



Walsall Council

Scrutiny Overview Committee

Meeting to be held on: **15 June 2023 at 6.00 P.M.**

Meeting to be held via: **Walsall Council House**

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MEMBERSHIP:

Chair: Councillor Murray

Vice Chair: Councillor Nawaz

Councillor Bains

Councillor P. Bott

Councillor Cooper

Councillor Ditta

Councillor Follows

Councillor Hicken

Councillor K. Hussain

Councillor Sears

Councillor Singh-Sohal

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:

Councillor Bird

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

All

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ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda (if applicable).	
5.	Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 20 April 2023.	<u>Enclosed</u>
6.	Areas of Focus 2023-24 For Members to agree their areas of focus for 2023-24 and to receive presentations from: a. Portfolio Holder on their priorities for the year b. Executive Directors for services within the remit of the Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	Recommendation Tracker To consider progress on recommendations from the previous meeting. Completed recommendations from the previous municipal year have been removed and outstanding recommendations requiring action have been retained.	<u>Enclosed</u>
8.	Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting will be 28 September 2023.	

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

Specified pecuniary interests

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)

Access to information: Exempt information

Part 1

Descriptions of exempt information: England

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee when considering flood risk management functions which:
 - (a) Constitutes a trades secret;
 - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
 - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.

SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023, 6:00pm

In the Council Chamber at the Council House, Walsall

Committee Members present:

Councillor Murray (Chair)
Councillor Nawaz (Vice Chair)
Councillor Bains
Councillor Bott
Councillor Ditta
Councillor Follows
Councillor Hicken
Councillor Sears
Councillor Singh-Sohal

Portfolio Holders present:

Councillor Bird
Councillor Ferguson
Councillor Flint

Officers present:

Judith Greenhalgh	Interim Executive Director (Resources)
Tony Cox	Director - Governance
Elise Hopkins	Director – Customer Engagement
Helen Dudson	Electoral Manager
Karen Griffiths	Head of Service - Strategy and Policy
Nikki Gough	Democratic Services Officer
Edward Cook	Assistant Democratic Services Officer

469/22 Apologies

Apologies were received for Councillor K. Hussain.

470/22 Substitutions

There were no substitutions.

471/22 Declarations of interest and party whip

No declarations of interest or party whip were received.

472/22 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no agenda items requiring the exclusion of the public.

473/22 **Minutes**

A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023 was submitted.

[Annexed]

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023, a copy having previously been circulated, be approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

474/22 **Voter Reforms and Raising Awareness**

The Director (Governance) presented a report which informed Members of the legislative changes brought in by the Elections Act 2022 and Voter Identification Regulations 2022, including acceptable identification, voter authority certificates, and the responsibility of the Presiding Officer. It also detailed the actions being taken by the Council to fulfil these responsibilities.

[Annexed]

In response to questions from the Committee the Director (Governance) and Electoral Manager explained that efforts had been made to minimise potential delays and disruption in polling stations arising from the new voter ID requirements through pre-election awareness campaigns, increased staffing and placing additional signage at polling stations. A mock polling station had been used to train Presiding Officers and polling station inspectors would be required to make additional visits to ensure the smooth-running of the elections.

The Electoral Manager explained that the policy regarding voter ID should be 'inclusion not exclusion', with Presiding Officers having some discretion regarding voter ID. Guidance was that if an ID of a valid type was brought which was a clear likeness of the individual but had expired, it should still be accepted, with the Presiding Officer having the discretion as to whether it was a clear likeness. Residents could apply for Voter Authority Certificates (VACs) and where voters used VACs this would be recorded for data collection purposes as would voters being turned away due to a lack of ID. Voters without ID would be encouraged to return and would be given information on valid forms of identification and contact details for Electoral Services.

It was clarified that anybody in a queue for a polling station before 10:00pm would be eligible to vote and should be issued with a ticket to show this. West Midlands Police had confirmed plans for officers to be available throughout the Borough on polling

day including at the close of polls. Members were also informed that three teams of private security would also be available on the day.

Resolved:

- 1. That the responsibilities of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer be noted;**
- 2. That the actions being taken to deliver these responsibilities be noted.**

475/22 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Findings and Action Plan

The Head of Service (Strategy and Policy) introduced the report and gave a presentation which provided an overview of the findings and recommendations of the recent Local Government Association's (LGA's) peer review of Walsall Council and the action plan established to respond to these.

[Annexed]

Responding to questions and elaborating on key points, the Head of Service - Strategy and Policy explained that many of the challenges and recommendations identified in the review were those which were expected by the management team and for which plans were already in place to address. Internal reviews into employment equality and governance were being undertaken. The presentation [annexed] included a slide with comments from employees and it was explained that this was provided by the LGA peers to reflect the conversations they had recorded. Whilst most of these were positive, members were assured that full and frank conversations were had and certainly there had been constructively critical comments made as well. Regarding the LGA's recommendation to 'review the Council's approach to flexible working in the round and communicate this clearly to staff' the Head of Service - Strategy and Policy explained that this covered not only remote-working but other aspects of flexible work too. Managers had responsibilities for managing their teams to ensure productivity, regardless of where that work was being done.

Members commended the successes laid out in the Corporate Peer Challenge and particularly highlighted the effectiveness of audit.

Resolved:

- 1. That the findings from the Corporate Peer Challenge and the successes that it highlights be noted;**
- 2. That the recommendations that the LGA put forward, and the Action Plan produced as a response that sets out all the activity already planned or in progress, be noted.**

476/22 We are Walsall 2040 Draft Strategy Consultation

The Head of Service - Strategy and Policy introduced the report and gave a presentation which provided an update on the 'We Are Walsall 2040' draft strategy, following consultation.

{Annexed}

Large numbers of responses to the consultation had been received and highlighted the importance of feeling safe, and parks and green spaces as recurring priorities amongst respondents. The consultation and significant feedback would enable the We Are Walsall 2040 strategy to be co-designed with partners and communities. Many responses were positive and where feedback was more critical it often reflected people wishing the strategy to be more ambitious rather than substantive disagreements.

Responding to questions the Head of Service (Strategy and Policy) explained that the number of responses from the postal survey had been broadly evenly distributed throughout the Borough as larger samples had been delivered in areas with traditionally lower response rates. The highest number of respondents were in St Matthews ward, reflecting this. Faith communities had been engaged with, through visits to places of worship and engagement by the cohesion team. Some of the objectives in the draft strategy may seem overly ambitious, however, they have been developed with partners who wanted ambitious goals and it is not expected for all objectives to be met.

Members challenged whether reducing inequalities could be more prominent in the Plan, with specific objectives relating to child poverty and inadequate housing added. Others raised economic growth as an objective they would like to see featuring more prominently. The Head of Service (Strategy and Policy) and Interim Director – (Resources) confirmed these suggestions would be discussed and considered.

Resolved:

- 1. That the draft strategy framework be noted;**
- 2. That the timescales for finalisation of the strategy in June 2023 be noted.**

477/22 Feedback from Overview & Scrutiny Committees

The Committee received feedback from the Chairs of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees on meetings of their committees since 16 March 2023.

A Member requested data on how many children had attended dentist appointments over the last 12 months.

[Annexed]

Resolved:

That the feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted.

478/22 Recommendation Tracker

The Committee received the tracker of recommendations from previous meetings, including progress made and outstanding items.

[Annexed]

It was noted that several actions marked on the report as 'in progress' had been completed since the papers were published.

Resolved:

That the recommendation tracker be noted.

479/22 Areas of Focus 2022-23

Members received the Committee's Work Programme and considered the Forward Plans of the Council and the Black Country Executive Joint Committee.

[Annexed]

Resolved:

- 1. That the Areas of Focus be noted;**
- 2. That items remaining on the Areas of Focus be recommended for consideration at the Scrutiny Overview Committee in the new municipal year.**

480/22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be determined at Annual Council.

There being no further business this meeting was terminated at 7:41pm.

Signed:

Date:

15 June 2023

Areas of focus for 2023/24

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr. M. Bird – Leader
Cllr A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regenerations
Cllr Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Cllr Ali – Customer
Cllr Ferguson – Internal Services

Report

The purpose of this item is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Committee's areas of focus can be agreed for 2023/24.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remit and which of these they could consider during the year.

When agreeing items, it is important that consideration is given to the level of value the Committee could add taking into account the tools and performance measures available to support them in their work.

Remit

Following Annual Council, the remit of the Committee has been agreed as follows:

All aspects and general services related to Council resources and transformation.

The Scrutiny Overview Committee shall:

Take an overarching view on strategic plans and services, including:

- *Delivery of the Council Plan and its priorities*
- *The Council transformation programme*
- *Corporate finances*

The scrutinising of performance in relation to the achievement of the Council Plan vision and the following priorities:

- *Internal focus – Council services are customer focussed, effective, efficient and equitable.*
- *Communities – empower our communities so that they feel they are connected and belong in Walsall, creating safe and healthy places whilst building a strong sense of community.*

Scrutiny of the responsible authorities in terms of how they are tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local communities (no less than once a year) as required by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which came into force for local authorities in England on 30 April 2009;

The Scrutiny Overview Committee shall:

- *Lead on the planning and co-ordination of the programme of activities and in depth studies of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees;*
- *Hold discussions with Portfolio holders over matters such as pre-decision Scrutiny and the programme of policy reviews;*
- *Act as a vehicle of mutual learning.*

Presentations from Leader and Portfolio Holders on their priorities

The Scrutiny-Cabinet Protocol encourages dialogue and communication between Scrutiny Committees and the Cabinet at all times; but especially with selecting items to scrutinise during the ensuing year. To assist with this presentations on priorities within their respective portfolios will be received at this meeting from:

Cllr. M. Bird – Leader

Cllr Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities

Cllr Ali - Customer

Cllr Ferguson – Internal Services

Part of Cllr Andrew's (Deputy Leader and Regeneration) portfolio is also within the remit of the Committee, namely housing standards.

Presentation on services within the remit of the Committee

A presentation will be provided at the meeting providing more detail about the Council's services that fall within the committee's remit.

Items recommended from previous year

The following items were recommended for consideration by the committee in the last municipal year:

- a) Housing strategy / Walsall Local Plan
- b) Role of Council Officers and their consultations
- c) Proud workstreams
- d) Recruitment and employee retention
- e) West Midlands Police
- f) Use of 'electric refuse collection vehicles' – suggest this is referred to Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- g) Section 106 monitoring reports (6 monthly)

Incomplete items from previous year

None

Budget scrutiny

Monitoring the financial performance of the Council is a valuable and important task that Scrutiny Committees are ideally placed to perform. It assists Members in identifying areas of operation that are underperforming that may require scrutiny.

It is suggested that all Scrutiny Committees consider the quarter 2 updates at a formal meeting. It is also suggested that the financial outturn for the previous year, quarter 1 and quarter 3 updates be circulated to Members outside of a formal meeting for information. Subject to the caveat that Members can request the reports to come to a Committee meeting if they wish, and that any significant budget pressures or changes will be raised with the Chair, to discuss the issue being formally reported to a Committee meeting.

Council performance

The Council Plan, as agreed by the Council, sets the strategic direction for the authority by reference to five priorities. Each priority has a number of measures allocated to it. Scrutiny committees may wish to consider monitoring progress against the measures that sit within their remit. It is the role of the Scrutiny Overview Committee to take an overarching view of performance against all measures included in the Council Plan.

Pre-scrutiny

A copy of the Forward Plans of key decisions from Walsall Council's Cabinet and the Black Country Joint Executive Committee are attached at Appendix 2 to this report. Updates of these will be provided to Committees at subsequent meetings. Members should consider the forthcoming decisions and consider if there are any issues that they may wish to review and seek to influence prior to the Cabinet making a decision on these matters.

Working Groups

A working group is an effective method for Members of Scrutiny Committees to consider an issue in depth over a number of months and to produce a final report and recommendations to the Committee. In due course the report and recommendations can be considered by the Cabinet and/or Council. The challenge for Members is selecting the right topic at the right time and to provide the working group with an achievable brief.

In terms of resourcing working groups Democratic Services are expected to continue to have reduced capacity during the municipal year.

Prioritisation

The remit of the Committee is very broad and the range of issues that could be considered during the year is vast. The challenge that Members face is in prioritising those issues that are the most important whilst still leaving sufficient capacity to address other issues that may arise during the year. To assist Members to manage the broad topics available, it is important that alternative methods of being informed and updated, away from Committee meetings, are used effectively. For example, Members could request briefing notes on particular topics thereby helping to create additional capacity for more substantial items at Committee meetings.

In terms of scheduling items, it is important that an agenda includes a manageable amount of business to enable the Committee to focus on topics in depth rather than to carry out superficial treatment that may require the Committee to revisit the topic at a later date.

Recommendations:

That Members consider the range of issues within this report and formulate and agree a work programme for the year.

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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5 June 2023

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 craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at 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.

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 (craig.goodall@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 £500,000.
- (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.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
JULY 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023 (05.06.2023)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reference No./ 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
17/23 (3.4.23)	Pre-Audit Outturn 2022/23: To receive the pre-audit revenue and capital financial outturn position for 2022/23 and approve recommended carry-forwards, and financial and treasury indicators for 2022/23.	Cabinet Key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	21 June 2023
18/23 (3.4.23)	Treasury Management Annual Report 2022/23: To note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017), the annual report for treasury management activities 2022/23 including prudential and local indicators.	Council Non-key decision	Treasury Management Code of Practice. Richard Walley Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023
21/23 (5.6.23)	Surrender of existing lease and grant of new lease to the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands of offices within the Civic Centre. <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	John Kirwan John.Kirwan@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023

20/23 (3.4.23)	Temporary Workers (Agency) Provision: To appoint the Council's temporary agency provider. <i>This will be a private session report containing exempt information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Michelle Leith Michelle.Leith@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023
22/23 (5.6.23)	Temporary Accommodation Building Repair and Maintenance Contract To delegate authority to award the Temporary Accommodation Contract	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	21 June 2023
23/23 (5.6.23)	We Are Walsall 2040 Strategy Consultation Consider the We are Walsall 2040 consultation feedback and approve the final strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Karen Griffiths Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	21 June 2023
19/23 (3.4.23)	Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24, approach to Budget Setting for 2024/25, and changes to the council's Tax Strategy: To report the financial position based on 3 months to June 2023, and to set out our approach and timeline for the 2024/25 budget process and amendments to the Tax Strategy.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 July 2023
24/23 (5.6.23)	Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Moat Street and Villiers Street project update and strategic land acquisition (use of the Council's compulsory purchase powers):	Cabinet Key Decision	Kauser Agha Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	19 July 2023

	<p>To provide an update on project progress and seek approval to the use of the Council's compulsory purchase powers to acquire the outstanding land interests required to facilitate the delivery of the Phase 1 scheme.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing exempt information.</i></p>					
25/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Household Support Fund 4</p> <p>Approval of proposals for distribution of funds through the Household Support Fund 4.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Mark Fearn</p> <p>Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Previous recipients, External partners, Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Ali</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>
6/23 (9.1.23)	<p>Borough Playing Pitch Strategy:</p> <p>To adopt and publish the Walsall Playing pitches strategy and the Black Country strategic framework</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Liz Stuffins</p> <p>Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Flint</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>
28/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Walsall Wellbeing Service Contract Award:</p> <p>To award the contract for provision of Walsall Wellbeing Service to the successful tenderer. This will be for an initial term of 5 years (with an option to a extend).</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Paulette Myers</p> <p>Paulette.Myers@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Flint</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>
129/22 (5.9.22)	<p>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme:</p> <p>To report back on Safer Streets activity and recommend any</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Paul Gordon</p> <p>Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Perry</p>	<p>19 July 2023</p>

	adjustments/additions to the programme.					
14/23 (6.2.23)	Growth Funding for Schools: To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to secure sufficient primary and secondary school places, through the adoption of a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth.	Cabinet Key Decision	Alex Groom Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, Schools Forum	Cllr Statham	19 July 2023
26/23 (5.6.23)	Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2027/28 To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2024/25.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023
27/23 (5.6.23)	Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24 To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2023.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023

Black Country Executive Joint Committee Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Published up to October 2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Governance			
05/12/2022	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement Note the revised Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement, attached as Appendix A and previously approved via the Cabinet process of Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Walsall MBC and City of Wolverhampton Council.	Philippa Venables Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk Kelly Valente Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	21/06/2023
06/03/2023	Constitution and Timetable of meetings Approve the timetable of meetings for 2023/24. Note the BCJC Forward Plan publication dates 2023/24. Note the amendments to the BCJC Constitution and Terms of Reference. Note the amendments to the BCJC Working Protocols	Deborah Hindson ChiefExecutive@walsall.gov.uk	Dudley Council Sandwell Council Walsall Council City of Wolverhampton Council	21/06/2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
	Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF)			
09/05/2023	Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) Programme changes Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile with Globe Asset Management Limited, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Globe House, Walsall with delivery to start in the 2023/24 financial year.	Philippa Venables Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	21/06/2023
09/05/2023	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile with GreenSquareAccord Limited, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Swan Lane, West Bromwich with delivery to start in the 2023/24 financial year.	Tony McGovern Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell Council	21/06/2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
09/05/2023	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile as stated within the grant agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Wolverhampton Stowheath Redevelopment for Housing with delivery to start in the 2023/24 financial year.	Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	21/06/2023
09/05/2023	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the funding profile as stated within the grant agreement with KMN Investments Ltd, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Spring Road Wolverhampton project with delivery to continue in the 2023/24 financial year.	Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk	City of Wolverhampton Council	21/06/2023

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
09/05/2023	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the grant profile as stated within grant agreement with Sandwell Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Sandwell Housing Gap Funding project with delivery to continue in the 2023/24 financial year.	Tony McGovern Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell Council	21/06/2023

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Committee Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer responsible	Status	Target Completion Date	Notes
15 March 2022	Fly Tipping Enforcement	A report on the use of 'electric refuse collection vehicles' be brought to a future meeting.	Dave Brown	In progress	n/a	This is in the remit of Economy and Environment – suggest it is referred.
		That data be shared with Members regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demographics of users and issues raised at Walsall Connected; b. A detailed breakdown on the time it takes calls to be answered across the Council. 	Elise Hopkins	'a' complete 'b' in Progress	16 March 2023	'a' has been e-mailed to Members.
16 March 2023	Member Enquiries	That an out of hours contact for use by Elected Members in case of emergencies be incorporated into the app under development.	Marcus Hobbs	Complete	15 June 2023	Function added and is currently being tested. (7.6.23)