-19 non-treasury prudential indicators for Capital Portfolio Fund property acquisitions be approved; 1.3 The annual treasury management report for 2018-19, including information on the non-treasury prudential indicators for Capital Portfolio Fund acquisitions be noted. 	Treasury Management has been operated within approved policy with no breaches or issues for 2018-19. The revised policy for 2019-20 is now in operation and further reports on activity will be made to Members in line with the Committee timetable
05/09/2019	<p>Worcestershire's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 2022</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 2022 is publically consulted on in advance of being adopted AND; 2. To recommend to Cabinet that they delegate to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place, in 	18/09/2019 Agenda Item 9.1	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 The new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 2022 is publically consulted on from 23 September – 4th November 2019. 1.2 To delegate to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and 	The strategy went out for consultation and the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place subsequently adopted the strategy in line with the MHCLG stipulated timescale of 31 December 2020.

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	consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing, to agree the finalised strategy following any changes arising as a consequence of the consultation and that the final strategy be adopted no later than 31 December 2019.		Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing to agree the Finalised strategy following any changes arising as a consequence of the consultation and that the final strategy be adopted no later than 31 December 2019.	
05/09/2019	<p>Kidderminster Business Improvement District (BID) – Forward Funding</p> <p>The proposed forward funding by way of a Loan Agreement should proceed.</p>	18/09/2019 Agenda Item 8.2	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>1.1 That up to £75,000 be made available to the BID Company, once it is formally established, to enable it to continue to make set up arrangements in advance of 2020/21 when the levy will first be collected; the sum to be repaid to the District Council from the 2020/21 levy;</p> <p>1.2 That delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources to decide the precise amount to be loaned;</p>	Loan to BID Company successfully made.

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			<p>1.3 That delegated authority be granted to the Solicitor to the Council, in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources to enter into a Loan Agreement with the BID Company;</p> <p>1.4 That Councillor Helen Dyke represents the Council on the BID Company Board if there is an appointment to be made for the remainder of the municipal year 2019/2020.</p>	
05/09/2019	<p>North Worcestershire Economic Growth Strategy 2019-2024</p> <p>The strategy be adopted.</p>	18/09/2019 Agenda Item 8.1	In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet agreed the Strategy and its strategic priorities and Interventions.	The Economic Strategy is being implemented with interventions delivered under the three key priorities of places, businesses and people.
07/11/2019	<p>To consider whether to progress with establishing a local lottery for Wyre Forest</p> <p>To progress a WFDC lottery subject to:-</p> <p>1. The lottery should not be a precursor to the CLF being removed and recommend to Cabinet that support for the lottery does not mean the removal of the CLF.</p>	12/11/2019 Agenda Item 9.1	<p>Having had regard to the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet decided that:</p> <p>1.1 A local lottery utilising Gatherwell as the external lottery management company is established in Wyre Forest.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate to the Corporate Director: Community Well-being and Environment in consultation</p>	<p>Lottery has been established working with Gatherwell.</p> <p>One meeting of the cross party working group has been held which agreed criteria for the applications from charities and organisations that can benefit and the criteria to allocate the central fund.</p> <p>Launch date of the lottery has been postponed due to Covid-19. Intention to hold in Autumn 2020.</p>

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	<p>2. The formal details and parameters of the scheme should come back to scrutiny for further consideration before then going back to Cabinet for a decision and, therefore, there should be no delegation in respect of these matters agreed in the report going to Cabinet at its next meeting.</p> <p>3. There should be a cross party, politically balanced panel established to oversee the smooth running of the lottery and to decide which charities could be supported.</p>		<p>with a cross-party member working group decisions on approving applications by charities to benefit from the local lottery, decisions on the allocation of the central fund and other related issues. The cross-party member group shall comprise one member from each political group, including the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder.</p>	<p>Gambling licence, website and branding are in place.</p>
07/11/2019	<p>Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2019-20</p> <p>To approve the Treasury Management Mid-year Review and updated Prudential Indicators & Ratios.</p>	26/02/2020 Council Agenda Item 13 (d)	<p>Council decision: The Treasury Management Mid-year Review and updated Prudential Indicators & Ratios be approved.</p>	<p>Treasury Management has been operated within approved policy with no breaches or issues. Monitoring will continue and further reports on activity made to members as per the Committee timetable.</p>
07/11/2019	<p>Conversion of a Property in Stourport on Severn</p> <p>The proposal to refurbish 11b Raven Street, Stourport on Severn into temporary accommodation be agreed.</p>	12/11/2019 Agenda Item 8.1	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>1.1 The proposal to refurbish 11b Raven Street, Stourport on Severn into temporary accommodation be approved.; and</p>	<p>Progress has been delayed due to Covid19 but the works have now gone out to tender with a contractor identified for appointment.</p>

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		<p>26/02/2020 Council Agenda Item 13 (c)</p>	<p>1.2 Authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources and Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Capital Investments to agree the process, timetable and evaluation model for the appointment of a contractor to deliver the refurbishment works and to award the contract to the successful provider.</p> <p>RECOMMEND to Council that: 1.3 The funding within the Capital Programme currently set aside for Comberton Place (as per the report of 11/07/17) is removed from the Capital Programme and that £60k is reallocated to the Raven Street refurbishment and the remainder returned to the Evergreen Investment Fund as unallocated.</p> <p>Council decision: Approved as above.</p>	
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07/11/2019	<p>Social Housing Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council's situation regarding options for delivery of social housing be noted. 2. The Cabinet have due regard for the recommendations from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place and keep the Social Housing delivery under regular review. 	12/11/2019 Agenda Item 10.1	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>To continue to monitor the potential to deliver new affordable housing with a view to receiving further reports when a deliverable proposition is available.</p>	<p>Opportunities for social and affordable housing being pursued where feasible. Local Plan has now been submitted for Examination and once adopted should see numbers of affordable units increase.</p>
05/12/2019	<p>Car Parking Charges</p> <p>All the changes described in the report should be implemented, namely: introducing the new charges from 6/4/20, introducing a simplified banding charging structure, removal of the first hour free parking on some car parks, introduction of a 'seasonal increase' in charges in car parks in Stourport and Bewdley between April and October, extending the charging period on all car parks to 9.00pm in the evening and revisions to the suite of season tickets to remove the senior citizen 6 month season ticket as well as all restricted season tickets with effect from 6/4/20.</p>	17/12/2019 Agenda Item 7.1	<p>Cabinet approved the fees and charges as set out in Appendix 3 – Part 2 (in line with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5th December 2019 in respect of car parking charges).</p>	<p>Car parking charges came into effect in April 2020 but were suspended due to Covid-19. New charging brought into effect 1st June 2020.</p>

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05/12/2019	<p>Crown House Capital Works</p> <p>The allocation of the capital funding necessary to enable the use of the site as temporary car parking be made from the Evergreen Investment Fund.</p>	17/12/2019 Agenda Item 7.1	Cabinet approved the allocation of capital receipts from the Evergreen Investment Fund of £25k to fund works to lay out temporary car parking at the former Crown House site in Kidderminster, in line with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 th December 2019 and as set out in the separate Capital Strategy Report (paragraph 9.2.2)	Demolition now completed and works are underway to create the car park. Covid-19 has caused some delay to timetable.
05/12/2019	<p>Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan Update</p> <p>The Wyre Health Action Plan 2019- 20 as attached at Appendix 2 of the report is approved with the addition of action points for tackling male suicide and loneliness in ‘at-risk’ groups in Wyre Forest.</p>	17/12/2019 Agenda Item 8.1a	In line with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: The Wyre Health Action Plan 2019- 20 as attached at Appendix 2 of the report is approved with the addition of action points for tackling male suicide and loneliness in ‘at-risk’ groups in Wyre Forest.	Ongoing implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Plan throughout the year. Action for tackling male suicide and loneliness in ‘at-risk’ groups has been included.
05/12/2019	<p>Climate Change Update</p> <p>The Climate Change Action Plan 2019/20 as attached at Appendix 2 of the report is approved.</p>	17/12/2019 Agenda Item 8.1b	In line with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: The Climate Change Action Plan 2019/20 as attached at Appendix 2 of the report be approved.	Ongoing implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan throughout the year.

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06/02/2020	<p>Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016-2036)</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend the documentation set out in 8.1 a – d, of the report to Cabinet for their approval and that the paper 8.1e is noted.</p>	11/02/2020 Agenda Item 7.1	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 6th February 2020, Cabinet recommends to Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the proposed Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016-2036) and Policies Map (together with the associated evidence base, including the Sustainability Appraisal) for the purpose of its submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the PCPA 2004) (as shown in Appendix 1) of the report; 2) Approve the Table of Additional (Minor) Modifications to the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016-36) and Policies Map (as shown in Appendix 2); 3) Approve the submission documents prepared pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) 	<p>The Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016 – 2036) was submitted to the Secretary of State for examination purposes on 30th April 2020. All the supporting documentation for the local plan review was also submitted alongside the Plan. This included the consultation responses received to the Regulation 19 consultations held in 2018 and 2019 (re-opened).</p>
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		<p>20/02/2020 Council Agenda Item 4</p>	<p>Regulations 2012 (the Local Planning Regulations) (see Appendix 3);</p> <p>4) Note the technical study 'Traffic Demand in the Hagley Area (A456 Corridor)' (in Appendix 4) as a background paper (which has yet to be published by the County Council);</p> <p>5) Approve the 'Statements of Common Ground' with third parties such as statutory agencies and adjoining Councils (as shown in Appendix 5); and</p> <p>6) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Capital Investments for the following matters relating to the Local Plan: + a. i to vi (per cabinet report)</p> <p>Council decision: Approved as above.</p>	
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06/02/2020	<p>Treasury Management Strategy 2020-21</p> <p>Recommend to Council to:</p> <p>1.1 Approve the restated Prudential Indicators and Limits for the financial years 2020-21 to 2029-30 included in Appendix 3. These will be revised for the February 2020 Council meeting, as per paragraph 7.2 of the report, following any changes to the Capital Programme brought about as part of the budget process.</p> <p>1.2 Approve the updated Treasury Management and Investment Policy and Strategy Statements for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 (the associated Prudential Indicators are included in Appendix 3 and the detailed criteria is included in Section 10 and Appendix 5).</p> <p>1.3 Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement that sets out the Council's policy on MRP included in Appendix 1.</p> <p>1.4 Approve the Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator included in</p>	26/02/2020 Council Agenda Item 13 (e)	<p>Council decision:</p> <p>1.1 The restated Prudential Indicators and Limits for the financial years 2020-21 to 2029-30 included in Appendix 3. These will be revised for the February 2020 Council meeting, as per paragraph 7.2 of the report, following any changes to the Capital Programme brought about as part of the budget process.</p> <p>1.2 The updated Treasury Management and Investment Policy and Strategy Statements for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 (the associated Prudential Indicators are included in Appendix 3 and the detailed criteria is included in Section 10 and Appendix 5) be approved.</p> <p>1.3 The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement that sets out the Council's policy on MRP included in Appendix 1 be approved.</p> <p>1.4 The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator included in</p>	<p>The updated Treasury Management Service Strategy taking into account the intrinsic links to the separately approved Capital Strategy has been implemented and followed from 1 April; there have been no breaches or issues. Reports of Treasury Management activity will be reported to the Treasury Management Panel and Overview and Scrutiny in accordance with the usual Committee timetable during 2020-21.</p>
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	<p>Appendix 3.</p> <p>1.5 Notes that the separate, but intrinsically linked, Capital Strategy 2020-30 to be approved separately by Council, sets out the policy statement covering non-treasury investments including the related suite of prudential indicators.</p>		<p>Appendix 3 be approved.</p> <p>1.5 Council noted that the separate, but intrinsically linked, Capital Strategy 2020-30 to be approved separately by Council, sets out the policy statement covering non-treasury investments including the related suite of prudential indicators.</p>	
06/02/2020	<p>Procurement Strategy and Business Plan for Brinton Park, National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) project</p> <p>The Procurement Strategy and Business Plan are adopted to meet the timeline for the project subject to a successful R2 application. The council will be prepared to procure services without delay in summer 2020.</p>	11/02/2020 Agenda Item 9.1	<p>In line with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 6th February 2020, Cabinet DECIDED that:</p> <p>1.1 The Procurement Strategy and the current Business Plan are approved in order to submit them in Round 2 National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in February 2020.</p> <p>1.2 Subject to a successful award of funding to Brinton Park National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) project in July 2020, delegate authority to the Chief Executive - in consultation with the Corporate Director Resources, Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and</p>	<p>Procurement Strategy and the Business Plan were submitted as part of the Round 2 National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in February 2020.</p> <p>NLHF will notify with decision of funding by 1 July 2020.</p>

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			<p>Community Protection - to award the contract for professional and building services in accordance with the procurement strategy.</p> <p>1.3 To delegate authority to the Chief Executive – in consultation with the Corporate Director Resources, Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Community Protection - to make any amendments as may be necessary to the procurement strategy and decide the detailed evaluation criteria as a result of the final business case.</p>	
05/03/2020	<p>Housing Assistance Policy</p> <p>The Housing Assistance Policy 2020 be approved.</p>	<p>31/03/2020</p> <p>Strong Leader Decision</p>	<p>1.1 The Housing Assistance Policy 2020 be approved.</p> <p>1.2 Delegated authority be given to Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources and Cabinet Member for Housing, Health, Wellbeing and Democratic Services to agree the split of funding and eligibility criteria on an annual basis or as may otherwise be required in accordance with the Housing Assistance Policy applicable at the time.</p>	<p>The Housing Assistance Policy is now being implemented by the new service provider Millbrook Healthcare.</p> <p>The Director for Economic Prosperity and Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources and Cabinet Member for Housing, Health, Wellbeing and Democratic Services has agreed the split of funding.</p>

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05/03/2020	<p>Kidderminster Town Centre Acquisition Strategy</p> <p>The Acquisition Strategy should be adopted and provision made in the Capital Programme for potential acquisitions to be made.</p>	31/03/2020 Strong Leader Decision	<p>RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that it:</p> <p>1.1 Approves an amendment to the Capital Programme for a Future High Street Property Acquisition Fund of £4.275m to be funded from external grant and to be conditional on award of such grant.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>1.2 The Acquisition Strategy contained in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>1.3 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources, Solicitor to the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning & Capital Investments to progress with the acquisition of any of the properties identified in the Acquisition Strategy and funded through the Capital Programme amendment as set out in 1.1 above and to complete such acquisitions where terms are agreed with the landowners as long as they are funded from an external funding source.</p>	Strategy agreed and forms part of the Council's Future High Streets Fund bid submitted on 3 rd June. Capital Programme has been adjusted to accommodate future acquisitions subject to funding.
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		13/05/2020 Council Agenda Item 15(a)	<p>1.4 That a future report(s) be brought to Cabinet in the event that the use of compulsory purchase powers is considered to be expedient.</p> <p>Decision: Council Approved an amendment to the Capital Programme for a Future High Street Property Acquisition Fund of £4.275m to be funded from external grant and to be conditional on award of such grant.</p>	
23/03/2020 Sub- Committee	<p>Loan Proposal Under The Development Loan Fund</p> <p>The loan should be made.</p>	31/03/2020 Strong Leader Decision	<p>AGREED:</p> <p>1.1 The business case for the approval of a loan of £1.9m from the Council's Development Loan Fund to the company named in the confidential report for the implementation of Phase 1 of the project named in the report.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Strategy and Finance to issue the loan subject to the completion</p>	Loan agreed and currently in process of completing due diligence checks and legal paperwork.

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			of the final financial due diligence, including ensuring that all conditions for sanctioning the loan are met in full, and the entering into of the necessary security documentation.	
23/03/2020 Sub- Committee	<p>Investment Proposal</p> <p>The acquisition should not proceed.</p>	31/03/2020 Strong Leader Decision	<p>AGREED:</p> <p>1.1 Subject to the matters delegated below, the business case for the purchase of the Freehold property named in the confidential report (“the Property”) subject to the existing lease.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Strategy and Finance to conclude the purchase of the Property subject to:</p> <p>i. The satisfactory completion of a financial due diligence verification by external consultants to confirm the Council’s financial modelling; and that the final financial model is agreed by the Corporate Director: Resources following (if necessary)</p>	Strong Leader decision issued on 31/03/2020 to proceed subject to a series of conditions delegated to officers. Negotiations are still ongoing.

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			<p>successful renegotiation with the vendor over acquisition price and/ or Estate Charge referred to in the report, or other alternative external funding arrangements are</p> <p>ii. identified that would meet any and all shortfall identified in the modelling to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director: Resources</p> <p>iii. A conclusion being reached to the satisfaction of the Solicitor to the Council and Corporate Director: Resources following further dialogue with the vendor in respect of the Council's legal and financial liability for the Estate Charge referred to in the report;</p> <p>iv. Any outstanding matters of legal due diligence being resolved to the satisfaction of the Solicitor to the Council.</p>	
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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

FEEDBACK FROM CABINET

Agenda Item No. Strong Leader Decision 31st March 2020

2. Housing Assistance Policy

2.1 The Housing Assistance Policy 2020 be approved.

2.2 Delegated authority be given to Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources and Cabinet Member for Housing, Health, Wellbeing and Democratic Services to agree the split of funding and eligibility criteria on an annual basis or as may otherwise be required in accordance with the Housing Assistance Policy applicable at the time.

3. Kidderminster Town Centre Acquisition Strategy

To RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that it:

3.1 Approves an amendment to the Capital Programme for a Future High Street Property Acquisition Fund of £4.275m to be funded from external grant and to be conditional on award of such grant.

AGREED:

3.2 The Acquisition Strategy contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

3.3 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources, Solicitor to the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning & Capital Investments to progress with the acquisition of any of the properties identified in the Acquisition Strategy and funded through the Capital Programme amendment as set out in 3.1 above and to complete such acquisitions where terms are agreed with the landowners as long as they are funded from an external funding source.

3.4 That a future report(s) be brought to Cabinet in the event that the use of compulsory purchase powers is considered to be expedient.

4. Development Loan Fund Proposal

AGREED:

4.1 The business case for the approval of a loan of £1.9m from the Council's Development Loan Fund to the company named in the confidential report for the implementation of Phase 1 of the project

named in the report.

4.2 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Strategy and Finance to issue the loan subject to the completion of the final financial due diligence, including ensuring that all conditions for sanctioning the loan are met in full, and the entering into of the necessary security documentation.

5. Acquisition Proposal

AGREED:

5.1 Subject to the matters delegated below, the business case for the purchase of the Freehold property named in the confidential report (“the Property”) subject to the existing lease.

5.2 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Corporate Director: Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Strategy and Finance to conclude the purchase of the Property subject to:

i. The satisfactory completion of a financial due diligence verification by external consultants to confirm the Council’s financial modelling; and that the final financial model is agreed by the Corporate Director: Resources following (if necessary) successful renegotiation with the vendor over acquisition price and/ or Estate Charge referred to in the report, or other alternative external funding arrangements are

ii. identified that would meet any and all shortfall identified in the modelling to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director: Resources

iii. A conclusion being reached to the satisfaction of the Solicitor to the Council and Corporate Director: Resources following further dialogue with the vendor in respect of the Council’s legal and financial liability for the Estate Charge referred to in the report;

iv. Any outstanding matters of legal due diligence being resolved to the satisfaction of the Solicitor to the Council.