

Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting that took place on 12th July 2023

Worcestershire Housing Strategy 2021 – 2040

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) The Worcestershire Housing Strategy 2021 – 2040 be adopted.
- 2) Officers be asked to develop a District Level Action Plan with consideration given to the proposals in this Strategy.

Approval to Spend

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) The Key Decision threshold be raised to £200k. The logic being that revenue expenditure using GCloud, contract lengths could be up to 4 years. As such this was the existing £50k limit expanded to the full term of revenue contracts. This new threshold would apply to all classes of delegated decision.
- 2) On a quarterly basis a report “the Approval to Spend report” be provided to Cabinet which set out from the Procurement Pipeline those procurements that should be taking place over the next year. This report would be refreshed every quarter and could be converted once approved by Cabinet into the ongoing forward plan.
- 3) That as part of this report an analysis of spending be made of the past 3 years to identify spends with suppliers over the £200k limit to ensure this spending is converted to properly contracted expenditure and rogue expenditure be dealt with.

Draft Treasury Outturn Report 22/23

RECOMMENDED that the Treasury Outturn position for 2022/23 be noted.

Establishment of a Housing Company

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) a housing company limited by shares wholly owned by the Council be established.
- 2) by way of a formal loan agreement between the Council and the housing company and in compliance with the requirements of subsidy control (formerly State aid) the Council provide the housing company initial operating capital to the sum of £50,000.