



**Walsall Council**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW [helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk) and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://www.walsall.gov.uk). The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change. Please contact the above addressee if you wish to check the date for a particular item.

Cabinet responsibilities are as follows

- Leader of the Council – Councillor Bird
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration – Councillor Andrew
- Adult social care – Councillor Martin
- Children’s – Councillor Wilson
- Clean and green – Councillor Butler
- Community, leisure and culture – Councillor Perry
- Education and skills – Councillor Towe
- Health and wellbeing – Councillor Craddock
- Personnel and business support – Councillor Chattha

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet on the Council’s website. Background papers are listed on each report submitted to the Cabinet and members of the public are entitled to see these documents unless they are confidential. The report also contains the name and telephone number of a contact officer. These details can also be found in the forward plan.

Meetings of the Cabinet are open to the public. Occasionally there are items included on the agenda which are confidential and for those items the public will be asked to leave the meeting. The forward plan will show where this is intended and the reason why the reports are confidential. Enquiries regarding these reasons should be directed to Democratic Services ([helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk)).

“Key decisions” are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) A key decision is:
  - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
  - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £250,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

#### **Dates of meetings**

17 June 2020  
15 July 2020  
12 August 2020

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JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2020 (5.5.20)

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| Reference No./<br>Date first entered in Plan | Decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside the Council)                                                                                         | Decision maker                    | Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer                                                                                                  | Main consultees                                                    | Contact Member (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall) | Date item to be considered |
| 14/20<br>(3.2.20)                            | <b>Review of achievements 2019/20:</b> The report presents a review of some of the key achievements during the 2019/20 year in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2018-2021         | Cabinet<br><br>(Non key decision) | Helen Dudson<br>01922 653732<br><a href="mailto:helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk">helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                    | Internal                                                           | Councillor Bird                                                         | 17 June 2020               |
| 27/19<br>(8.7.9)                             | <b>A34 Walsall to Birmingham sprint scheme:</b> To approve the sprint scheme                                                                                                              | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision)     | Matt Crowton<br>01922 654358<br><a href="mailto:matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk">matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                    | Internal                                                           | Councillor Andrew                                                       | 17 June 2020               |
| 68/19<br>(2.12.19)                           | <b>West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme for the A34:</b> To approve a plan to improve bus travel in the A34 Walsall to Birmingham corridor through delivery of a new SPRINT service. | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision)     | Matt Crowton<br>01922 654358<br><a href="mailto:matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk">matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                    | Internal                                                           | Councillor Andrew                                                       | 17 June 2020               |
| 3/20<br>(6.1.20)                             | <b>Strategic development at Moxley Road, Darlaston Private session:</b> Report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person                | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision)     | Joanne Nugent<br>01922 654752<br><a href="mailto:joanne.nugent@walsall.gov.uk">joanne.nugent@walsall.gov.uk</a><br>Joel Maybury<br>01922 654748 | Internal                                                           | Councillor Andrew                                                       | 17 June 2020               |
| 43/18<br>(8.10.18)                           | <b>Lighting Invest to Save:</b> To consider proposals for a major investment in the highway lighting infrastructure by replacing all existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision)     | Paul Leighton<br>07831 120871<br><a href="mailto:paul.leighton@walsall.gov.uk">paul.leighton@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                 | Public, Walsall Public Lighting Ltd., industry companies, internal | Councillor Andrew                                                       | 17 June 2020               |

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| 8/20<br>(3.2.20)  | <b>Black Country Transport Team Collaboration Agreement:</b> To approve the agreement to facilitate the delivery of a strategic transportation function across the four Black Country local authorities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Cabinet<br><br>(Non key decision)             | Matt Crowton<br>01922 654358<br><a href="mailto:matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk">matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>                | Internal                              | Councillor Andrew                       | 17 June 2020 |
| 19/20<br>(6.4.20) | <b>Disabled facility lifts, hoists and associated works and services:</b> To approve the award of new contracts for 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision)                 | David Lockwood<br>01922 658459<br><a href="mailto:david.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">david.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>          | Internal                              | Councillor Andrew                       | 17 June 2020 |
| 21/20<br>(6.4.20) | <b>Hollybank House:</b> Grant occupancy of Hollybank House to Walsall Healthcare Trust for the provision of stroke rehabilitation beds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision)                 | Kerrie Allward<br>01922 654713<br><a href="mailto:kerrie.allward@walsall.gov.uk">kerrie.allward@walsall.gov.uk</a>          | Internal                              | Councillor Martin/<br>Councillor Andrew | 17 June 2020 |
| 17/20<br>(2.3.20) | <b>Birchills Childcare:</b> To seek approval of the preferred option following consultation on future provision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision)                 | Julie Jones<br>07557 541064<br><a href="mailto:julie.jones@walsall.gov.uk">julie.jones@walsall.gov.uk</a>                   | Staff, service users (parents/carers) | Councillor Wilson                       | 17 June 2020 |
| 12/20<br>(3.2.20) | <b>Surveillance and access to communications data:</b> To recommend to Council for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000: The Council's Corporate Policy and Procedures</li> <li>Investigatory Powers Act 2016 : The Council's Corporate Policy and procedures on the Acquisition of Communications Data</li> </ul> To delegate authority to the Executive Director Economy and Environment to make minor amendments to the above policies | Cabinet/<br>Council<br><br>(Non key decision) | Lorraine Boothman<br>07951 523523<br><a href="mailto:lorraine.boothman@walsall.gov.uk">lorraine.boothman@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal                              | Councillor Perry                        | 17 June 2020 |
| 18/20<br>(2.3.20) | <b>Safer Walsall Partnership:</b> To approve revised Terms of Reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Cabinet<br><br>(Non key decision)             | Paul Gordon<br>07792 920257<br><a href="mailto:paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk">paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>                   | Safer Walsall Partnership, internal   | Councillor Perry                        | 17 June 2020 |

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| 21/20<br>(6.4.20)  | <b>Oakwood Special School:</b> To approve additional Basic Needs Funding for Oakwood expansions following identification of increased pupil numbers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision) | Alex Groom<br>07920 500528<br><a href="mailto:alex.groom@walsall.gov.uk">alex.groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>                          | School staff, governors, schools       | Councillor Towe     | 17 June 2020 |
| 13/20<br>(3.2.20)  | <b>Fire Alarm maintenance:</b> To award the maintenance contract <b>Private session:</b> Report contains commercially sensitive information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision) | Ian Lister<br>07711 055113<br><a href="mailto:ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk">ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>                          | Internal                               | Councillor Chattha  | 17 June 2020 |
| 20/20<br>(6.4.20)  | <b>Healthy eating in schools:</b> Approval to seek a provider award a healthy eating programme in schools which will ensure a whole school approach to healthy eating and support schools to meet the Ofsted Inspection Framework, complement the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme of study for schools, and support the implementation of the Early Help Strategy. <b>Private session:</b> Reports contains commercially sensitive information | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision) | Esther Higdon<br>07885 307579<br><a href="mailto:esther.higdon@walsall.gov.uk">esther.higdon@walsall.gov.uk</a><br>Vikki Tolley | Internal                               | Councillor Craddock | 17 June 2020 |
| 59/19<br>(4.11.19) | <b>Walsall's Allocations policy:</b> To approve the policy which determines who is given priority for affordable housing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Cabinet<br><br>(Key decision) | Neil Hollyhead<br>07943 500394<br><a href="mailto:neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>              | Public, Housing Associations, internal | Councillor Andrew   | 15 July 2020 |