

Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work programme 2023/24

Main agenda items	05/09/23	03/10/23	21/11/23	11/01/24	15/02/24	26/03/24
Theme: Children not in School						
Attendance	X					
Children Missing in Education (CME)	X					
Exclusion and Suspensions	X					
Theme: Inclusion						
SEND Developments inc EHCPs		X				
Inclusion Hub		X				
Transitions		X				
Learning Recovery		X				
Theme: School Place Planning						
Specialist Provision Plan inc SEN school places			X			
Mainstream Pupil Place Planning and Capital Strategy			X			
School Admissions			X			
Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring & Budget Setting 2024/25			X			
Theme: Outcomes						
School Attainment Data				X		
Ofsted Data and Outcomes				X		
Schools Causing Concern				X		
Theme: Skills and development						
Skills Strategy and Development					X	
Post 16 Provision					X	
Alternative Provision					X	
Theme: Early years						
School Readiness and EYFS (Early Year Foundation Stage) Outcomes						X
Early Years SEN Development						X
Childcare Sufficiency and Plans						X



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 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
SEPTEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023 (07.08.2023)

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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
31/23 (3.7.23)	Deeper Devolution Deal Approval of the West Midlands Combined Authority West Midlands Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal and Action Plan.	Cabinet Key Decision	Caroline Harper, Regeneration Officer Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	6 September 2023 <i>A decision regarding this will no longer be taken on 6 September. A special meeting will be arranged should it be required.</i>
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

32/23 (3.7.23)	Council Plan 2022/25 – Q1 23/24 To note the Quarter 1 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25	Cabinet Non-key decision	Elizabeth Connolly elizabeth.connolly@walsall.gov.uk	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
36/23 (7.8.23)	Healthy Eating for Children and Young People Programme To seek approval to procure a new healthy eating and weight management programme for children and young people in Walsall.	Cabinet Key Decision	Esther Higdon Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Walsall Healthcare Trust	Cllr Flint	18 October 2023
33/23 (3.7.23)	Winter Service Operational Plan 2023- 2028 To approve the winter service operational plan.	Cabinet Key Decision	Paul Leighton Paul.leighton@walsall.gov.uk Graham Wallis Graham.wallis@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	18 October 2023
34/23 (3.7.23)	Early Years Funding Formula 2023/24: That Cabinet approves changes to the Early Years Funding Formula for 2023/24 following notification of an increase in the hourly funding rates.	Cabinet Key decision	ESFA – Early Years funding operational guide Richard Walley Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk	Schools Forum Internal Services	Cllr Statham	18 October 2023

35/23 (3.7.23)	Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2024/25: That Cabinet approves the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall.	Cabinet Key decision	ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide Richard Walley Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk	Schools Forum Internal Services	Cllr Statham	18 October 2023
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	18 October 2023
37/23 (7.8.23)	Autumn Budget and Spending Review, and feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on draft revenue and capital budget proposals 2024/25 to 2027/28 To provide an update on the impact of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review on the medium term financial outlook, and to consider feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the draft revenue and capital budget.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations. Internal services	Cllr Bird	13 December 2023
38/23 (7.8.23)	Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2023/24 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 mid year report for treasury	Council Non-key decision	Treasury Management Code of Practice. Contact: Richard Walley	Portfolio holder Finance (ED)	Cllr Ferguson	13 December 2023

	management activities 2023/24 including prudential and local indicators.					
39/23 (7.8.23)	Strategic Leisure Review To update on the performance and impact of the four leisure facilities. To approve recommendations around the current and future facility stock.	Cabinet Key decision	Stuart Webb Stuart.webb@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Flint	13 December 2023

Black Country Executive Joint Committee Forward Plan of Key Decisions

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Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
	No decisions scheduled			