



Social Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: Thursday 23rd September at 6.00 P.M.

Meeting to be held: Town Hall, Walsall Council House

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MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Hussain (Chair)
Councillor Cooper (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Allen
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Ditta
Councillor Gandham
Councillor Johal
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Pedley
Councillor Waters
Vacancy

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Health and Wellbeing - Councillor S. Craddock
Adult Social Care - Councillor R. Martin

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AGENDA

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 of the previous meeting To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on 14 th July 2021.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<u>Scrutiny</u>		
6.	Introduction to the Health and Care system in Walsall To describe the commissioning and provision of health and social care.	<u>Presentation</u>
7.	Access to Primary Care Services To consider service delivery within primary care.	<u>Enclosed and Presentation</u>
8.	Areas of Focus For the Committee to consider and agree its areas of focus for the municipal year. This will include the Forward Plans for Walsall Council and the Black Country Executive Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<u>Overview</u>		
9.	Date of next meeting 7 th December 2021, 6 p.m.	

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> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
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> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(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.</p>

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 a Scrutiny and Performance Panel 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.

Special Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 14th July 2021 at. 6.00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Councillor Hussain (Chair)
Councillor Allen
Councillor D. Coughlan
Councillor Gandham
Councillor Johal
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Pedley
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Waters

Portfolio Holders Present

Councillor S. Craddock – Health and Well Being
Councillor R. Martin – Adult Social Care

Officers

Kerrie Allward	Executive Director Social Care for Adults
Nikki Gough	Democratic Services Officer, Walsall Council

Dudley Walsall Mental Health Trust

Mark Axcell	Chief Executive
Marsha Foster	Director of Partnerships
Debbie Cooper	Divisional Director for Older Peoples Services,
Dr Usman Khalid	Clinical Director for Older Peoples Services
Vanessa Wright	Divisional Director of Nursing for Older Peoples Services

Walsall Healthcare Trust and Wolverhampton Trust

David Loughton	Acting Chief Executive Walsall Healthcare Trust and Chief Executive of Wolverhampton Hospital Trust
Roseanne Crossey	Head of Business Development and Planning
Mr Mirza	Divisional Director Surgery
Mr Pete Cooke	Clinical lead Urology Wolverhampton
Glenda Augustine	Director of Planning and Improving
Mike Sharon	Strategic Adviser to Board at Wolverhampton
Jane McKinernan	Strategic Project Lead
Mr Ganta	Senior Urologist
Geraint Griffiths-Dale	Accountable Office – BCWB CCG
Andy Rust	Head of Primary Care and Place Commissioning BCWB CCG

Note: This meeting was held in the Town Hall in accordance with s.102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Council's Constitution. In order to comply with social distancing requirements as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders for Remote Meetings.

Welcome

At this point in the meeting, the Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and explaining the rules of procedure and legal context in which the meeting was being held. He also directed members of the public viewing the meeting to the papers, which could be found on the Council's Committee Management Information system (CMIS) webpage. Members confirmed that they could both see and hear the proceedings.

40/41 Apologies

There were no apologies received for the duration of the meeting.

41/20 Substitutions

There were no substitutions for the duration of the meeting.

42/20 Declarations of Interest and party whip

Councillor K. Pedley declared an interest as the Partner of an employee of Walsall Healthcare Trust. Councillor B. Allen declared an interest as an employee of Walsall Healthcare Trust.

43/20 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 8th April 2021 were discussed.

Resolved (by roll call)

That the minutes of the meeting held 8th April 2021, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Committee agreed to receive item 8 prior to item 6.

44/21 Proposals for Acute Urology Services in Walsall and Wolverhampton.

The Head of Business Development and Planning presented the report and highlighted the salient points (annexed). The Committee were informed that the aim of the proposals was to ensure safer, and more responsive acute care provision to the residents of Walsall by merging elements of urological emergency and elective (inpatient) procedures from Walsall Healthcare Trust's to The Royal Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital site, while increasing the number of low complexity urological day case procedures at Walsall.

Following a query from a Member, the Committee were assured that outpatient procedures and follow-up consultations would continue to be undertaken in Walsall. The Trust were challenged to confirm that the transfer of patients from Wolverhampton to Walsall would be effective. Members were assured that processes were in place to ensure that pathways worked effectively.

A Member asked for clarity about how the length of patient stay would be reduced at the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital in comparison to Walsall Healthcare Trust. The Committee were informed that this was due to a bigger team, with greater access to interventional procedures which would allow a greater turnaround of procedures. It was also noted that day case procedures would be increased at Walsall Healthcare Trust.

Resolved (Unanimous)

Subject to a follow up report in 6 months, (detailing how the service was working for Walsall residents) the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the implementation of the following proposals outlined in the report:

- 1. One urology department operating across Walsall and Wolverhampton dedicated to delivering safe, responsive, high quality care.**
- 2. Reduction in the times patients wait for procedures, and the length of time they need to remain in hospital by further developing high volume low complexity procedures at Walsall Healthcare Trust.**
- 3. All urological emergency and inpatient procedures to be undertaken at the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's specialist site.**
- 4. Outpatient procedures and follow-up consultations will continue to be undertaken in Walsall.**

45/21

Planned Redevelopment of Bloxwich Hospital

The Chief Executive (DWMHT) introduced the report and highlighted the salient points (annexed). The challenges relating to the current building at Bloxwich hospital were described, including an inflexible layout, mixed gender wards, accessibility issues and costly building maintenance. The current bed provision was for two wards with a capacity of 26 beds, and the proposal planned for a capacity of 25 beds. The Trust were confident that this would be an adequate number of beds for the future.

The benefits of the new plans and the stakeholder engagement plans were described. Feedback included that bed numbers should be maintained, and comments about transport/parking had also been received, Members were assured that feedback would be considered when plans were developed. Staff consultation had revealed that staff

were supportive of the proposals, although concern in relation to car parking had been revealed.

Timescales were described, with the ultimate aim of opening in November 2021. The Committee heard from the Medical Director, who assured the Committee that staff were restricted by the environment of Bloxwich Hospital. The proposals would make a significant difference to the patient experience. Overall the Clinical view was that the redeveloped environment and the facilities would be significant.

Members expressed their support for the proposal however proposed bed numbers were challenged. The Committee were assured that data indicated that bed numbers would be future proof and flexibility would be improved.

Representatives were asked what provision would be provided for younger adults, and asked for clarification about a dementia friendly environment. In response the Committee were advised that the service responded to the need of the individual rather than the age of the individual.

The Mental Health Trust representatives were asked about the future use of Bloxwich Hospital, and Members were informed that the Trust would work with the Walsall Together Partnership to ensure that the best solution was found for the building.

In response to a query from a Member, assurances were provided that there would not be a reduction in staff numbers. However there would be more staff on site in case of emergency or need.

Resolved

The Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the proposals to redevelop older people's mental health inpatient services in Walsall, currently provided at Bloxwich Hospital.

46/21

Walsall Healthcare Trust CQC inspection report

The Acting Chief Executive Walsall Healthcare Trust spoke to the report and highlighted the salient points (annexed). The CQC carried out an unannounced focused inspection of Walsall Healthcare Trust on 9 March 2021 following concerns about the safety and quality of services, specifically within the medical wards.

Following this inspection, the CQC issued a Section 29a warning notice to the Trust as significant improvement was required to the nurse staffing of the service, the governance of the service and how the Trust provided patients with a safe discharge. The notice gave the Trust three months to rectify the significant improvements identified. The CQC also identified other breaches of regulation for which they issued the Trust with requirement notices.

The Acting Chief Executive assured the Committee that staffing levels had been increased at Walsall Healthcare Trust, with the aim of reducing the need for agency staff. It was hoped that this would improve most issues highlighted in the inspection report.

A Member asked what immediate safeguarding measures had been put in place, the committee were assured that a team from Wolverhampton Hospital had been sent to support Walsall Healthcare Trust, and the Trust continued to work with Walsall Council. It was also noted that safeguarding issues were due to a high use of agency staff and this issue was also being dealt with.

In response to concern expressed around merging of Hospitals and loss of services in Walsall, Members were reassured that there would always be a need for a maternity service and an accident and emergency centre.

A Member stated that there were some exceptional NHS staff at the Walsall Healthcare Trust. The importance of recognising this was acknowledged in improving staff morale.

Members challenged training targets at Walsall Healthcare Trust, and it was stated that there was a historical backlog and this was now being invested in.

The Trust representative was asked what steps would be taken to reduce infection, the committee were informed that wards would be upgraded to ensure adequate cleaning could take place.

Members challenged issues relating to safeguarding at Walsall Healthcare Trust. The Acting Chief Executive assured Members that regular meetings were held with Walsall Council Chief Executive. The Executive Director stated that that the safeguarding concerns raised as part of the CQC report were not raised at the Safeguarding Board however subsequent concerns were with concerns periodically raised. The Committee were assured that a steering group was held in relation to safeguarding and this group reviewed improvement plans. It was noted that plans would need to be actively monitored.

Resolved

The Walsall Healthcare Trust CQC inspection report was noted.

47/21

Forward Plans

The Forward plans were considered.

Resolved

That the Forward plans were noted.

48/21

Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be agreed at annual Council.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23rd September 2021

Primary Care Access

1. Purpose

This report aims to set out how the pandemic has and will continue to change service delivery within primary care.

2. Recommendations

That the Committee note the contents of the report.

3. Primary Care Services

3.1. Primary care services are usually the first point of access to the healthcare system. For most people this is your local GP. Walsall has 52 GP practices, divided into seven Primary Care Networks. These are groups of closely connected local practices, working together with community, mental health, social care, pharmacy, hospital and the voluntary sector to provide a wide range of services.

All practices are members of the CCG, but the CCG does not run GP practices as these are individual businesses. The CCG commissions (buys) primary care services from GP practices to meet the needs of local people.

The regulator for GP practices, like other NHS services, is the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

3.2 Primary care challenges

Demand: There is an increasing demand for services, with a growing and ageing population with changing health needs, e.g. more people managing long-term health conditions.

GP workforce: the NHS cannot train and recruit GPs quickly enough to keep up with growing demand for their services.

A greater focus on prevention: modern practice roles/responsibilities include screening, vaccination and social prescribing.

For some time, the NHS has recognised the need to change how things are done in primary care, to make best use of resources and better meet modern healthcare needs.

3.3 Impact of COVID-19

Practices are working differently to keep patients and staff safe, restrictions have lifted but COVID-19 has not gone away. COVID-safe measures continue in all parts of the

NHS and where possible people are asked that they don't attend GP practices unless asked to do so. However all Walsall GP practices are open and anyone who is unable to access care remotely will be triaged face to face at the practice.

GPs have been at the forefront of delivering COVID-19 vaccination programme, this has been a vaccination drive of unprecedented-scale and has therefore presented challenges to ensure local delivery of the vaccine programme versus maintaining primary care access to core services. There has been an increase in demand on primary care services post-lockdown with patients now seeking help with issues they may have put off during lockdown.

The pandemic has caused the NHS to accelerate transformation plans – especially in digital technology – that might otherwise have taken years to bring in.

3.4 Current primary care performance

The average number of appointments for Q1 2021/22 were the same level as Q1 2019/20 before the pandemic. Over half a million GP appointments are carried out per month across BCWB. More than half (56%) of appointments have been face to face. Almost half (49%) of all appointments are same day appointments – up from 43% before the pandemic. 56% of appointments are with a GP, the same proportion as before the pandemic (average 54%).

Data shows that supply is broadly what it was pre-pandemic, but it demonstrates that demand is up – practices report up to 150% of the call volumes experienced pre-pandemic.

We are aware that there are challenges getting an appointments in certain areas of Walsall. The CCG is working with these practices to improve access for patients. All GP practices are open for business.

In response to the increased demand, GPs are investing in new technologies to support virtual appointments and prescription ordering. They are introducing telephone triage/healthcare navigation to ensure that patients are directed to the right professional at the right time for their specific healthcare needs. Face to face GP appointments are still happening and are available depending on the levels of demand and the type of concern where a face to face appointment is clinically appropriate. Patients who are vulnerable, are unable to use technology, or who clinically need to be examined in person by a doctor, will always be prioritised for in-person appointments.

GP practices are also using different clinical roles within primary care to support managing the increase in demand such as Pharmacists, Physician Associates and Advanced Clinical Practitioners.

4. Conclusion

Primary care is changing and it is acknowledged that patients have quickly adapted to the new ways of working. There have been benefits seen from the new way of working, over and above the need to protect services. It's likely that some of these will remain in the future, for example increased use of online and virtual consultations where it meets the patient needs.

Background papers

Report information sources:

- Presentation given to Health Watch members on 6th August 2021 by: Geraint Griffiths-Dale – Managing Director, Walsall Place; Dr Sukhpal Gill – GP and Walsall Commissioning Board member; Corrine Ralph – Head of Primary Care (Strategic Commissioning and Contracting), BCWB CCG

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23rd September 2021

Areas of focus for 2021/22

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr R. Martin
 Cllr S. Craddock

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 2021/22.

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 social care/health service matters including health partnership matters and the public health agenda as conferred under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 within the functions set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (as amended).

The scrutinising of performance in relation to the following Corporate Plan priority:

- People have increased independence, improved health and can positively contribute to their communities.

Items considered by the committee in the previous year

The following items were considered by the committee in the last municipal year:

- Covid-19 pandemic health and care response
- Adult Social Care Covid-19 action plan and combined winter plan
- Finance – Adult Social Care Draft capital and revenue budget item 2020/21
- The Future of Commissioning in the Black Country and West Birmingham
- Walsall Together
- Stroke Pathway
- NHS consultation
- Diabetic eye screening procurement
- Outpatient service redesign
- Draft revenue budget feedback and draft capital programme 2021/22 to 2023/24

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 financial outturn and quarter 2 updates at a formal meeting. It is suggested that 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's Corporate 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 Corporate 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. Resource wise it is recommended that only one working group be established at a time.

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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BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE
FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Published up to January 2022 (for publication 06/09/2021)

Date first entered into the plan	Project Name	Key Decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside of the Council)	Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer	Main consultees	Date Item to be considered
05/07/2021	Local Growth Fund – Growth Deal Programme Approval of the 2020/21 Programme Spend	Approval of the year end position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2020/21 Growth Deal allocation expenditure, requests approval for various changes detailed in Attachment 1 of the report.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	03/11/2021
05/07/2021	Ruskin Mill Land Trust - Glasshouse Development Phase 3	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Ruskin Mill Land Trust, to complete the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Ruskin Mill Land Trust - Glasshouse Development Phase 3 project to conclude the delivery of the project outputs. Note that change request relates to the reduction in the Learner Assist output target.			
05/07/2021	Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Incomm, to complete the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded			

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05/07/2021	Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Project	<p>elements of the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>			
06/09/2021	Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills (ECMS) project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p>			

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		Note that change request relates to a change in match funding and milestones.			
06/09/2021	<p>Growing Places Fund (GPF)</p> <p>Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Project</p>	<p>Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Project from the Growing Places Fund (previously used for LGF over programming) to support the delivery into 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in programme funding streams.</p>	<p>Papers TBC – Helen Martin Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	<p>Dudley Council</p>	<p>03/11/2021</p>
06/09/2021	<p>Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre</p>	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre project from the Growing Places Fund (previously used for LGF over</p>			

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		<p>programming) to support the delivery into 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in programme funding streams.</p>			
02/08/2021	<p>Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement</p> <p>Deed of Variation</p>	<p>Approval of the proposed amendments, as highlighted, to the Collaboration Agreement covering the removal of the Advisory Board and revised Black Country Executive Joint Committee governance, and Governance Principles: Enterprise Zones, included as Appendix 1 to this report.</p>	<p>Papers TBC – Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Walsall Council</p>	<p>03/11/2021</p>
06/04/2021	<p>Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme changes</p>	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley College, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Dudley Advanced Construction Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p>	<p>Papers TBC – Simon Neilson Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Walsall Council</p>	<p>01/12/2021</p>
06/04/2021	<p>Dudley Advanced Construction Centre</p>				
06/09/2021	<p>Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills</p>	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Elite Centre for Manufacturing</p>			

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05/07/2021	Bilston Urban Village	<p>Skills (ECMS) project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Bilston Urban Village project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in match funding.</p>			



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6 September 2021

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 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 (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 £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
OCTOBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022 (6.9.21)**

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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
50/21 (6.9.21)	Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25 – To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2022/23 to 2024/25, savings proposals and update on consultation, and set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2022/23.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021
51/21 (6.9.21)	Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2021 and impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021
52/21 (6.9.21)	Approving amendments to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement: To approve all proposed amendments to the Collaboration Agreement covering the Joint Committee Advisory Board removal.	Cabinet Key decision	Mark lavender, Head of Programme Management Mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services and parties to the agreement Association of Black Country Authorities Chief Executives and Leaders	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021

37/21 (7.6.21)	Sale of Council land in Blakenall: To seek approval to the freehold disposal of Council land in Blakenall <i>Contains commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private	Nick Ford, Team Leader – Asset Management Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
47/21 (2.8.21)	Walsall's Customer Experience Strategy 2021 to 2026: To approve the Strategy which sets out the Council's service transformation to meet customers' priorities and needs	Cabinet Key decision	Elise Hopkins elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk Rashida Hussain Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk	Public, partner organisations, elected members, internal staff	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
53/21 (6.9.21)	Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's): To receive the results of Statutory consultation and to designate the Wards of Paddock, Palfrey, Pleck and St. Matthew's as subject to Additional Licensing for HMO's	Cabinet Key decision	David Lockwood David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk Apollonaris.Fonka@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
54/21 (6.9.21)	Heritage Strategy: To approve the new Heritage Strategy and Action Plan for the Borough of Walsall	Cabinet Key decision	Kaye Davies, External funding manager Kaye.davies@walsall.gov.uk Benjamin parker, Heritage Programme Officer Benjamin.parker@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021
55/21 (6.9.21)	Phoenix 10 Project To seek approval for modified project funding arrangements. <i>Contains commercially sensitive information</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private	Joel Maybury (Development Team Leader) Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	20 October 2021

56/21 (6.9.21)	Crisis Provision for families in financial hardship during the Covid 19 Pandemic: Progress report for noting as requested at the February 2021 Cabinet meeting.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Elise Hopkins Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk Paul Gordon Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021
39/21 (7.6.21)	Walsall Domestic Abuse Strategy: To agree the Strategy 2021 to comply with the new domestic Abuse Act 2020	Cabinet Key decision	Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021 Domestic Abuse Need Assessment 2021 Domestic Abuse Act 2020 Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Safer Walsall Partnership Internal Services	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021
57/21 (6.9.21)	All Age Exploitation Strategy: To approve the Council's Strategy.	Cabinet Key decision	Paul Gordon, Director of Resilient communities Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Police, appropriate community based groups. Internal Services.	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021
58/21 (6.9.21)	Walsall Street Safe: To support a resilient communities initiative – Walsall Street Safe – together with associated investment and prioritisation of CCTV and other preventative measures	Cabinet Key Decision	Cabinet report 18 December 2019. Paul Gordon, Director of Resilient Communities Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Children's Services Adult Social Care Resilient Communities, Clean & Green, Highways and Transportation WM Police	Councillor Perry	20 October 2021

46/21 (2.8.21)	Emotional Wellbeing and Therapeutic Support for Children and Young People in need: To approve entering into an appropriate agreement with the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide therapeutic services for children and young people in need, including those who are looked after.	Cabinet Key Decision	David DeMay David.demay@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, Walsall CCG and Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Councillor Wilson	20 October 2021
59/21 (6.9.21)	Schools Mainstream Local funding Formula 2022/23: To approve the formula to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall.	Cabinet Key decision	Walsall Schools Forum report October 2021- proposed Schools Local Funding Formula 2021/22; ESFA – Schools Revenue funding operation guide Contact: Richard Walley, Education Finance Manager Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk	Schools Forum Internal Services	Councillor Towe	20 October 2021
41/21 (7.6.21)	Intermediate Care Service (ICS) Review: to receive the outcome of the review and approve the Extension of the existing Transitional Bed contract	Cabinet Key decision	Tracy Simcox Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	20 October 2021
60/21 (6.9.21)	Mental Health Funding: To approve a plan and spend for non-recurrent funding for mental wellbeing	Cabinet Key decision	Paulette Myers Paulette.myers@walsall.gov.uk Angela Aitken Angela.aitken@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Craddock	20 October 2021

14/21 (8.3.21)	Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions – in principle approval for the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers. <i>Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions. Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
48/21 (2.8.21)	Affordable Housing commuted sums spend policy: To approve the use of affordable housing commuted sums (which are contributions secured through the planning process) to fund the provision of affordable housing to be used as temporary accommodation.	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
49/21 (2.8.21)	Domestic Abuse services contract award: To approve the contract awards for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the provision of Domestic Abuse emergency accommodation and support support to Domestic Abuse victims and their children <i>Note: there may be some commercially sensitive information which will need to be considered in private session</i>	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk Isabel Vanderheeren Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, service users, external stakeholders	Councillor Andrew Councillor Wilson	15 December 2021
44/21 (5.7.21)	Day care/day opportunities: To approve recommendations for the delivery of a menu of options for vulnerable people who require support to engage in meaningful community based	Cabinet Key Decision	Cabinet report and the lessons learned from COVID report Jeanette Knapper jeanette.knapper@walsall.gov.uk	Existing end uses of traditional day services in house; Existing users and	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021

	activities as a result of ongoing needs around social care and inclusion,			carers/parents of people accessing building based day opportunities; Carers Hub FACE; Frontline internal staff; External marketplace for day care .		
61/21 (6.9.21)	Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2021 and impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Councillor Bird	9 February 2022
62/21 (6.9.21)	Corporate Budget Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25, incorporating the Capital Strategy; and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2022/23: To recommend the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet Key decision Council	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	Cabinet -9 February 2022 Council – 24 February 2022
22/21 (8.3.21)	Walsall Council Housing Allocations Policy: To update the policy which sets the principles for the allocation of affordable housing	Cabinet Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022