

**Decisions taken at the Cabinet
Meeting held on Thursday 9 March 2023**

In attendance the following Cabinet Members Cllrs Courts, K Grinsell, Gough, Mackiewicz, Diccico and Hawkins. Opposition Group Leader Cllr McLoughlin

Title	Decision Taken
Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllrs B Sleigh and L McCarthy. With the Leaders permission, Cllr Howell joined the meeting remotely, but did not vote on any of the items.
Declaration of Interest	None received.
Questions and Deputations	None received.
Minutes	RESOLVED: That minutes of the meeting held on 9 February be received for information.
Council Housing Asset Management Strategy	RESOLVED: (i) That the Council Housing Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2032 be approved; (ii) That the Investment Plan 2023 – 2025 be approved; (iii) That it be noted that the SCH Board approved the Strategy on 20th February 2023; and (iv) That it be agreed to delegate responsibility to the Director of Economy and Infrastructure to make amendments to the Council Housing Asset Management Strategy as necessary to deliver the ambitions of the Strategy.
Housing Capital Programme 2023/24	RESOLVED: (i) That the Housing Capital Programme of £42.723million for 2023/24 be approved; (ii) That the availability of additional resources through prudential borrowing, subject to required approvals be noted; (iii) That the allocation of £1.450million to SCH to meet statutory Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) demand be approved; and (iv) That SCH contracts over £2.500million, or over 5 years in duration as detailed at Appendix B to the report be approved.
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	RESOLVED:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Solihull UKSPF Delivery Plan as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be approved; (ii) That the funding allocations and conditions of the funding agreements for UKSPF and Multiply for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25 be accepted; and (iii) That the partnership approach with Solihull College to the Multiply programme in Solihull be approved.
Update on Applications to Funding Bodies that Support the Council's Priorities	<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the progress of new external funding applications on behalf of the Council summarised in Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and (ii) That it be agreed, should funding applications be successful to delegate authority to the relevant Director to sign any contractual arrangements, in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Member.
Solihull Connected Transport Strategy	<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the feedback received as a result of public and stakeholder consultation on the draft Solihull Connected 2023 Transport Strategy and Delivery Plan, as summarised at Section 3 and detailed at Appendix A to the report be noted; and (ii) That the amended draft Solihull Connected Transport Strategy and Delivery Plan, as detailed in Appendix B to the report be adopted.
Housing Strategy	<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Solihull Housing Strategy 2023 – 2032 be approved; (ii) That the Implementation Plan 2023 – 2025 be approved; and (iii) That it be agreed that delegated responsibility be granted to the Director of Economy and Infrastructure to make amendments to the Housing Strategy and Implementation Plan as necessary to deliver the ambitions of the Strategy.
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Centre Low Carbon Energy Network	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the latest commercialisation position, in particular the procurement outcome, the affordability position, sensitivities undertaken, and the financial risk assessment be noted, and that it be agreed to proceed with the delivery of the project; (ii) That delegated authority be granted to the Acting Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Resources and Climate Change, Planning & Housing to sign any contractual arrangements associated with additional Heat Network Investment Project (HNIP) funding set out in section 3.5.3, of the report, subject to satisfactory conditions being agreed; (iii) That the prudential borrowing of £8.7m required to fund the Council's investment into the ESCo be agreed; (iv) That the delivery programme of the Energy Network to the Council and external customers be noted; (v) That the draft Business Plan April 2023 – April 2028 as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report be endorsed; (vi) That it be agreed to endorse Solihull Energy Limited entering into a contract with Vital Energi Limited as the Design, Build, Operate and Maintain (DBOM) contractor on the basis that it is confirmed to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members for Resources and Climate Change, Planning & Housing, as advised by the Director of Economy and Infrastructure, that the conditions set out at paragraph 4.7.10 (c) of the report were achieved; and (vii) That the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board recommendation be noted and Cabinet agreed to establish a shareholder panel.
Exclusion of the Public and Press	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That, pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business to be transacted, on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.</p>

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Private Appendix Referenced in Item 11	Private
Refugee Housing Options and Homelessness	Private
Acquisition of a Property in Smiths Wood for Education Purposes	Private