



Walsall Council

Scrutiny Overview Committee

Meeting to be held on: **9 November 2021 at 6.00 P.M.**

Meeting to be held via: **Council House and Microsoft Teams**

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MEMBERSHIP:

Chair: Councillor Murray

Vice Chair: Councillor Nawaz

Councillor Ali
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor Harrison
Councillor Hicken
Councillor K Hussain
Councillor Jeavons
Councillor Rasab
Councillor Samra
Councillor Singh-Sohal

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:

Councillor Bird

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

All

ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	<p>Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.</p>	
2.	<p>Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>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).</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 28 September 2021.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
6.	<p>Section 106 To advise Members on Section 106 planning obligations, contributions for affordable housing, where and how this money has been allocated and details of how ward Members are consulted on this process.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	<p>Covid-19 Infection and Vaccination Rates Update To give an update on the current Covid-19 infection rates in Walsall and the vaccination uptake to date and inform the Committee of details concerning the forthcoming Covid-19 booster.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
8.	<p>Forecast Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2021/22 – 5 month position ended 31 August 2021 To inform the Committee of the forecast financial position for 2021/22, to allow the scrutiny of the financial performance of the council and the services within the committee's remit.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
9.	<p>Draft revenue and capital budget 2022-23 – 2025-26 Council wide and services within the remit of the committee The draft revenue and capital budget, as reported to Cabinet on 20 October 2021, provides an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget for 2022/23 to 2025/26 (including savings proposals for consultation), draft capital programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26, and sets out the process and timescale for setting a legally balanced budget for 2022/23.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
10.	<p>Feedback from Overview & Scrutiny Committees To receive any feedback from meetings of Overview & Scrutiny Committees this municipal year.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>

11.	Areas of Focus To review the Committees Work Programme and the Forward Plans for Walsall Council and the Black Country Executive Committee.	<u>Enclosed</u>
12.	Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting will be 13 December 2021.	

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 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 AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 September 2021 AT 6.00 P.M. AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE

Committee Members Present Councillor Murray (Chair)
Councillor Nawaz (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ali
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor Hicken
Councillor K. Hussain
Councillor Rasab
Councillor Samra
Councillor Singh-Sohal

Officers Simon Neilson – Executive Director (Economy, Environment & Communities)
Deborah Hindson – Interim Executive Director (Resources & Transformation)
Sally Rowe – Executive Director (Children’s and Customer)
Stephen Gunther – Director – Public Health
Paul Gordon – Director – Resilient Communities
Gordon Falconer – Community Safety Manager
Elise Hopkins – Director – Customer Engagement
Craig Goodall – Principal Democratic Services Officer
Sian Lloyd – Assistant Democratic Services Officer

Others in attendance Geraint Griffiths-Dale – Clinical Commissioning Group

Portfolio Holders Councillor Bird – Leader
Councillor Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Councillor M. Statham – Internal Services
Councillor Craddock – Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Martin – Adult Social Care
Councillor Towe – Education and Skills

329/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Harrison and Councillor Jeavons.

330/21 SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no substitutions.

331/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest or party whip identified at this meeting.

332/21 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 (AS AMENDED)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

333/21 **MINUTES**

A member re-iterated their concerns about the accuracy of the information regarding section 106 (s106) funds and the spending thereof which had been submitted to a previous meeting of this Committee. Following a discussion it was agreed to consider an in-depth report on s106 at the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2021, a copy having previously been circulated, be approved.**
- 2. an in-depth report on s106 spending to be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.**

334/21 **COVID-19 INFECTION AND VACCINATION RATES UPDATE**

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing presented the Committee with the most up to date information regarding Covid-19 infection and vaccination rates in Walsall. He advised that the latest figures indicated an infection rate of around 350 per 100,000 inhabitants and it was expected that this figure would rise, particularly in the 12 – 15 year old age bracket as schools returned. It was noted that there had sadly been 6 Covid-related deaths in Walsall the previous week and that death and serious illness continued to be much more likely in people that had not had the vaccination.

The Director of Public Health added that everyone was encouraged to take up the offer of vaccination and continue to adhere to the mantra of ‘hands, face, space and fresh air’ to offer themselves the best protection against Covid-19 which had not gone away.

The Walsall Managing Director of the Black Country and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group (the Managing Director) emphasised that residents could still come forward for their vaccinations at any point. He advised that within the next week vaccination programmes for 12 -15 year olds would begin in schools and primary care would begin to offer booster injections. The Saddlers Centre would continue to operate to reduce pressure on primary care services.

Members sought assurances about what preventative measures were being taken to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in schools. The Director of Public Health explained that since rules around the wearing of facemasks and using ‘bubbles’ to reduce mixing the rates of Covid-19 in 12-15 years old had increased. Some schools had retained these measures. The Council continued to offer advice and support to all schools.

A Member asked for further information on the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic vaccination take up. The Managing Director explained that whilst vaccination rates were increasing daily particular challenges were being experienced with persuading the black Caribbean community to come forward. Vaccination rates for Asian groups were improving. The Director of Public Health noted media campaigns and community champions were being used to encourage take up of vaccines in hard to reach communities.

Following questions the Managing Director acknowledged that demand for primary care services had increased by 25-50% compared to previous years. With regard to the hospital, pressures continued to be felt in planned care, with those awaiting non-life-threatening care experiencing the longest delays. He reassured the Committee that contingency plans were in place for winter and that additional supplies of the flu vaccine had been ordered to cater for the expected increase in demand.

Members discussed the current meeting arrangements for Council Committees, asking when they would stop meeting in a socially distanced manner in large meeting rooms. The Director of Public Health explained that as the virus was airborne it was important to maintain social distance to protect members and officers attending meetings.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

335/21 **DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY**

The Portfolio Holder for Resilient Communities presented the draft Domestic Abuse Strategy which was to be submitted to October Cabinet. It was noted that it was a legal requirement for the Council to produce such a document and for this to be submitted to the Secretary of State after going through due process. The Portfolio Holder expressed the Council's wish to turn victims of domestic abuse into victors and that the Resilient Communities model be used to raise awareness and offer additional support. It was emphasised that domestic abuse can often go unnoticed and unreported and anyone can be a victim.

Following questions the Director of Customer Engagement explained that anybody fleeing domestic violence could approach any local authority in the country for housing without having to have any connection to that area. The Director of Resilient Communities also confirmed that the Council works closely with the Police under the Safer Walsall Partnership.

Members of the Committee noted this was a very comprehensive document and thanked officers for their work. They offered their suggestions for amendments to the strategy, noting there were limited references to male victims of domestic abuse. Members of the Committee also recommended more engagement and training with children and young people.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. the strategy be noted;**
- 2. the Committee recommends that the strategy contains explicit reference to both men and women as victims of domestic abuse;**
- 3. Figures relating to the number of safe houses available in the borough be provided to the Committee.**

336/21 CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STRATEGY

The Director of Customer Engagement presented the Committee with an updated version of the draft Customer Experience Strategy which was to be submitted to December Cabinet. The strategy was designed to provide a vision for how the Council will achieve excellent customer experience in the future in a way that aligns to the ways of working, the Walsall Proud promises and Corporate Plan outcomes. Any improvements identified were based on customer feedback with surveys, focus groups and telephone feedback being received.

The Director of Customer Engagement shared some results from the surveys that had been conducted, highlighting that 81% of customers valued the provision of up to date and accurate information, 91% of Members strongly agree that customers are put at the heart of services the Council delivers and 53% of staff felt they provide a consistently high quality customer experience.

It was noted that the strategy still had work to do to align with the new Corporate Plan and Digital Strategy and that there would also need to be a stronger emphasis on the Resilient Communities Agenda to ensure that the Golden Thread running through Council policies and strategies was maintained.

Members of the Committee noted that modern technology is part of day to day life and represents the best way forward but that it was important to ensure that some face-to-face provision remained for those vulnerable residents who require more support from specialist members of staff. It was suggested that children should also be surveyed on their opinions as the future taxpayers of the borough.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. the strategy be noted;**
- 2. the Committee provide feedback on a draft of the Customer Experience Strategy as part of the consultation process.**

337/21 PRE-AUDIT OUTTURN 2020-21

The Leader of the Council presented a report on the pre-audit financial position for 2020/21 to allow for the scrutiny of the financial performance of the Council and the services within the Committee's remit. It was noted that the information in the report had been reported to Cabinet in July and agreed by Audit Committee the previous evening.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. the pre-audit outturn 2020/21 for the Council as a whole – a revenue underspend of £0.45m, and net capital break even position net of £38.87m council funded carry forwards into 2021/22 be noted;**
- 2. the pre-audit outturn 2020/21 for services within the remit of this Committee – a revenue underspend of £2.20m, and net capital break even position net of £27.64m carry forwards into 2021/22 be noted.**

338/21 QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL MONITORING – FORECAST REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN FOR 2021-22

The Leader of the Council presented the Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring report which set out the forecast financial position for 2021/22 and thanked the Finance team for their diligent work which ensured that the Council was in a good financial position.

The Executive Director for Resources and Transformation highlighted that the Quarter 2 report would be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee and that this would provide more timely figures.

Resolved:

That:

- 1. the forecast 2021/22 year-end financial position for the Council as a whole – a predicted net revenue overspend of c£4.49m, and net capital break even position be noted;**
- 2. the forecast 2021/22 year-end financial position for services within the remit of this Committee – a predicted net revenue underspend of £0.12m and net capital break even position, subject to full review, be noted.**

339/21 AREAS OF FOCUS

The Committee considered its work programme and the Forward Plans of Walsall Council and the Black Country Joint Executive Committee.

The following items were identified for the next meeting of the Committee:

- Section 106 spending;
- Update on Covid-19 infection and vaccination rates;
- Scrutiny survey results;
- Q2 financial monitoring; and
- Budget setting for 2022-23.

Resolved:

That the Areas of Focus and Forward Plan be noted.

340/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 9 November 2021.

The meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.

Chair:

Date:.....

9 NOVEMBER 2021

S106 Planning Obligations

Ward(s): All affected.

Portfolios:

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader of the Council, Regeneration

Councillor C. Towe – Education & Skills

Councillor O. Butler – Clean & Green

1. Aim

- 1.1 S106 Planning Obligations are legal obligations entered into to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal. Planning Obligations are primarily negotiated as part of the determination of planning applications in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2021 (NPPF), Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (Regulation 122)(as amended), policy DEL1 of the Black Country Core Strategy, policy GP3 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan and adopted Supplementary Planning Documents.
- 1.2 Planning obligations assist in mitigating the impact of unacceptable development to make it acceptable in planning terms. Planning obligations may only constitute a reason for granting planning permission if they meet the tests that they are necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms. They must be:
 - Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
 - Directly related to the development; and
 - Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development
- 1.3 They seek to secure contributions from developers to offset the impact that their scheme may have on a local community. These contributions can ensure essential infrastructure is provided by developers at the time that their development is brought forward rather than place a reliance on the Local Authority to fund the improvements or to leave the communities without the necessary infrastructure to cater for the need generated by the development.
- 1.4 This report seeks to deliver the following information:
 - i) To advise Members of the completed Planning Obligations (section 106 agreements/unilateral undertakings/ supplemental deeds of variation) that have been negotiated with planning permissions during the period specified.
 - ii) To show the number of affordable houses negotiated and the level of contributions collected and due to be collected subject to the commencement of developments related to education, open space, health and other requirements.

- iii) To set out an update on the expenditure and allocation of received commuted sums for the specified period.
- iv) To set out how ward members are consulted on s106 allocation, justification and value for money.
- v) Update on the £28,000 reported as spent on Wards Keep site in Darlaston.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee notes the report on infrastructure secured through S106 Planning Obligations during the financial year 2020/21 (April 2020 to March 2021) including details of committed/spent funding and infrastructure secured.
- 2.2 That Committee endorses the procedure for securing necessary infrastructure through S106 Planning Obligations and the role of Members in the process.

3. Report detail – know

- 3.1 Updates on the completion and processing of S106 agreements are provided to the Planning Committee. The latest report was presented to the Planning Committee on the 4th November 2021 and covered the financial year 2020/21 (April 2020 to March 2021). It provided a summary of all Planning Obligations that have been secured as part of the determination of planning applications in accordance with adopted policies of the Council. These details are set out in the attached Appendix 2 and Members will note that the information has been broken down into the various types of contributions.
- 3.2 In considering the S106 Planning Obligation Update Report at their meeting on 4th February 2021 the Planning Committee resolved that; *a report be presented to a Scrutiny Committee to see how Members are engaged on the spending of monies collected and report to include details of all service area expenditure on specific projects. All elected Members to receive a copy of the report in advance of reporting to a Scrutiny Committee.* As a follow up to the report presented to this Scrutiny Committee on 15th April 2021, this current report provides a further update relating to service area spend and commitment towards specific projects in Appendix 3, and includes further details on the process of Member involvement.
- 3.2 In accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations any authority that receives a contribution from development through the levy or section 106 planning obligations must prepare an Infrastructure Funding Statement. The Infrastructure Funding Statement is an annual report, published by the Council to provide a summary of all financial and non-financial developer contributions relating to Section 106 agreements within the district. This S106 Planning Obligations update report forms the basis of the infrastructure funding statement and covers the financial period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.
- 3.3 Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 enables developers to submit unilateral undertakings, or local authorities to reach agreements with developers, for certain works to be carried out in association with a development. The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (Regulation 122) sets out a statutory requirement that Planning Obligations must be necessary to make the proposed development acceptable in planning terms; relevant to planning; and

directly related in scale and kind to the proposed development. They must also be reasonable in all other respects.

- 3.5 The need for securing infrastructure through a S106 Planning Obligation is triggered by the scale and nature of a proposed development. Planning Obligations provide a means of ensuring that developers contribute towards the infrastructure and services that Walsall Council deem necessary to facilitate proposed developments in accordance with local and national planning policy. They are generally, although not always, triggered by the need to provide for infrastructure to accommodate major developments e.g. residential developments of 10 dwellings or more or new buildings where the floor space created exceeds 1000m².
- 3.6 The Council is required to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021, Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended), policy DEL1 of the Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS) and policy GP3 of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) when seeking developer contributions. The NPPF encourages Local Planning Authorities to be flexible when seeking Planning Obligations to prevent development being stalled, an approach that Walsall Council's Development Management service has already been taking over the last few years to facilitate development in the Borough and will continue to do so where necessary.
- 3.7 The Government views planning obligations as useful instruments where they are necessary to a proposed development to overcome obstacles that would otherwise result in the refusal of planning permission. They must not be used to effectively buy planning permissions.
- 3.8 *Process and Consultation* - Where it is established that a planning proposal triggers the need for a S106 Planning Obligation to secure provision of infrastructure this is calculated in accordance with the adopted Development Plan policies and Supplementary Planning Documents. At this point during the determination of an application the local planning authority notify the developer of the requirement and carry out consultations with the service areas to determine the level of provision required and where contributions could be utilised. This must consider the tests set out in Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 i.e. they must be necessary to make the proposed development acceptable in planning terms; relevant to planning; and directly related in scale and kind to the proposed development as well as reasonable in all other respects.
- 3.9 Any planning application where it is proposed to require a S106 Planning Obligation is reported to Planning Committee for their determination. The officers' report seeks a delegation from the Committee to negotiate and complete the S106 Planning Obligation and if agreed then engagement with Members follows. Whilst the specifics in regard to the level of provision is fixed by the policy framework there is some flexibility as to where any contributions are spent (bearing in mind the tests in Regulation 122).
- 3.10 As officers cannot predetermine the outcome of a decision by Planning Committee it is usual practice to engage with Ward Members once a decision to secure a S106 Planning Obligation has been resolved by Planning Committee. For consistency planning officers' co-ordinate negotiations between the Ward

Members and service area teams responsible for the expenditure to ensure that any agreement reached in regard to expenditure is allocated in accordance with the policy and legislation and in particular, accordance with Regulation 122. Officer training, procedures and templates have been implemented to ensure members are involved as appropriate and to ensure a consistent delivery of this process.

- 3.11 Provision of infrastructure is also subject to development viability. As part of the consideration of planning applications developers often submit a Financial Appraisal which is reviewed on behalf of the local planning authority to determine whether the full policy compliant level of infrastructure/contributions can be secured. Often this results in lower levels of provision able to be secured but again, this will be determined by Planning Committee who ultimately resolve whether to accept the level of contributions offered before negotiations with ward members.
- 3.12 Appendix 1 sets out the latest position on the receipt, allocation and expenditure of Planning Obligations to date. It can be noted that out of nearly £4.5million received in contributions, approximately £1.8million has been expended and / or allocated to date. The majority of the remaining balance comprises of a series of contributions for development that has either recently been approved, the target dates for expenditure are yet to be reached, or formal allocations of monies are yet to be confirmed. This also reflects the on-going collaborative work stream with service areas to update the Council's S106 records, and a trawl of paper records will be carried out in due course to identify any further necessary updates.
- 3.13 Appendix 3 also sets out where received affordable housing commuted sums have been expended, or are proposed to be ring-fenced into a borough wide pot to purchase temporary accommodation for homeless households. A separate report is being presented to Cabinet on 15th December on this matter and this approach follows the Council's successful pilot of utilising affordable housing commuted sums to purchase two long-term empty homes purchased by the Council under a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process, and subsequently used to house homeless households.
- 3.14 A summary of all expenditure is provided below.

Service Area	S106 Contribution received to date	Spent to date	Committed / Allocated	Balance Remaining
Affordable Housing	£1,556,888.17	£0.00	£274,993.56	£1,281,894.61
Children's Services	£538,815.08	£259,027.48	£108,350.00	£171,437.60
Clean & Green	£1,822,909.53	£884,819.30	£139,439.85	£798,650.38
TOTAL	£3,918,612.78	£1,143,846.78	£522,783.41	£2,251,982.59

- 3.15 In terms of an update on the allocation and expenditure of contributions in relation to the Wards Keep site in Darlaston (18/0072 – Land at Heathfield Lane West), it is confirmed that £128,910.85 has been allocated to date; £28,910.85 towards future maintenance of the scheme and £100k towards the ERDF Blue Network II Project. This is set out in detail within the enclosed appendices.

- 3.16 The latest expenditure of received contributions is provided in the attached table Appendix 1.
- 3.17 Details of new Planning Obligations completed in 2020/21 is provided in Appendix 2.
- 3.18 The update of specific projects is set out in Appendix 3.

4. *Financial information*

- 4.1 The briefing of members as to the outcome of individual Planning Obligations together with the total sums collected within the year will help inform and assure Members of the accounting probity and monitoring that is being followed by officers.

5. *Reducing Inequalities*

- 5.1 Through the careful use of Section 106 monies and the policies which lead to contributions being made, the Council can seek to ensure that new development can support individuals, families and communities and reduce health inequalities primarily through the delivery of affordable housing, new education provision and new open space facilities for children and adults. These outcomes accord with the aims of the Marmot Review.

6. *Decide*

- 6.1 Whilst the level of infrastructure provision/contributions collected is determined in accordance with national and local policy there is an important role for members in helping to determine where such resources should be prioritised.
- 6.2 At present, officers from the various service areas advise the local planning authority on where provision is required and where contributions ought to be spent in line with existing Council priorities. Consultation with ward members also takes place once it has been resolved by Planning Committee that a contribution is necessary to enable consistency of approach, to ensure that policy and legislation is followed and the needs of the affected community are addressed.
- 6.3 Planning Committee has more recently resolved to accept partial contributions on the basis of development viability but to require a review mechanism within the S106 Planning Obligation in the event that viability improves over the course of the build. Committee may wish to consider adopting this approach to all schemes where a viability review has been carried out at the time of application to ensure consistency and more certainty for developers.

7. *Respond*

- 7.1 On a case by case basis, officers will continue engage with Ward Members about new developments where the Planning Committee has resolved to secure a S106 Planning Obligation to determine where any contributions will be utilised to ensure greater transparency.

8. *Review*

- 8.1 It is intended that twice yearly reports continue to be provided to Planning Committee to update members on what monies have been secured through S106 Planning Obligations, how that has been invested to date and what monies, if any, remain outstanding.
- 8.2 Through this process, officers, members, the public and developers should be able to understand the value of the S106 process and how any contributions have been used to offset the impact of new developments.

Background papers

Planning Performance and Section 106 Planning Obligations Update Report to Planning Committee of 4th November 2021.

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Appendix 1 - Latest S106 Expenditure

Planning Ref No.	Planning Site Address	Planning Proposal	Decision Date	Agreement Start Date	Re-payment Date	Contribution	Council Obligations (Conditions / Clauses)	(£) Contribution Due	(£) Contribution Received	Date Contribution Paid	Contribution Transferred (£)	Total Transferred (£)	(£) Committed/Allocated	Date Committed/Allocated	(£) Actual Spend to Date	Balance Remaining (£)	Contribution spent (Date)	Update from Service Lead on status of project	
													Service Lead	Service Lead			Service Lead	Service Lead	
17/1447	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL	Change of use of 2 no. retail units to form 2 no. retirement living apartments	20.04.2018	12.04.2018	12.04.2025	Affordable Housing	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in Walsall.	£11,890.00	£11,890.00	24.02.2020	£11,711.65	£11,711.65	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£11,711.65		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	
						Urban Open Space	Contribution towards ongoing maintenance and improvement of open space 'Anchor Meadow'.	£959.00	£959.00	24.02.2020	£944.62	£944.62	£0.00	n/a	£141.69	£802.93		Possible improvements to Aldridge airport access	
17/0195	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL	Redevelopment to form 2 retail units and 37 retirement living apartments including communal facilities, access, car parking (private and public) and landscaping.	23.06.2017	22.06.2017	27.06.2022	Affordable Housing	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	£220,000.00	£220,000.00	27.06.2017	£216,700.00	£216,700.00	£216,700.00	TBC	£0.00	£0.00		This funding was ringfenced for the purchase of 2 long term empty homes secured through Compulsory Purchase Order. These 2 homes are now part of the Council's temporary accommodation stock for homeless households.	
						Urban Open Space	Contribution towards upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the locality.	£62,456.00	£62,456.00	27.10.2017	£61,519.00	£61,519.16	£0.00	n/a	£9,227.87	£52,291.29		Possible improvements to Aldridge airport access	
16/1669	RUSHALL MEWS, NEW STREET, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JQ	Demolition of existing care home and erection of 26 dwellings (19 x 3 bed & 7 x 4 bed) with associated access and parking arrangements.	06.07.17	04.07.2017	n/a	Affordable Housing	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	£227,500.00	£227,500.00	26.02.2019	£224,088.00	£224,087.50	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£224,087.50		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	
						n/a	Tree Planting Contribution	Contribution towards the planting of new trees at Rushall Skate Park.	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	05.07.2018	£11,820.00	£11,820.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£11,820.00		
						n/a	Urban Open Space	To utilise the Urban Open Space contribution for the following: - Carbridge Lane Allotments (East Walsall Allotment Association) Rushall. Delivery of action plan as per findings of a condition survey - £15,000. - Radley Play Area, Bickley Road, Rushall. Contribution to play area improvements - £29,475. - Park Lane Pits, Park Road, Rushall. Footpath improvements - £29,475.	£73,950.00	£73,950.00	05.07.2018	£72,840.75	£72,840.75	£0.00	n/a	£59,199.39	£13,641.36		Access improvements allotments, tree planting, footpath improvements
19/1514	LAND BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD, SLATER STREET, DARLASTON	Erection of 30 dwellings and associated works. Adjacent to Public Footpath (Dar19). Deed of Variation to S106 regarding Affordable Housing.	19.03.2020	11.03.2020	10 years from date of payment of the last contribution	Affordable Housing	To utilise the Affordable Housing contribution for the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	£283,500.00	£283,500.00	18.03.2020	£279,248.00	£279,248.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£279,248.00		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	
						10 years from date of payment of the last contribution	Urban Open Space	To utilise the Urban Open Space contribution for the provision of maintenance or enhancement of Urban Open Space at: - Arthur Webb Allotments, Victoria Road, Darlaston, WS10 8AP - Victoria Park, Victoria Road, Darlaston, WS10 8AA	£51,282.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		Discussion with ward Cllrs about play area improvements and removal of derelict building
18/0072	Land at Heathfield Lane West, Darlaston, Wednesbury, West Midlands	Proposed erection of 207 dwellings, engineering works, landscaping, provision of open space and associated works and re-roping of public right of way Dar1	27.09.18	26.09.2018	n/a	Affordable Housing	To utilise the Affordable Housing contribution in the locality.	£96,655.33	£96,655.00	30.07.19	£95,205.51	£95,205.51	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£95,205.51		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	
						n/a	Urban Open Space	Utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the following: 1. The provision of healthy walking / trim-trail around the perimeter, landscaping and enhancement works to Darlaston Recreation Centre, Hall Street 2. Enhancement of facilities including construction of the fishing platforms at Heathfield Land Fishing Pool 3. Public information boards directional signage to and from the following recreation areas: a. George Rose Park b. Darlaston Recreation Centre c. King Hill Park d. Victoria Park e. Walsall canal 4. Public access improvements hedgerow and tree planting alongside access routes and measures to combat anti-social behaviour at: a. George Rose Park	£193,310.67	£195,674.00	30.01.19	£192,738.98	£192,738.98	£128,910.85	2018/19	£0.00	£63,828.13		£28,910.85 (15%) top-sliced from contribution towards on-going maintenance of the scheme. £100K is being allocated to fund the ERDF Blue Network II Project (Proposed Wildflower meadow/bio-diversity development, access and site habitat interpretation as part of BC Blue Green project match funded through ERDF). Proposed improvements to George Rose Park.
11/1364/FL	WALSALL DEPOT, NORFOLK PLACE, BLOWICH ROAD, WALSALL	Amendments to planning permission 10/0763/FL relating to the erection of 267 dwellings reducing the amount to 251 dwellings, amending details of phasing and location of affordable housing, drainage detail, landscaping, house types, and associated works	09.12.2011	17.05.2012	03.10.2017	Urban Open Space	To use the Urban Open Space solely for the uses specified	£188,100.00	£188,100.00	03.09.2012 - 55002	£1,852,785.50	£185,278.50	£0.00	n/a	£176,122.00	£9,156.50		Proposed development at Reedswood Park for Spaces to Ride match funding	
11/0516/FL	45 Victoria Avenue and Land to Rear of 39-51 Victoria Avenue; 39-47 and 66 Drake Road; and 125-139 Field Road Blowich Walsall	Erection of 43 houses and 1 flat (total 44 dwellings) together with associated parking, garages, landscaping and	11.04.2012	24.07.2013	n/a	Affordable Housing	To use the Affordable Housing Contribution only towards the provision of affordable housing within the Council's administrative area.	£250,000.00	£246,250.00	18.08.14 - 61100 05.05.15 - 63901 14.12.15 - 63902	30781.25 184,687.50 30781.25	£246,250.00		n/a	£0.00	£246,250.00		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	

				27.03.2012	16.05.2018	Urban Open Space	To use the contributions payable under Schedule 2 only towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the wider area of the Site in accordance with Policy DEL2 of the Black Country Joint Core Strategy and policies GP3 and LC1 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£83,570.00	£82,316.00	16.04.13 - Paid at Banking Hall	£82,316.00	£82,316.00	£4,863.00	TBC	£77,443.00	£10.00		Final amount allocated to accessible play at KGS, or improved security.
10/1593/FL	LAND OFF WATERMEAD GRANGE/SILVER STREET, BROWNHILLS, WALSALL.	Residential development consisting of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom, 2 and 2.5 storey mews and detached dwellings, 36 no. in total.	06.07.11	05.07.2011	29.12.2018	Education Contribution	To be used towards the provision of secondary education facilities within a 3 mile radius of the site and shall be provided in accordance with Policies GP3 and 8.8 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan (2005) and Supplementary Planning Document such sum to be increased by the amount (if any) equal to the rise in Index.	£96,741.62	£95,290.00	29.11.13	£97,576.00	£97,576.00	£0.00	n/a	£97,576.00	£0.00	Financial Year 2019/20	Elmwood Special School - Project Complete
					02.10.2019	Health Care Contribution	To be used towards the provision of accessible healthcare facilities to serve the development in accordance with saved policies GP3 and 8.9 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document: Healthcare.	£46,884.60	£50,482.67	02.09.14	£46,181.33 £4301.34	£50,482.67	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£50,482.67		
					29.12.2018	Urban Open Space	To be used towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the vicinity of the wider area of the Development in accordance with saved policies GP3 and LC1 (d) of Walsall Unitary Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document: Urban Open Space.	£102,236.00	£100,702.00	29.11.13	£103,119.00	£103,119.00	£2,118.00	TBC	£101,001.00	£0.00		Final amount contributed towards skate park improvements and parking improvements at Holland Park
					30.04.2019	Affordable Housing	To use the Contributions solely for the uses specified	£54,138.78	£58,293.56	31.03.14	£53,326.70 £49,66.86	£58,293.56	£58,293.56	TBC	£0.00	£0.00		This funding was ringfenced for the purchase of 2 long term empty homes secured through Compulsory Purchase Order. These 2 homes are now part of the Council's temporary accommodation stock for homeless households.
12/0736/FL	FORMER ST JOHN'S SCHOOL & 11 LICHFIELD ROAD, WALSALL WOOD, WALSALL	Demolition of the Former St. John's school and No.11 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood and construction of 12 houses with associated car parking and site works.	10.03.2014	05.03.2014	10.06.2021	Urban Open Space	Not to use the Open Space Contribution otherwise than for the purposes of providing servicing and maintaining public open space within the vicinity of the Development.	£30,168.00	£30,168.00	10.06.2014 - 1755749	£29,744.82	£29,744.82	£3,548.00	TBC	£26,197.00	-£0.18		All funding committed to access improvements
10/1706/FL	FORMER REDHOUSE SCHOOL (JMI), GORSEY WAY, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WS9 0BQ	Proposed residential development and community building - Section 73 to vary condition 22 of 07/2074/OL/E11 to build community centre after occupation of houses.	21.02.2012	01.06.2012	13.11.2020	Urban Open Space	To use the Compensatory Sports Pitch Provision Contribution (the Contribution) in accordance with the policies specified in Schedule 2 in order to achieve any or all of the following: (a) the provision of new sports pitches; (b) the improvement of existing sports pitches; (c) the fullest use of existing sports pitches; within the vicinity of the Site.	£80,000.00	£80,000.00	13.10.15 - 6499	£78,800.00	£78,800.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£78,800.00		Awaiting suitable project for artificial pitch development
17/0155	STENCILS FARM, ALDRIDGE ROAD, WALSALL, WS4 2JW	Outline Application: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 12 dwellings. Access only, all other matters reserved.	22.03.2018	21.03.2018	30.11.2025	Urban Open Space	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for public access improvements and habitat management at Aldridge Airport and Hay Head Wood.	£34,650.00	£33,957.00	30.11.2020 - Cheque	£33,957.00	£33,957.00	£0.00	n/a	£17,712.00	£16,245.00		Proposed improvements to airport access improvements
05/1566/O LWS	NEPTUNE PUBLIC HOUSE, BILSTON LANE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WV13 2LF	OUTLINE : Demolition of Existing Public House and Erection of 43 No. 1 and 2 Bed Flats, Underground Parking and Associated Vehicular Access	18.10.2006		n/a	Affordable Housing Contribution	13/0440/FL	£65,000.00	£65,000.00	16.01.2015	£64,025.00	£64,025.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£64,025.00		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this committed sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.
12/1486/FL	FORMER ST. MARGARETS HOSPITAL, QUESLETT ROAD, WALSALL, B43 7EZ	Minor material amendment to permission 09/0753/RM to vary condition 2 allowing substitution of house types for plots 378-415 (phase 2) of residential development of 141 dwellings.	24.06.2013	19.06.2013	n/a	Affordable Housing Contribution	To provide affordable housing units (as defined) on that part of the Site shown edged in red on Plan A.	£199,500.00	£199,500.00	25.06.2013	£196,507.50	£196,507.50	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£196,507.50		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this committed sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.
15/1268	41 LEIGHWOOD ROAD, WALSALL, WS9 8AL	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a three storey building for Retirement Living Housing (35 flats and ancillary accommodation) with landscaping and car parking.	05.04.2016	31.03.2016	27.11.2024	Affordable Housing Contribution	To utilise the Affordable Housing Contribution for the provision of Affordable Housing in the locality	£144,850.00	£148,299.61	27.11.2017	£146,075.12	£146,075.12	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£146,075.12		Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021 Cabinet seeking approval for this committed sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.
						Highways Contribution	To utilise the Highways Contribution for the installation of a Puffin crossing on Leighwood Road at a point to be agreed with the Highway Authority	£60,000.00	£61,428.90	27.11.2017	£60,507.47	£60,507.47	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£60,507.47		The Leighwood Road puffin crossing was installed by the UTC as part of the care home development works
						Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and/or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the locality which may include, but shall not be limited to: Leigh's Wood open space: (Green space Strategy reference 1001) - Play area refurbishment - Skate park refurbishment - Access improvements - Habitat management The Croft open space: (Green space Strategy reference 1003) - Play area refurbishment - Skate park refurbishment - Access improvements	£57,650.00	£59,022.04	27.11.2017	£58,137.60	£58,137.60	£0.00	n/a	£18,618.51	£39,519.09		Proposed access improvements security and play improvements at Leighwood Park

13/1529/FL	FORMER PARK TAVERN,43 BROADWAY NORTH,WALSALL,WS1 2QG	Demolition of existing building and erection of 28 No later living retirement housing (category II type accommodation) including provision of communal facilities, landscaping and car parking.	17.04.2014	16.04.2014	21.04.2022	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the locality of Walsall	£29,442.00	£29,938.08	21.04.2015	£29,000.37	£29,000.37	£0.00	n/a	£26,097.07	£2,903.30	Funding arboretum access improvements
09/0215/FL	LAND CORNER OF LEVE LANE/JOHN STREET,WILLENHALL,WALS ALL	Proposed demolition of existing warehouse and construction of 12 new 2 bedroom apartments	04.06.2009	14.08.2014	27.06.2024	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of public open space within the wider area of the Site in accordance with and defined by Policy GP3 and LCI of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan	£16,632.00	£16,632.00	27.06.2017	£16,382.52	£16,382.52	£0.00	n/a	£9,321.38	£7,061.14	Willenhall Park improvements
16/1241	LAND TO THE WEST OF TEDESLEY STREET, WALSALL, WS4 2AH	33 no. two, three and four bedroom dwellings for affordable rent and shared ownership with associated landscaping and parking.	13.07.2017	13.07.2018	26.09.2022	Urban Open Space Contribution		£56,080.00	£56,080.00	26.09.2017			£0.00	n/a	£8,285.82	-£8,285.82	Improvements at Mill Lane LNR
15/1606	BULLS HEAD, 79, Park Road, BLOWWICH, WALSALL, Walsall, WS3 3SW	Demolition of the former Bulls Head public house and erection of 14 supported living units and associated communal hub.	17.03.2016	17.03.2016	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of the King George V Playing Fields Urban Open Space which may include, but shall not be limited to: a. Horticultural planting schemes b. Car parking	£9,590.00	£9,590.00	22.03.2018	£9,446.15	£9,446.15	£0.00	n/a	£1,416.92	£8,029.23	Security improvements at King George 5th Park
04/0845/O L/W3	FORMER DERBY ARMS PH,RALEIGH STREET,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS,WS2 8JY	Outline: Erection of 10 flats.	13.01.2005	10.01.2005	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the cost of the Council carrying out improvements to open space facilities in the wider area	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	28.03.2007	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	n/a	£1,160.19	£839.81	Reedwood Park improvements
03/1308/FL /E4	LAND TO THE REAR OFF,7 STACKHOUSE DRIVE,PESLALL,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS,WS3 4RN	Outline: Residential development for 14 two bedroom apartments	19.01.2005	19.01.2005	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of public open space	£2,800.00	£2,800.00	04.03.2009	£2,758.00	£2,758.00	£0.00	n/a	£698.70	£2,059.30	
03/1853/FL /E6	THE WELCOME STRANGER P.H.,HAWBUSH ROAD,LEAMORE,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS,WS3 1AG	Demolition of existing public house and erection of 20 one and two bedroom flats	30.04.2004	30.04.2004	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of off site recreational facilities pursuant to policy 8.4 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£3,603.06	£3,603.06	17.02.2009	£3,549.01	£3,549.01	£0.00	n/a	£3,135.35	£413.66	Access barriers Goscote Valley
02/1494/FL /E2	FORMER FIELD ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,FIELD ROAD,BLOWWICH,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	Erection of 22 No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom houses and flats with access road, garaging, parking and	30.11.2004	30.11.2004		Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the enhancement of off-site open space and for no other purpose.	£5,600.00	£5,600.00	23.11.2009	£5,516.00	£5,516.00	£0.00	n/a	£827.40	£4,688.60	Bins at Wallington Heath Pool
02/1983/FL /W3	CAR PARK,PROVIDENCE CLOSE,LEAMORE,WALSALL	Erection of 6 Bungalows	11.09.2003	10.09.2003	TBC	Urban Open Space Contribution	provision of public open space facilities within the Site and to be used in improving public open space facilities in the wider area in accordance with Policy 8.4 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan 1995.	£1,200.00	£1,480.35	14.11.2011	£1,462.35	£1,462.35	£0.00	n/a	£219.35	£1,243.00	Improvements to the story telling garden
BC64477P	Land Adj. Brewers Drive, Walsall	Creation of public open space	11.06.2003	10.06.2003	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Maintenance costs for open space transferred to the Council. Boundary of open space detailed on plan 1025/111 Rev C in relation to supplemental agreement dated 21/12/06.	£60,000.00	£0.00		£60,000.00	£60,000.00	£0.00	n/a	£26,000.00	£34,000.00	Contribution towards maintenance
06/2209/O L/E9	LICHFIELD ROAD,BROWNHILLS,WALS ALL, WEST MIDLANDS	Outline: Residential development, access only to be considered.	05.11.2007	22.06.2010		Education Contribution	Maintenance of open space at Windrush Close. Ranked by 1 enal towards the provision of primary education facilities within 2 miles radius and secondary education facilities within 3 miles radius of the site shall be provided.	£40,000.00	£110,000.00	03.05.2013	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£40,000.00	Contribution towards maintenance
						Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards urban open space shall be provided in accordance with Policy LCI of Walsall's Unitary Development Plan (2005) and Supplementary Planning Document: Urban Open Space (April 2006)	£62,000.00	£62,000.00	03.05.2013	£61,070.00	£61,070.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£61,070.00	Access improvements Park Lime Pits
						Health Care Contribution	Towards healthcare facilities shall be provided in accordance with Supplementary provided in accordance with Supplementary Planning Document: Healthcare (Jan 2007)	£28,000.00	£28,000.00	03.05.2013	£27,580.00	£27,580.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£27,580.00	
13/1056/FL	FORMER JEBRON WORKS,BRIGHT STREET,WEDNESBURY,WS 10 9HX	Erection of 55 houses and 12 apartments with access, car parking, landscaping, gardens and associated works following demolition of existing building.	06.11.2013	06.11.2013	n/a	Nature Reserve Contribution Urban Open Space Contribution	For the purposes of urban open space, in particular Kings Hill Park/S0000	£5,000.00 £50,000.00	£5,000.00 £50,000.00	13.09.2011 27.01.2015	£4,925.00 £49,250.00	£4,925.00 £49,250.00	£0.00 £0.00	n/a n/a	£0.00 £46,218.38	£4,925.00 £1,031.62	Kings Hill Park improvements and play improvements at Great bridge Road.
07/2731/FL /E11	LAND TO THE REAR OF 201 217 LICHFIELD ROAD,RUSHALL,WALSALL, WS4 1EA	Demolition of Nos. 215 and 217 Lichfield Road and Erection of 21 New Dwellings Including Access Road and Associated Works	15.05.2008	09.03.2011	17.12.2025	Education Contribution	Towards the provision of secondary school places within the area in accordance with The Walsall Unitary Development Plan 2005	£45,585.19	£45,585.19	17.12.2015	£44,901.41	£44,901.41	£44,901.41	2021/22	£0.00	£683.78	Financial Year 2021/22 New LEA PRU - Project Complete September 2021.
					17.12.2025	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of secondary school places within the area in accordance with The Walsall Unitary Development Plan 2005	£57,420.00	£57,420.00	17.12.2015	£56,558.70	£56,558.70	£0.00	n/a	£30,729.77	£26,690.23	
15/0238/FL	FORMER CLOTHIER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL,HARRY PERKS STREET,WALSALL	Erection of 48 no. 1, 2 and 3 bedroom dwelling houses with associated ground works and access road	06.11.2015	06.11.2015	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To be used by the Council for the purposes of maintenance and improvements to urban open space within the vicinity of the Willenhall Area.	£73,458.00	£73,458.00	09.11.2015	£72,356.13	£72,356.13	£0.00	n/a	£67,323.42	£5,032.71	Contributions towards Willenhall Park

15/1744	Land between Park Lane/Wood Street, WS10 9RS	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 42 dwellings with new vehicular access, landscaping and other associated works.	31.03.2016	30.03.2016	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of the Park Lane/Cook Street Urban Open Space (Green Space Strategy site identification code 401.3) which may include, but shall not be limited to: a. Pedestrian access improvements: i. Vehicle & motorcycle barriers ii. Hard-surfaced footpaths b. Boundary improvements: i. Tree planting schemes; ii. Hedge planting; iii. Screening c. Habitat creation -- wildflower meadows d. Mown areas for informal recreation e. Furniture - bins & benches f. Lighting - linking pathway between Cook Street & Park Lane g. Signage - interpretation, directional, Council information	£61,677.00	£61,677.00	13.04.2016	£60,751.85	£60,751.85	£0.00	n/a	£21,112.78	£39,639.07		Improvements to Bentley Green way and proposed improvements to POS at Park Street.	
15/1683	LAND AT WILKES AVENUE, BENTLEY, WALSALL	Erection of 37 dwellings with new vehicular access, landscaping and other associated works.	08.04.2016	08.04.2016	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Public Realm in the locality which may include, but shall not be limited to: Poplar Avenue open space: (Green Space Strategy reference 4007) - Pedestrian access improvements - Vehicle and motorcycle barriers - Hard-surfaced footpaths - Habitat creation -- wildflower meadows - Mown areas for informal recreation Poplar Avenue ABC open space: (Green Space Strategy reference 4006) - Pedestrian access improvements - Vehicle and motorcycle barriers - Hard-surfaced footpaths - Habitat creation -- wildflower meadows - Mown areas for informal recreation Old Hall Pool: (Green Space Strategy reference 4005) - Pedestrian access improvements	£54,054.00	£54,054.00	19.04.2016	£53,243.19	£53,243.19	£0.00	n/a	£27,486.48	£25,756.71		Improvements to Bentley Green way	
16/1233	LAND AT DAW END SCHOOL, FLOYDS LANE, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1LF	Erection of 63 dwellings, revised access and associated infrastructure.	27.02.2017	27.02.2017	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Enhancement or maintenance of urban open space	£107,880.00	£107,880.00	12.04.2017	£106,261.80	£106,261.81			£64,562.48	£41,699.33		Improvements to Sheffield Park accessible play	
14/1345/FL	SITE OF FORMER COALPOOL CLINIC, ROSS ROAD, RYECHOFF, WALSALL	Erection of 12 no. 1 bedroom apartments in a three storey block	06.03.2015	06.03.2015	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution		£8,220.00	£8,220.00	21.02.2018	£8,096.70	£8,096.70		n/a	£4,514.51	£3,582.19		Contribution to Swannies Remembrance memorial	
14/1554/FL	PELSALL LABOUR CLUB, CHURCH ROAD, WALSALL, WS3 4QW	Proposed demolition of Labour Club. Residential and commercial development of a new Labour club, 24 dwellings total (23 for private sale and 1 flat above club for manager only). New access road, ancillary garage/car parking, external store and smoking shelter. Affecting the setting of a public rights of way.	06.05.2015	05.05.2015	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	£53,070.00	£60,000.00	04.03.2020	19700 19700 9850 9850	£59,100.00	£0.00	n/a	£8,865.00	£50,235.00		Suggestions from Pelsall Friends about more signs/ and park furniture	
15/0612/FL	Brico, Stubbers Green Road, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8BJ	Demolition of former accident and repair facility and erection of 10 two bedroom apartments.	03.02.2016	02.02.2016	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	£23,060.00	£23,060.00	22.10.2018	£22,714.10	£22,714.10	£0.00	n/a	£3,407.12	£19,306.98		Proposed improvements to the Swag	
16/1675	145-147, LICHFIELD STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1SE	Proposed conversion of first, second and third floors to create 13 one bedroom apartments.	22.09.2017	22.09.2017	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the enhancement and or maintenance of open spaces in the locality.	£8,412.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£1,242.87	-£1,242.87		Arboretum access improvements	
09/1695/FL	FORMER BLOXWICH ENGINEERING LTD, BELL LANE, WALSALL	Proposed erection of 108 dwellings, garages and associated parking, construction of access roads, landscaping and associated works	10.03.2010	10.03.2010	16.08.2017	Education Contribution	For secondary school provision in accordance with policies GP5, 8.8 and SPD of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£210,000.00	£210,000.00	16.08.2012	£206,850.00	£206,850.00	£45,398.52	2019/20 & 2021/22	£161,451.48	£0.00		FY 2019/20 & 2021/22	Allocated to Special Schools - Elmwood, New Leaf, Jane Lane, Mary Elliot, Castle, Shepwell. All complete as at September 2021.
					10.07.2017	Health Care Contribution	For healthcare in accordance with policies GP3, 8.9 and SPD of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£64,800.00	£64,800.00	10.07.2012	£63,828.00	£63,828.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£63,828.00			
					16.08.2017	Public Art Contribution	In accordance with policy DW9 SPD Designing Walsall of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£19,800.00	£19,800.00	16.08.2012	£19,503.00	£19,503.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£19,503.00			
					16.08.2017	Urban Open Space Contribution	For open space provision within the vicinity of the wider area of the Development. In accordance with Policies GP3, LCI (g) and SPD Urban Open Space of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£115,400.00	£115,400.00	16.05.2012	£113,669.00	£113,669.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£113,669.00			
05/2039/FL/E4	BINARY HOUSE, BOATMANS LANE, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WS9 9AG	Erection of 24 Two Bedroom Apartments and ancillary works	08.02.2006	20.01.2006	n/a	Education Contribution	Towards facilitating secondary school education in accordance with Policies GP3 and 8.8 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£45,732.24	£45,732.24	20/02/2010	£45,046.26	£45,046.26	£45,046.26	2021/22	£0.00	£0.00		Financial Year 2021/22	New Leaf PRU - Project Complete September 2021.
06/0344/FL/E3	2, COPPICE ROAD, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WS9 9BJ	Erection of 15 no. 2 bedroom apartments.	22.06.2006	16.06.2006	n/a	Education Contribution	Towards the provision of education.	£28,582.65	£28,582.65	16.06.2006	£28,582.65	£28,582.65	£28,582.65	2021/22	£0.00	£0.00		Financial Year 2021/22	New Leaf PRU - Project Complete September 2021.
06/0641/FL/E9	THE STAG, FIELD ROAD, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	Proposed erection of 9 houses and 7 self-contained flats	10.10.2006		n/a	Education Contribution	Towards the provision of secondary school places within a 3 mile radius of the site.	£3,625.00	£3,625.00	28.11.2006	£3,625.00	£3,625.00	£3,625.00	2021/22	£0.00	£0.00		Financial Year 2021/22	New Leaf PRU - Project Complete September 2021.
					n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the urban open space within the Bloxwich area.	£2,603.00	£2,603.00	28.11.2006	£2,603.00	£2,603.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£2,603.00			
18/1267	Beacon Dairy Farm, Doe Bank Lane.	Demolition of existing farm, commercial and farmhouse buildings and the erection of 14 dwelling houses.	11.06.2019	04.11.2019	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Improvement of the play area and playing fields at Doe Bank Park, Doe Bank Lane	£42,548.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00			

16/1048	FORMER CENTRAL PATTERNMAKING COMPANY LIMITED, 44, STRINGES LANE, WILLENHALL, WV13 1LU	Change of use of light industrial unit (B1) to 12 Flats (C3) and associated parking and amenity space.	20.06.2017	20.06.2017	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Upgrading, enhancing and or maintenance of Urban Open Space located at Willenhall Memorial Park, Pinson Road, Willenhall	£8,316.00	£8,316.00	£8,191.26	£8,191.26	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£8,191.26	Discussions with Friends group at Willenhall Park about priorities for watering improvements and storage.	
19/0382	Land adjacent, 24 Woodwards Road, Walsall	13no. dwellings with associated access road, parking and gardens.	01.10.2021	21.07.2021	10 years from date of payment of the last contribution	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the Open Space Contribution for provision of open space within the wider vicinity of the Site, the nearest Urban Open Spaces being the playground to the west of Alumwell Business and Enterprise College (Primley Avenue), which is 496 metres away, Pleck Park, which is 620 metres away and sports ground off Broadway West, which is 670 metres away from the Site, in accordance with the Council's Urban Open Space Supplementary Planning Document and the National Planning Policy Framework as first published on 27 March 2012 and updated on 24 July 2018 and 19 February 2019.	£33,956.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
19/0768	The Armstrong Building, C/o The Green and Booth Street, DARLASTON, WS10 8BP	Demolition of existing building and erection of 24 new affordable residential units, access, landscaping and associated works.	18.03.2020	18.03.21	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for improvements to and maintenance of Owen Park	£31,185.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
15/0759/FL	ROAPP HALL, DORSETT ROAD TERRACE, DARLASTON, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8TP	Construction of 6 no two bedroom flats and 5 no. one bedroom flats in a three storey building with associated parking, bin store and cycle store.	13.12.2016	09.12.2016	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	For the provision enhancement or maintenance of Urban Open Space.	£11,781.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
15/0165/FL	UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON, WALSALL CAMPUS, GORWAY ROAD, WALSALL, WS1 3BD	Construction of new access off The Broadway together with new car park and associated landscaping, plus closure of access from Magdalene Road.	25.01.2016	12.01.2016	n/a	Sports Facilities Contribution	Towards upgrading of existing sports facilities in the District of Walsall	£120,000.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
15/0105/FL	PLECK WORKING MEN CLUB, 502 PLECK ROAD, WALSALL, WS2 9HE	Demolition of existing Working Men Club and construction of no. 11 residential units.	08.03.2016	07.03.2016	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	£14,366.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
14/1754/FL	FORMER MILLFIELDS NURSERY SCHOOL SITE, STONEY LANE/LICHFIELD ROAD, BLOXWICH, WS3 3LU	Erection of 14 x 2 bedroom flats.	08.06.2018	08.06.2018	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution towards the delivery and/or maintenance of a play area located on Livingstone Road and/or towards the proactive tree management replacement programme, as more particularly outlined within the Council's adopted Urban Forestry Strategy dated 2016 to 2025 (and as may be amended from time to time). The tree planting shall be delivered in one or a combination of any of the following locations: a. Livingstone Road; b. Lichfield road; c. Wolverhampton Road; d. King George V Park	£19,180.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
					n/a	Tree Planting Contribution	To utilise the Off-site Tree Planting Contribution for the planting and/or replacement of up to 8 trees on the Wolverhampton Road.	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
14/0793/FL	FORMER ROYAL NAVAL CLUB, 120 ELMORE GREEN ROAD, WALSALL, WS3 2HS	Demolition of former Royal Naval Club; erection of 10 no. flats with associated works (resubmission of application 10/1008/FL)	19.11.2015	26.10.2015	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	£13,700.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
13/1490/FL	SITE OF FORMER MARY ELLIOTT SCHOOL AND BREWER STREET CENTRE, BREWER STREET, WALSALL, WS2	Erection of 62 Dwellings	11.06.2014	09.06.2014	5 years from date of payment	Subway Lighting Contribution	For the provision of improved lighting at the subway in the vicinity of the Development.	£30,776.70	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
						Urban Open Space Contribution	For the improvement of urban open space in the vicinity of the Development.	£102,065.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
13/0440/FL	LAND SOUTH OF WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WALSALL, WS2 8LN	Hybrid Application - Full Planning Application for Multi-Screen Cinema (Use Class D2) at first and second floor with Retail, Restaurants and Cafes, Drinking Establishments (Use Classes A1/A3/A4) at ground floor level and two separate units for Restaurants and Cafes and Drinking Establishments (Use Class A3/A4), car parking, external seating area, landscape works, additional temporary surface car parking.	21.06.2013		n/a	Canal Contribution	To be used as a contribution towards the cost of Canal Bridge Works and public realm Towing Path Works at the Canal to enhance pedestrian connection between residential sites in Charles Street and the Site and for no other purpose.	£75,000.00	£75,000.00	12.11.2015		£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
						Highways Contribution	Towards feasibility assessment and traffic and pedestrian monitoring.	£75,000.00	£75,000.00	23.04.2015	£73,875.00	£73,875.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£73,875.00	There is a long-standing ambition to improve the signal-controlled pedestrian crossing (Crown Wharf to Gallery Square) to make it more people-friendly (remove traffic signals completely, remove high kerbing and guard railing; use of higher-quality surfacing/materials?). All lines and signs to be reviewed and updated. Planters and cycle parking to be deployed. Status: - No design work yet undertaken; limited staff resources available for design development. To be progress in 2022/23
12/1598/FL	FORMER BARLEY MOW PUBLIC HOUSE, GOSCOTE LANE, WALSALL	Proposed erection of 14 no 3 bedroom houses and associated works.	18.07.2013	12.07.2013	7 years of receipt of payment	Urban Open Space Contribution	Not to use the Open Space Contribution otherwise than for the purposes of providing servicing and maintaining public open space within the vicinity of the Development.	£28,770.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		

12/0036/OL	Goscote Lane Regeneration Corridor incorporating sites in Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road, Tenynson Road, Chaucer Road, Wordsworth Road, Dryden Road, Harden Road and Well Lane.	Outline permission for residential development on sites A, D and J (access only to be considered) as follows: Site A - Approximately 243 dwellings (including 56 affordable units) Site D - Approximately 134 dwellings (including 121 affordable units) Site J - Approximately 25 dwellings (all affordable) All sites incorporating means of access (not reserved), car parking, landscaping, infrastructure and servicing.	13.08.2014	13.08.2014	n/a	Highways Contribution	For the purposes of implementing road safety measures along Harden Road, between its junction with Blowick Road to its junction with Coal Pool Lane, which may include build-outs; signing and lining improvements; and junction improvements at Harden Road/Broadstone Avenue.	£139,000.00	£136,915.00	20.10.2014	£136,915.00	£136,915.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£136,915.00	2021/22	A local safety scheme has now been installed on Harden Road, including double mini-roundabout at Broadstone Avenue
11/1584/FL	UNIT 13, CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WALSALL, WS2 8LL	Creation of 460sqm of additional retail floorspace (Class A1) at mezzanine level.	20.07.2012	27.06.2012	n/a	Highways Contribution	Improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing on Town End Street in the vicinity of the Land which shall comprise adjustments to the existing guard railing, signing and tactile paving and/or such other improvements to the said pedestrian crossing as the Council shall in its discretion decide upon.	£15,000.00	£15,000.00		£14,775.00	£14,775.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£14,775.00		There is a long-standing ambition to improve the signal-controlled pedestrian crossing (Crown Wharf to Gallery Square) to make it more people-friendly (remove traffic signals completely, remove high kerbing and guard railing; use of higher-quality surfacing/materials?). All lines and signs to be reviewed and updated. Planters and cycle parking to be deployed. Status: - No design work yet undertaken; limited staff resources available for design development. To be progress in 2022/23
11/1576/FL	The Limes, Linley Road, Walsall, WS4 1HL	Demolition of existing building and erection of 13 dwellings.	22.03.2012	02.07.2012	01.09.2018	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the Open Space Contribution for provision of open space within the wider vicinity of the Site in accordance with the Council's Urban Open Space Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Policy Guidance 17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and recreation.	£41,760.00	£41,760.00	01.08.2013	£41,187.89	£41,187.89	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£41,187.89		
11/1537/FL	LAND AT CARL STREET, WALSALL, WS2 7BE	Erection of 18 flats and 12 houses with associated parking, landscaping, access and associated works.	08.10.2012	21.09.2012	5 years and 1 month from the date of payment	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the contributions payable under Schedule 2 only towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the wider area of the Site in accordance with Policy DELL of the Black Country Joint Core Strategy and policies GP3 and LC1 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£44,864.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
11/1197/FL	Former Sanstone House Care Home, Sanstone Road, Blowich, WS3 3S3	Demolition of care home and erection of 14 detached houses with garages.	09.01.2012	09.02.2012	29.03.2017	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the Open Space Contribution for provision of open space within the wider vicinity of the Site in accordance with the Council's Urban Open Space Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Policy Guidance 17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation.	£45,210.00	£45,210.00	29.02.2012	£44,531.85	£44,531.85	£0.00	n/a	£44,531.85	£0.00		The funding has been attributed to King George Vth Playing Fields (80 to 90%) and the delivery of the 5 year improvement masterplan. Some spend has begun and we are due out to tender in the near future on the 1st phase priority plan based on customer and
19/0945	SITE OF FORMER HARVESTIME BAKERY, RALEIGH STREET, WALSALL	Proposed residential development of 88 residential units comprising 18 x 1 bed flats, 25 x 2 bedroom houses, 41 x 3 bedroom houses, 4 x 4 bedroom houses with associated access, landscaping and 144 car parking spaces	02.06.2020	20/11/2020	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Initial Open Space Contribution and the Clawback Open Space Contribution towards the upgrade and maintenance of the urban open space in the locality which shall include Sydenham playing fields and which may also include highway mitigation measures on Raleigh Street and or Jessel Road	£50,000	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
								£85,171.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
20/0004	BEECHDALE COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION, CHILTON HOUSE, STEPHENSON AVENUE, WALSALL, WS2 7EU	The proposal consists of the demolition of the vacant Former Beechdale Community Housing Association building and the erection of 12 affordable homes with associated parking and rear gardens	30/11/2020	25/11/2020	7 Years from date of payment	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Open Space Contribution which is payable pursuant to the obligations contained in this Deed for improvements to and maintenance of Beechdale Fishing Pool Beechdale Walsall West Midlands	£16,824.00	£16,824.00	04/01/2021	£16,572.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
20/0254	Land off Darlaston Road Between Canal and, Bentley Mill Way, Bentley, WS2 9SC	Construction of commercial building (use classes B2 and B8 with ancillary offices), associated highways works to Darlaston Road, provision of parking, access and circulation areas within site, provision of flood compensation area and all other associated works.	12/10/2020	12/04/2020	n/a	Canal Contribution	For works outside of the Property to improve pedestrian links along the Walsall Canal.	£5,000.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
19/0768	The Armstrong Building, C/o The Green and Booth Street, DARLASTON, WS10 8JP	Demolition of existing building and erection of 24 new affordable residential units, access, landscaping and associated works.	18/03/2020	18/03/2020	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for improvements to and maintenance of Owen Park	£31,185.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	£0.00	£0.00		
TOTALS								TOTAL RECEIVED	£4,462,039.35			TOTAL ALLOCATED	£690,337.25	TOTAL SPENT	£1,143,846.78	£2,533,703.66		

Appendix 2 - New Obligations 2020-2021

Infrastructure Funding Reporting Period	Agreement Start Date	Application Number	Site Address	Re-payment Date	Contribution Amount	Obligations (Conditions / Clauses)	Trigger	Service Lead / Other Lead	Service Area Contribution Received (£)	Date Contribution Received	Service Area Update Status of Project	Service Area Spend to Date (£)	Service Area Committed (allocated) (£)	Service Area Balance Remaining (£)
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2020	20/11/2020	19/0945	SITE OF FORMER HARVESTIME BAKERY, RALEIGH STREET	n/a	n/a	Landscape Management Company	Prior to commencement of implementation works.	n/a	n/a					
				n/a	£50,000.00	To utilise the Initial Open Space Contribution towards the upgrade and maintenance of the urban open space in the locality which shall include Sydenham playing fields and which may also include highway mitigation measures on Raleigh Street and or Jessel Road	Prior to the carrying out of any Implementation Works to pay to the Council the Initial Open Space Contribution	Clean and Green	£0					
				n/a	£85,171	Clawback Open Space Contribution - Towards upgrade and maintenance of open space in the locality including Sydenham playing fields, and may include highway mitigation measures on Raleigh Street and or Jessel Road.	Viability review not before 50% dwellings constructed and before 55% dwellings construction. Any payable open space contribution payable prior to 61% dwellings construction.	Clean and Green	£0					
				n/a	n/a	25% affordable housing units on-site (22 dwellings) to be provided as 18 x social rent and 4 as shared ownership.	Location to be agreed prior to implementation works. Social rent dwellings fully occupied prior to 50% of open market occupancies. Shared ownership dwellings fully occupied prior to 75% of open market occupancies.	Strategic Housing	n/a					
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2020	10/11/2020	18/1233	SITE OF FORMER MOXLEY TIP, MOXLEY ROAD, DARLASTON	n/a	n/a	To secure a Travel Plan co-ordinator and full Travel Plan.	Travel Plan implementation and co-ordinator to be appointed prior to first occupation.	Local Highway Authority	n/a					
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2020	20/11/2020	19/0353 & 18/1601	Calderfields Hotel Golf and Country Club, Aldridge Road, Walsall, Ws4 2js	n/a	n/a	Deed of variation to tie in new planning permissions.	n/a	n/a	n/a					
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2020	16/11/2020	17/1656	Former Cerro EMS Ltd, Goscote Lane, Bloxwich, WALSALL, WS3 1SJ	n/a	n/a	25% affordable housing units on-site (66 dwellings) to be provided as 16 x social rent and 50 as shared ownership or discounted sale (nor more than 34 dwellings as discounted sale).	33% of the affordable dwellings to be disposed of prior to 25% occupation of open market dwellings. 66% affordable dwellings disposed of prior to 50% occupation of open market dwellings. 100% affordable dwellings disposed of prior to 85% occupation of open market dwellings.	Strategic Housing	n/a					
				n/a	n/a	To secure a Travel Plan co-ordinator and full Travel Plan.	Travel Plan implementation and co-ordinator to be appointed prior to first occupation.	Local Highway Authority	n/a					
				n/a	n/a	Landscape Management Company	Prior to commencement of implementation works.	n/a	n/a					
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2020	25/11/2020	20/0004	CHILTON HOUSE, STEPHENSON AVENUE, WALSALL, WS2 7EU	04/02/2028	£16,824.00	Towards improvements and maintenance of Beechdale Fishing Pool	Prior to commencement of implementation works.	Clean and Green	£16,572.00	04/01/2021	None at present.			£16,572.00
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2020	04/12/2020	20/0254	Land off Darlaston Road Between Canal and, Bentley Mill Way, Bentley, WS2 9SG	n/a	£5,000	Towards pedestrian links along Walsall Canal	Prior to commencement of implementation works.	Canal and River Trust	£0					
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2020	21/12/2020	20/0412	ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY, MANOR HOSPITAL, MOAT ROAD, WALSALL, WS2 9PS	n/a	n/a	To secure a full Travel Plan	Prior to first occupation of the development.	Local Highway Authority	n/a					
Q4 (Jan - Mar) 20/21	12/01/2021	20/0686	THE ARMSTRONG BUILDING, THE GREEN AND BOOTH STREET, DARLASTON, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8JP	n/a	n/a	Deed of Variation to S106 attached to 19/0768 to amend the tenure of all 6 affordable units (25%) to affordable rent	n/a	Strategic Housing	n/a					
Q4 (Jan - Mar) 20/21	08/02/2021	19/1206	Land at Queslett Road East, Streetly	Within 7 years and 1 month of payment	£100,000	Towards improvements and maintenance of open space at Goodwood Drive, Streetly.	Prior to 26th occupation	Clean and Green	£0					
Q4 (Jan - Mar) 20/22	18/03/2020	19/0768	The Armstrong Building, C/o The Green and Booth Street, DARLASTON, WS10 8JP	n/a	n/a	25% affordable housing units on-site (6 of 24) to provide a mix of 2 and 3 bedroom dwellings and of which 2 shall be Shared Ownership Units and 4 Dwellings shall be Social Rented Units.	Various triggers see Deed of Variation attached to planning permission 20/0686	Strategic Housing	n/a					
				n/a	£31,185.00	Urban Open Space Contribution	Prior to commencement of implementation works.	Clean and Green	£0					
TOTALS					£288,180.00				£16,572.00					£16,572.00

Appendix 3 Update on Specific Projects

Committee Reporting Period	Application Number	Site Address	Repayment Date	Contribution	Council Obligations (Conditions / Clauses)	Service Area for Spend of Contribution	Service Area Contribution Received (£)	Service Area Update Status of Project	Service Area Spend to Date (£)	Service Area Committed (allocated) (£)	Service Area Balance Remaining (£)
9th November 2021	19/1514	LAND BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD, SLATER STREET, DARLSTON	10 years from date of payment of the last contribution	Affordable Housing Contribution	To utilise the Affordable Housing contribution for the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£279,248.00	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	279,248.00
9th November 2021	18/0072	Land at Heathfield Lane West, Darlston, Wednesbury, West Midlands	n/a	Affordable Housing Contribution	To utilise the Affordable Housing contribution in the locality.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£95,205.51	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	95,205.51
9th November 2021	17/1447	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL	24.02.2025	Affordable Housing Contribution	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in Walsall.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£11,890.00	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	11,890.00
9th November 2021	17/0195	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL	27.06.2022	Affordable Housing Contribution	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£216,700.00	This funding was ringfenced for the purchase of 2 long term empty homes secured through Compulsory Purchase Order. These 2 homes are now part of the Council's temporary accommodation stock for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	216,700.00
9th November 2021	16/1669	RUSHALL MEWS, NEW STREET, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JQ	n/a	Affordable Housing Contribution	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£224,087.50	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	224,087.50
9th November 2021	15/1268	41 LEIGHSWOOD ROAD, WALSALL, WS9 8AL	27.11.2024	Affordable Housing Contribution	To utilise the Affordable Housing Contribution for the provision of Affordable Housing in the locality	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£146,075.12	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	146,075.12
9th November 2021	12/1486/FL	FORMER ST. MARGARETS HOSPITAL, QUESLETT ROAD, WALSALL, B43 7EZ	n/a	Affordable Housing Contribution	To provide affordable housing units (as defined in the principal deed (as amended)) on that part of the Site shown edged in red on Plan A.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£196,507.50	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	196,507.50
9th November 2021	11/0516/FL	45 Victoria Avenue and Land to Rear of 39-51 Victoria Avenue; 39-47 and 66 Drake Road; and 125-139 Field Road, Bloxwich, WS3 2XU	n/a	Affordable Housing Contribution	To use the Affordable Housing Contribution only towards the provision of affordable housing within the Council's administrative area.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£246,250.00	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	246,250.00
9th November 2021	10/1593/FL	LAND OFF WATERMEAD GRANGE/SILVER STREET, BROWN HILLS, WALSALL.	30.04.2019	Affordable Housing Contribution	To use the Contributions solely for the uses specified	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£58,293.56	This funding was ringfenced for the purchase of 2 long term empty homes secured through Compulsory Purchase Order. These 2 homes are now part of the Council's temporary accommodation stock for homeless households.	£0.00	£58,293.56	0.00
9th November 2021	05/1566/OL/W3	NEPTUNE PUBLIC HOUSE, BILSTON LANE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WV13 2LF	n/a	Affordable Housing Contribution	On-site affordable housing provision.	Housing Strategy and Partnerships - Housing Strategy	£64,025.00	Report is being submitted to 15 December 2021. Cabinet seeking approval for this commuted sum to be part of a ringfenced fund to purchase empty homes in Walsall that will then provide affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households.	£0.00	£0.00	64,025.00
Affordable Housing Contribution							£1,538,282.19		£0.00	£58,293.56	1,479,988.63
9th November 2021	13/0440/FL	LAND SOUTH OF WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WALSALL, WS2 8LR	n/a	Canal Contribution	To be used as a contribution towards the cost of Canal Bridge Works and public realm Towing Path Works at the Canal to enhance pedestrian connection between residential sites in Charles Street and the Site and for no other purpose.		£73,875.00				73,875.00

Canal Contribution											£73,875.00	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	73,875.00
9th November 2021	10/1593/F L	LAND OFF WATERMEAD GRANGE/SILVER STREET,BROWNHILLS,WALSALL.	29.12.2018	Education Contribution	To be used towards the provision of secondary education facilities within a 3 mile radius of the site and shall be provided in accordance with Policies GP3 and 8.8 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan (2005) and Supplementary Planning Document such sum to be increased by the amount (if any) equal to the rise in Index.	Education - School Organisation & Place Planning	£97,576.00	Elmwood Special School - Project Complete	£97,576.00		0.00				
9th November 2021	09/1695/F L	FORMER BLOXWICH ENGINEERING LTD,BELL LANE,WALSALL	16.10.2017	Education Contribution	For secondary school provision in accordance with policies GP3, 8.8 and SPD of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan	Education - School Organisation & Place Planning	£206,850.00	Allocated to Special Schools - Elmwood, New Leaf, Jane Lane, Mary Elliot, Castle, Shepwell. All complete as at September 2021.	£161,451.48	£45,398.52	0.00				
9th November 2021	07/2731/F L/E11	LAND TO THE REAR OF 201-217 LICHFIELD ROAD,RUSHALL,WALSALL, WS4 1EA	17.12.2025	Education Contribution	Towards the provision of secondary school places within the area in accordance with The Walsall Unitary Development Plan 2005	Education - School Organisation & Place Planning	£44,901.41	New Leaf PRU - Project Complete September 2021.		£44,901.41	0.00				
9th November 2021	06/2209/OL/E9	c, LICHFIELD ROAD,BROWNHILLS,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	n/a	Education Contribution	towards the provision of primary education facilities within 2 miles radius and secondary education facilities within 3 miles radius of the site shall be provided	Education - School Organisation & Place Planning	£108,350.00	Oakwood Special School Expansion - Project Completed September 2021.		£108,350.00	0.00				
9th November 2021	06/0641/F L/E9	THE STAG, FIELD ROAD,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	n/a	Education Contribution	Towards the provision of secondary school places within a 3 mile radius of the site.	Education - School Organisation & Place Planning	£3,625.00	New Leaf PRU - Project Complete September 2021.		£3,625.00	0.00				
9th November 2021	06/0344/F L/E3	2,COPPICE ROAD,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WS9 9BL	n/a	Education Contribution	Towards the provision of education.	Education - School Organisation & Place Planning	£28,582.65	New Leaf PRU - Project Complete September 2021.		£28,582.65	0.00				
9th November 2021	05/2039/F L/E4	BINARY HOUSE, BOATMANS LANE, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WS9 9AG	n/a	Education Contribution	Towards facilitating secondary school education in accordance with Policies GP3 and 8.8 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	Education - School Organisation & Place Planning	£45,046.26	New Leaf PRU - Project Complete September 2021.		£45,046.26	0.00				
Education Contribution							£534,931.32	0.00	£259,027.48	£275,903.84	0.00				
9th November 2021	10/1593/F L	LAND OFF WATERMEAD GRANGE/SILVER STREET,BROWNHILLS,WALSALL	02.10.2019	Health Care Contribution	To be used towards the provision of accessible healthcare facilities to serve the development in accordance with saved policies GP3 and 8.9 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document: Healthcare.		£50,482.67				50,482.67				
9th November 2021	09/1695/F L	FORMER BLOXWICH ENGINEERING LTD,BELL LANE,WALSALL	10.07.2017	Health Care Contribution	For healthcare in accordance with policies GP3, 8.9 and SPD of the Walsall Development Plan.		£63,828.00				63,828.00				
9th November 2021	06/2209/OL/E9	c, LICHFIELD ROAD,BROWNHILLS,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	n/a	Health Care Contribution	Towards healthcare facilities shall be contribution towards healthcare facilities shall be provided in accordance with Supplementary provided in accordance with Supplementary Planning Document: Healthcare (Jan 2007)		£27,580.00				27,580.00				
Health Care Contribution							£141,890.67	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	141,890.67				
9th November 2021	15/1268	41 LEIGHSWOOD ROAD,WALSALL, WS9 8AL	27.11.2024	Highways Contribution	To utilise the Highways Contribution for the installation of a Puffin crossing on Leighswood Road at a point to be agreed with the Highway Authority	Highways and Transportation	£60,507.47	The Leighswood Road puffin crossing was installed by the UTC as part of the care home development works			60,507.47				
9th November 2021	13/0440/FL	LAND SOUTH OF WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,WALSALL, WS2 8LR	n/a	Highways Contribution	Towards feasibility assessment and traffic and pedestrian monitoring.	Highways and Transportation	£73,875.00	There is a long-standing ambition to improve the signal-controlled pedestrian crossing (Crown Wharf to Gallery Square) to make it more people-friendly (remove traffic signals completely, remove high kerbing and guard railing; use of higher-quality surfacing/materials). All lines and signs to be reviewed and updated. Planters and cycle parking to be deployed. Status: - No design work yet undertaken; limited staff resources available for design development. To be progressed in 2021/22.			73,875.00				
9th November 2021	12/0036/OL	Goscote Lane Regeneration Corridor incorporating sites in Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road, Tennyson Road, Chaucer Road, Wordsworth Road, Dryden Road, Harden Road and Well Lane.	n/a	Highways Contribution	For the purposes of implementing road safety measures along Harden Road, between its junction with Bloxwich Road to its junction with Coal Pool Lane, which may include build-outs; signing and lining improvements; and junction improvements at Harden Road/Broadstone Avenue.	Highways and Transportation	£136,915.00	A local safety scheme has now been installed on Harden Road, including double mini-roundabout at Broadstone Avenue			136,915.00				

9th November 2021	11/1584/FL	UNIT 13,CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK,WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,WALSALL,WS2 8LL	n/a	Highways Contribution	improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing on Town End Street in the vicinity of the Land which shall comprise adjustments to the existing guard railing, signing and tactile paving and/or such other improvements to the said pedestrian crossing as the Council shall in its discretion decide upon.	Highways and Transportation	£14,775.00	There is a long-standing ambition to improve the signal-controlled pedestrian crossing (Crown Wharf to Gallery Square) to make it more people-friendly (remove traffic signals completely, remove high kerbing and guard railing; use of higher-quality surfacing/materials). All lines and signs to be reviewed and updated. Planters and cycle parking to be deployed. Status: - No design work yet undertaken; limited staff resources available for design development. To be progressed in 2022/23					14,775.00
Highways Contribution							£286,072.47	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	286,072.47	
9th November 2021	15/0165/FL	UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON,WALSALL CAMPUS,GORWAY ROAD,WALSALL,WS1 3BD	n/a	Sports Facilities Contribution	Towards upgrading of existing sports facilities in the District of Walsall								0.00
Sports Facilities Contribution							£0.00	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	
9th November 2021	06/2209/OL/E9	C,LICHFIELD ROAD,BROWNHILLS,WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	n/a	Nature Reserve Contribution			£4,925.00						4,925.00
Nature Reserve Contribution							£4,925.00	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	4,925.00	
9th November 2021	09/1695/FL	FORMER BLOXWICH ENGINEERING LTD,BELL LANE,WALSALL	16.08.2017	Public Art Contribution	In accordance with policy DW9 SPD Designing Walsall of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.		£19,503.00						19,503.00
Public Art Contribution							£19,503.00	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	19,503.00	
9th November 2021	13/1490/FL	SITE OF FORMER MARY ELLIOTT SCHOOL AND BREWER STREET CENTRE,BREWER STREET,WALSALL,WS2 8BA	5 years from date of payment	Subway Lighting Contribution	For the provision of improved lighting at the subway in the vicinity of the development.								0.00
Subway Lighting Contribution							£0.00	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	
9th November 2021	16/1669	RUSHALL MEWS, NEW STREET, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JQ	n/a	Tree Planting Contribution	Contribution towards the planting of new trees at Rushall Skate Park.		£11,820.00		£3,233.67				8,586.33
9th November 2021	14/1754/FL	FORMER MILLFIELDS NURSERY SCHOOL SITE, STONEY LANE/LICHFIELD ROAD, BLOXWICH, WS3 3LU	n/a	Tree Planting Contribution	To utilise the Off-site Tree Planting Contribution for the planting and/or replacement of up to 8 trees on the highway verge at Livingstone Road.								0.00
Tree Planting Contribution							£11,820.00	0.00	£3,233.67	£0.00	£0.00	8,586.33	
9th November 2021	19/1514	LAND BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD, SLATER STREET, DARLSTON	10 years from date of payment of the last contribution	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space contribution for the provision of maintenance or enhancement of Urban Open Space at: - Arthur Webb Allotments, Victoria Road, Darlaston, WS10 8AP - Victoria Park, Victoria Road, Darlaston, WS10 8AA	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team							0.00

9th November 2021	18/0072	Land at Heathfield Lane West, Darlaston, Wednesbury, West Midlands	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the following: 1. The provision of healthy walking / trim-trail around the perimeter, landscaping and enhancement works to Darlaston Recreation Centre, Hall Street 2. Enhancement of facilities including construction of the fishing platforms at Heathfield Land Fishing Pool 3. Public information boards directional signage to and from the following recreation areas: a. George Rose Park b. Darlaston Recreation Centre c. King Hill Park d. Victoria Park e. Walsall canal 4. Public access improvements hedgerow and tree planting alongside access routes and measures to combat anti-social behaviour at: a. George Rose Park b. Kings Hill Park c. Victoria Park	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£192,738.98	£28,910.85 (15%) top-sliced from contribution towards on-going maintenance of the scheme. £100K is being allocated to fund the ERDF Blue Network II Project (Proposed Wildflower meadow/ bio-diversity development, access and site habitat interpretation as part of BC Blue Green project match funded through ERDF). Proposed improvements to George Rose Park.	£128,910.85	63,828.13	
9th November 2021	17/1447	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL	12.04.2024	Urban Open Space Contribution	Contribution towards ongoing maintenance and improvement of open space 'Anchor Meadow'.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£944.62	Possible improvements to Aldridge airport access	£141.69	802.93	
9th November 2021	17/0195	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL	27.06.2022	Urban Open Space Contribution	Contribution towards upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the locality.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£61,519.16	Possible improvements to Aldridge airport access	£9,227.87	52,291.29	
9th November 2021	17/0155	STENCILS FARM, ALDRIDGE ROAD, WALSALL, WS4 2JW	30.11.2025	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for public access improvements and habitat management at Aldridge Airport and Hay Head Wood.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£33,957.00	Proposed improvements to airport access improvements	£17,712.00	16,245.00	
9th November 2021	16/1669	RUSHALL MEWS, NEW STREET, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JQ	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space contribution for the following: - Cartridge Lane Allotments (East Walsall Allotment Association) Rushall. Delivery of action plan as per findings of a condition survey - £15,000. - Radley Play Area, Bickley Road, Rushall. Contribution to play area improvements - £29,475. - Park Lime Pits, Park Road, Rushall. Footpath improvements - £29,475.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£72,840.75	Access improvements allotments, tree planting, footpath improvements	£59,199.39	13,641.36	
9th November 2021	12/0736/F L	FORMER ST JOHN'S SCHOOL & 11 LICHFIELD ROAD, WALSALL WOOD, WALSALL	10.06.2021	Urban Open Space Contribution	Not to use the Open Space Contribution otherwise than for the purposes of providing servicing and maintaining public open space within the vicinity of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£29,744.82	All funding committed to access improvements	£26,197.00	£3,548.00	-0.18
9th November 2021	11/1364/F L	WALSALL DEPOT, NORFOLK PLACE, BLOWICH ROAD, WALSALL	03.10.2017	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the Urban Open Space solely for the uses specified	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£185,278.50	Proposed development at Reedswood Park for Spaces to Ride match funding	£175,646.82	£0.00	9,631.68
9th November 2021	11/0516/F L	45 Victoria Avenue and Land to Rear of 39-51 Victoria Avenue; 39-47 and 56 Drake Road; and 125-139 Field Road, Bloxwich, WS3 2XU	16.05.2018	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the wider area of the Site	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£82,316.00	Final amount allocated to accessible play at KGS, or improved security.	£77,443.00	£4,863.00	10.00
9th November 2021	10/1706/F L	FORMER REDHOUSE SCHOOL (JMI), GORSEY WAY, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WS9 0EQ	13.10.2020	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the Compensatory Sports Pitch Provision Contribution ('the Contribution') in accordance with the policies specified in Schedule 2 in order to achieve any or all of the following: (a) the provision of new sports pitches; (b) the improvement of existing sports pitches; (c) the fullest use of existing sports pitches; within the vicinity of the Site.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£78,800.00	Awaiting suitable project for artificial pitch development	£11,854.16		66,945.84
9th November 2021	10/1593/F L	LAND OFF WATERMEAD GRANGE/SILVER STREET, BROWN HILLS, WALSALL	29.12.2013	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the vicinity of the wider area of the Development	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£103,119.00	Final amount contributed towards skate park improvements and parking improvements at Holland Park	£101,001.00	£2,118.00	0.00
9th November 2021	BC64477P	Land Adj, Brewers Drive, Walsall	TBC	Urban Open Space Contribution	Maintenance costs for open space transferred to the Council. Boundary of open space detailed on plan 1025/111 Rev C in relation to supplemental agreement dated 21/12/06.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£60,000.00	Contribution towards maintenance	£26,000.00		34,000.00
9th November 2021	19/0768	The Armstrong Building, C/o The Green and Booth Street, DARLASTON, WS10 8JP	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for improvements to and maintenance of Owen Park	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team					0.00
9th November 2021	19/0382	Land adjacent, 24 Woodwards Road, Walsall	10 years from date of payment of the last contribution	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards provision of open space within the wider vicinity of the Site, the nearest being the playground to the west of Alumwell Business and Enterprise College (Primley Avenue), Pleck Park and sports ground off Broadway West.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team					0.00

9th November 2021	18/1267	Beacon Dairy Farm, Doe Bank Lane.	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Improvement of the play area and playing fields at Doe Bank Park, Doe Bank Lane	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team					0.00
9th November 2021	16/1675	145-147, LICHFIELD STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1SE	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the enhancement and or maintenance of open spaces in the locality	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£8,285.82	Arboretum access improvements	£1,242.87		7,042.95
9th November 2021	16/1241	LAND TO THE WEST OF TEDDESLEY STREET, WALSALL, WS4 2AH	26.09.2022	Urban Open Space Contribution		Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£55,238.80	Improvements at Mill Lane LNR	£8,285.82		46,952.98
9th November 2021	16/1233	LAND AT DAW END SCHOOL, FLOYDS LANE, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JF	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Enhancement or maintenance of urban open space	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£106,261.81	Improvements to Sheffield Park accessible play	£64,562.48		41,699.33
9th November 2021	16/1048	FORMER CENTRAL PATTERMAKING COMPANY LIMITED, 44, STRINGES LANE, WILLENHALL, WV13 1LU	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Upgrading, enhancing and or maintenance of Urban Open Space located at Willenhall Memorial Park, Pinson Road, Willenhall	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£8,191.26	Discussions with Friends group at Willenhall Park about priorities for watering improvements and storage.			8,191.26
9th November 2021	15/1744	Land between Park Lane/Wood Street, WS10 9RS	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of the Park Lane/Cook Street Urban Open Space (Green Space Strategy site identification code 4013) which may include, but shall not be limited to: a. Pedestrian access improvements: i. Vehicle & motorcycle barriers ii. Hard-surfaced footpaths b. Boundary improvements: i. Tree planting schemes; ii. Hedge planting; iii. Screening c. Habitat creation -- wildflower meadows d. Mown areas for informal recreation e. Furniture - bins & benches f. Lighting - linking pathway between Cook Street & Park Lane g. Signage - interpretation, directional, Council information h. Notice boards for entrance points	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£60,751.85	Improvements to Bentley Green way and proposed improvements to POS at Park Street in discussion with ward Cllrs	£21,112.78		39,639.07
9th November 2021	15/1683	LAND AT WILKES AVENUE, BENTLEY, WALSALL	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Public Realm in the locality which may include, but shall not be limited to: - Poplar Avenue open space: (Green Space Strategy reference 4007) - Poplar Avenue ABC open space: (Green Space Strategy reference 4006) - Old Hall Pool: (Green Space Strategy reference 4005) - Wilkes Avenue open space: (Green Space Strategy reference 4001) - Bentley Recreation Ground: (Green Space Strategy reference 4002)	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£53,243.19	Improvements to Bentley Green way	£27,486.48		25,756.71
9th November 2021	15/1606	BULLS HEAD, 79, Park Road, BLOXWICH, WALSALL, Walsall, WS3 3SW	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of the King George V Playing Fields Urban Open Space which may include, but shall not be limited to: a. Horticultural planting schemes b. Car parking	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£9,446.15	Security improvements at King George 5th Park	£1,416.92		8,029.23
9th November 2021	15/0759/FL	ROAPP HALL, DORSETT ROAD TERRACE, DARLSTON, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8TP	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	For the provision enhancement or maintenance of Urban Open Space.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team					0.00
9th November 2021	15/0612/FL	Brico, Stubbers Green Road, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8BJ	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£22,714.10	Proposed improvements to the Swag	£3,407.12		19,306.98
9th November 2021	15/0238/FL	FORMER CLOTHIER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL, HARRY PERKS STREET, WALSALL	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To be used by the Council for the purposes of maintenance and improvements to urban open space within the vicinity of the Willenhall Area.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£72,356.13	Contributions towards Willenhall Park	£67,323.42		5,032.71
9th November 2021	15/0105/FL	PLECK WORKING MEN CLUB, 502 PLECK ROAD, WALSALL, WS2 9HE	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team					0.00
9th November 2021	14/1754/FL	FORMER MILLFIELDS NURSERY SCHOOL SITE, STONEY LANE, LICHFIELD ROAD, BLOXWICH, WS3 3LU	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution towards the delivery and/or maintenance of a play area located on Livingstone Road and/or towards the proactive tree management replacement programme, as more particularly outlined within the Council's adopted Urban Forestry Strategy dated 2016 to 2026 (and as may be amended from time to time). The tree planting shall be delivered in one or a combination of any of the following locations: a. Livingstone Road; b. Lichfield road; c. Wolverhampton Road; d. King George V Park	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team					0.00

9th November 2021	14/1554/F L	PELSALL LABOUR CLUB,CHURCH ROAD,WALSALL,WS3 4QW	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space In the vicinity of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£59,100.00	Suggestions from Pelsall Friends about more signs/ and park furniture	£8,865.00	50,235.00
9th November 2021	14/1345/F L	SITE OF FORMER COALPOOL CLINIC,ROSS ROAD,RYECROFT,WALSALL	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution		Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£8,096.70	Contribution to Swannies Remembrance memorial	£4,514.51	3,582.19
9th November 2021	14/0793/F L	FORMER ROYAL NAVAL CLUB,120 ELMORE GREEN ROAD,WALSALL,WS3 2HS	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team				0.00
9th November 2021	13/1529/F L	FORMER PARK TAVERN,43 BROADWAY NORTH,WALSALL,WS1 2QG	21.04.2022	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the locality of Walsall	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£29,000.37	Funding arboretum access improvements	£26,097.07	2,903.30
9th November 2021	13/1490/F L	SITE OF FORMER MARY ELLIOTT SCHOOL AND BREWER STREET CENTRE,BREWER FORMER JEBRON WORKS,BRIGHT STREET,WEDNESBURY,WS10 9HX	5 Years from date of payment	Urban Open Space Contribution	For the improvement of urban open space in the vicinity of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team				0.00
9th November 2021	13/1056/F L	FORMER BARLEY MOW PUBLIC HOUSE,GOSCOTE LANE,WALSALL	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	For the purposes of urban open space, in particular kings Hill Park50000	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£49,250.00	Kings Hill Park improvements and play improvements at Great bridge Road.	£48,218.38	1,031.62
9th November 2021	12/1598/FL	FORMER BARLEY MOW PUBLIC HOUSE,GOSCOTE LANE,WALSALL	7 years of receipt of payment	Urban Open Space Contribution	Not to use the Open Space Contribution otherwise than for the purposes of providing servicing and maintaining public open space within the vicinity of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team				0.00
9th November 2021	11/1576/FL	The Limes,Linley Road,Walsall,WS4 1HL	01.09.2018	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the Open Space Contribution for provision of open space within the wider vicinity of the Site	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£41,187.89			41,187.89
9th November 2021	11/1537/F L	LAND AT CARL STREET,WALSALL,WS2 7BE	5 years and 1 month from date of payment	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the contributions payable under Schedule 2 only towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the wider area of the Site	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team				0.00
9th November 2021	11/1197/FL	Former Sanstone House Care Home,Sanstone Road,Bloxwich,WS3 3SJ	29.03.2017	Urban Open Space Contribution	To use the Open Space Contribution for provision of open space within the wider vicinity of the Site	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£44,531.85	The funding has been attributed to King George Vth Playing Fields (80 to 90%) and the delivery of the 5 year improvement masterplan. Some spend has begun and we are due out to tender in the near future on the 1st phase priority plan based on customer and	£44,531.85	0.00
9th November 2021	09/1695/F L	FORMER BLOXWICH ENGINEERING LTD,BELL LANE,WALSALL	16.08.2017	Urban Open Space Contribution	for open space provision within the vicinity of the wider area of the Development.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£113,669.00			113,669.00
9th November 2021	09/0215/F L	LAND CORNER OF LEVE LANE/JOHN STREET,WILLENHALL,WALSALL	27.06.2024	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of public open space within the wider area of the Site	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£16,382.52	Willenhall Park improvements	£9,321.38	7,061.14
9th November 2021	07/2731/F L/E11	LAND TO THE REAR OF 201-217 LICHFIELD ROAD,RUSHALL,WALSALL,WS4 1EA	17.12.2025	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of secondary school places within the area	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£56,558.70		£30,729.77	25,828.93
9th November 2021	06/2209/OL/E9	c,LICHFIELD ROAD,BROWNHILLS,WALSALL,WEST MIDLANDS	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards urban open space shall be provided	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£61,070.00	Access improvements Park Lime Pits		61,070.00
9th November 2021	06/0641/F L/E9	THE STAG,FIELD ROAD,WALSALL,WEST MIDLANDS	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the urban open space within the Bloxwich area.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£2,603.00			2,603.00
9th November 2021	04/0845/OL/W3	FORMER DERBY ARMS PH,RALEIGH STREET,WALSALL,WEST MIDLANDS.WS2 8DY	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the cost of the Council carrying out improvements to open space facilities in the wider area	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£2,000.00	Reedswood Park improvements	£1,160.19	839.81
9th November 2021	03/1853/F L/E6	THE WELCOME STRANGER P.H.,HAWBUSH ROAD,LEAMORE,WALSALL,WEST MIDLANDS,WS3 1AG	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of off site recreational facilities	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£3,549.01	Access barriers Goscote Valley	£3,135.35	413.66

9th November 2021	03/1308/F L/E4	LAND TO THE REAR OFF, 7 STACKHOUSE DRIVE, PELSALL, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WS3 4DX	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the provision of public open space	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£2,758.00		£698.70		2,059.30
9th November 2021	02/1983/F L/W3	CAR PARK, PROVIDENCE CLOSE/LEAMORE LANE, LEAMORE, WALSALL		Urban Open Space Contribution	provision of public open space facilities within the Site and to be used in improving public open space facilities in the wider area	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£1,462.35	Improvements to the story telling garden	£219.35		1,243.00
9th November 2021	02/1494/F L/E2	FORMER FIELD ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, FIELD ROAD, BLOXWICH, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	n/a	Urban Open Space Contribution	Towards the enhancement of off-site open space and for no other purpose.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£5,516.00	Bins at Wellington Heath Pool	£827.40		4,688.60
9th November 2021	15/1268	41 LEIGHWOOD ROAD, WALSALL, WS9 8AL	27.11.2024	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the locality which may include, but shall not be limited to: Leigh's Wood open space: (Green space Strategy reference 1001) - Play area refurbishment - Skate park refurbishment - Access improvements - Habitat management The Croft open space: (Green space Strategy reference 1003) - Play area refurbishment - Skate park refurbishment - Access improvements - Habitat management	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£58,137.60	Proposed access improvements security and play improvements at Leighswood Park	£18,618.51		39,519.09
Urban Open Space Contribution							£1,912,620.93		£896,198.28	£39,439.85	976,982.80
9th November 2021	BC64477P	Land Adj, Brewers Drive, Walsall	n/a	Leisure Contribution	Maintenance of open space at Windrush Close. Banked by Legal.	Clean, Green and Leisure - Healthy Spaces Team	£40,000.00	Contribution towards maintenance			40,000.00
Leisure Contribution							£40,000.00		£0.00	£0.00	£40,000.00

9 November 2021

Walsall Covid-19 Update

Ward(s): All

Portfolios: Cllr Craddock – Health & Wellbeing

1. Aim

To give an update on the current Covid-19 infection rates in Walsall and the vaccination uptake to date. In addition, inform the committee of details concerning the forthcoming Covid-19 booster.

2. Recommendations

That, subject to any comments Members may wish to make, the management response to Covid-19 and messages for residents to be fully vaccinated, be noted.

3. Report detail

There are a number of components in relation to the Covid-19 response in Walsall to date. This report will cover the following:

- KPI Barometer (5 key performance indicators + 2 acute indicators)
- Outbreaks
- Testing / access to
- Vaccinations
- Schools / care homes
- Hospital situation

The **barometer** offers an overview of the current situation based on five key performance indicators and their RAG ratings (the defined parameters agreed regionally).

Most KPIs are rated as **RED** due to the increase in positive cases recently, increasing trends, increase in positivity (the proportion of those tested who are positive) and the situation awareness (community transmission) of positive cases throughout the borough.

The two supplementary indicators offering an acute perspective in terms of inpatient numbers and critical beds occupied, both of which have seen a recent increase.

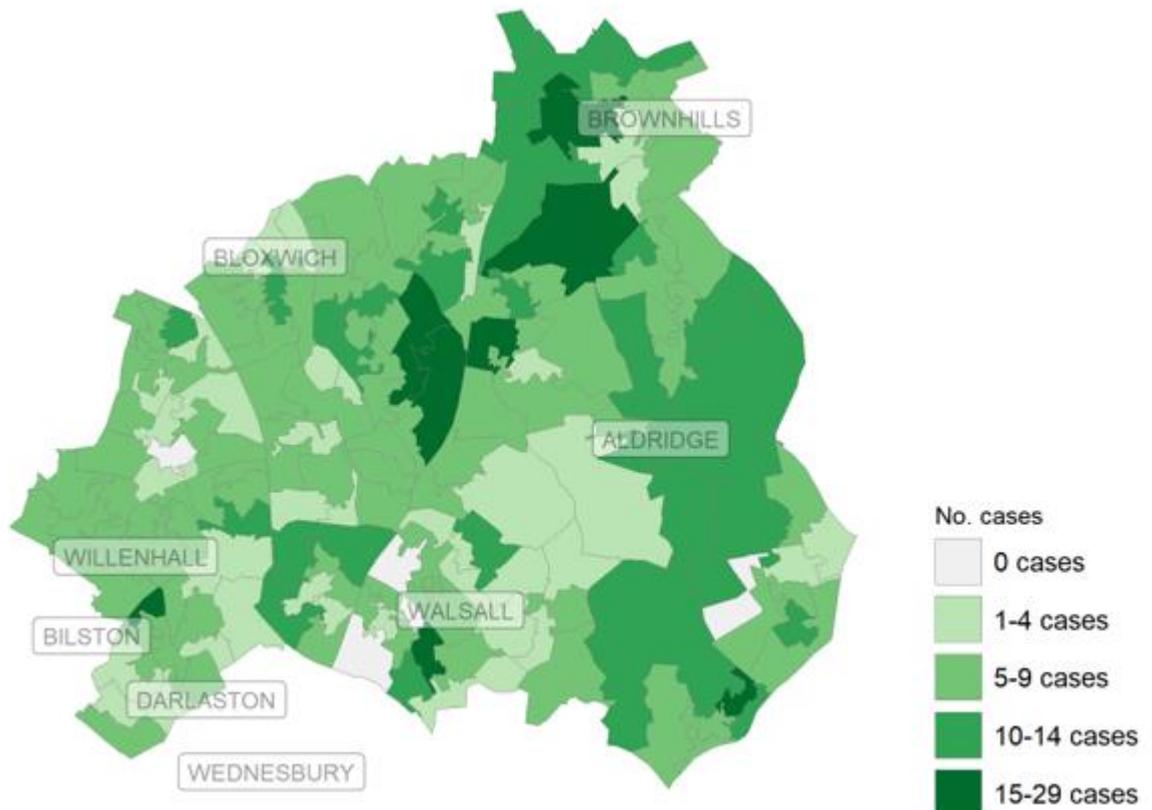
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6	Walsall Hospital NHS Trust Inpatients		45 confirmed COVID-19 inpatients	Daily Trust Sitrep (last refreshed on 25 Oct)																																										
7	HDU/ITU Occupancy		11 HDU/ITU beds being occupied due to COVID-19.	Daily Trust Sitrep (last refreshed on 25 Oct)																																										

The **outbreaks** / exposures currently occurring in Walsall continue to suggest a proportion of residential dwelling transmission which the local Test & Trace team act upon as soon as data is received.

Mapped positive case data is monitored regularly, with the latest LSOA level map demonstrating the impact across the borough (see below).

Very few LSOAs are unaffected, with pockets of higher cases across the borough – in particular Blakenall and Brownhills wards with between 15 – 29 cases.

Map of new COVID-19 cases from Pillars 1 and 2 testing by LSOA in Walsall (18th October to 24th October 2021)



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Source – PHE LA report

In relation to **testing** in Walsall, rates have reduced slightly, not faring as good compared to regionally and nationally.



However, there continues to be the message locally and nationally to test regularly, with various options available – home testing or an LFT test centre. Uptake has been generally good, in particular towards the north of the borough.

As part of the response / management of Covid-19, schools and care homes have been a particular focus. The Public Health On Call Cell has been operational since the summer 2020, 7 days a week, and has supported / advised / guided over 8,300 contacts, with the majority being from care homes and schools. Additional resource has been taken on to continue this dedicated service.

Contact details for this service – walsall.healthprotection@nhs.net (01922) 658065

Vaccination

Overall vaccination uptake/coverage is now being monitored at System and Place levels against the NHSE targets. According to the latest published NHS England figures, uptake figures at system level are contained in **Appendix 1** to the report. The most up to date figures can be found at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

The BCWB ICS has delivered 1,730,234 vaccines since December 2020 (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>), an enormous achievement which has meant that those most vulnerable were protected early from the serious effects of COVID-19. The BCWB CCG is working with Local Authority Public Health colleagues in each of the five places to ensure that we are reaching into communities, using local champions to support people with the right information upon which to make decisions around the vaccine and we have a large number of vaccination sites to ensure good access to the service. All this great work will continue.

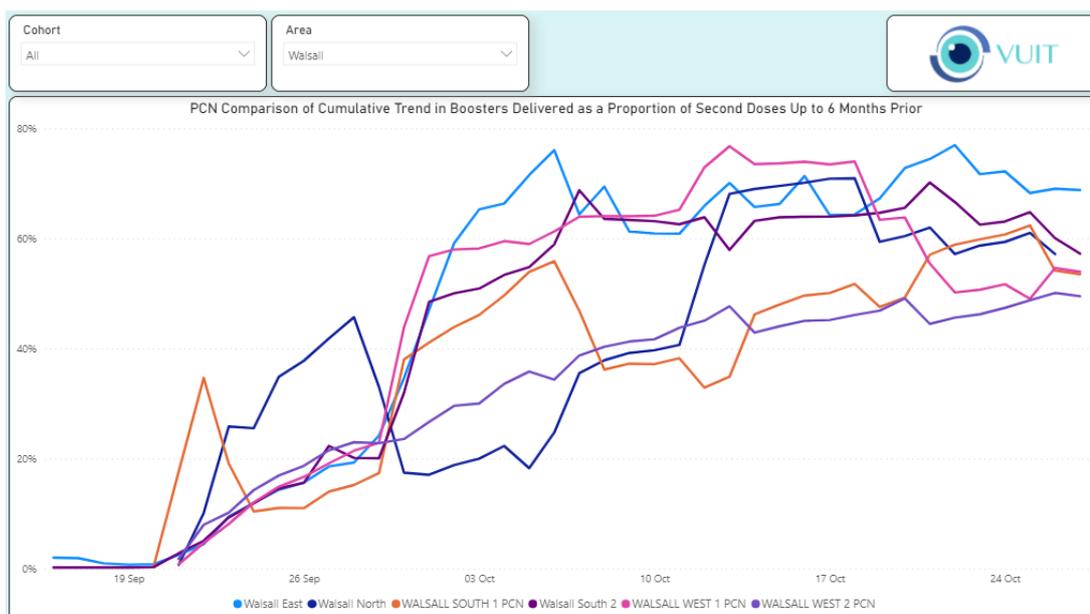
Our teams are contacting everyone eligible to urge anyone who has not yet had their vaccine to walk in or book at a local site.

In addition, following The Governments acceptance of the JCVI recommendations the NHS has started to vaccinate over 12s. There is a rollout programme being delivered in each school, with capacity at the Saddlers site for centralised delivery

Unfortunately, there has been some aggression towards staff at vaccination sites, particularly in relation to people wanting their second doses and boosters early. This is unacceptable behaviour towards our staff and volunteers and it will not be tolerated.

The NHS is urging expectant mums to get the Covid-19 vaccine after new data shows the overwhelming majority of pregnant women hospitalised with the virus have not had a jab. The BCWB ICS will soon be mirroring the Wolverhampton model with vaccination clinics on site in each maternity unit so that the vaccine can be offered during antenatal appointments to women and their families. The overarching message is to reassure pregnant women that Covid-19 vaccines are the safest and best way to protect them and their baby from severe illness and premature birth. Any pregnant women who have questions or concerns about the vaccine can speak to their GP, midwife or obstetrician to get more information and advice. Even if they have previously declined the vaccine, they can book an appointment to get their jab on the NHS National Booking Service website or call 119 between 7am and 11pm.

The booster programme has started for those who have received their 2nd dose at least 6 months ago. The booster programme is being delivered through the GP vaccination centres and take up in Walsall is matching the national trajectory



Monitoring current vaccination inequalities

We are now reporting regularly overall vaccination coverage and inequalities at Borough and Ward/Middle Layer Super Output (MSOA) resident population levels. The latter is important as it will allow tracking of the impact of CCs and practice interventions in small areas. We use small area (LSOA) Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores summarised into quintiles and deciles to report coverage by deprivation.

Uptake in the Black/Black British ethnic group and mixed / multiple ethnicity is still low in Short Heath, Streetly and Willenhall North. Similarly, uptake in the Other/Unknown ethnic groups is low in Birchills and Pelsall.

As noted in previous reports first and second dose coverage is highest in the White and Asian major ethnic groups, and much lower in other ethnic groups.

A variety of methods are being used in a bid to improve uptake. Including grassroots outreach within local communities by the CCs, the vaccine bus service targeting local pockets of low uptake, targeted advertising via social media and radio, direct messaging via schools and other education partners, Walsall FC players filmed, vox pops produced of people getting vaccinated, videos with health professionals, toolkit for workplaces, information and reassurance in multiple community languages, and frequent press releases and local media appearance.

Service detail

On the 18th June 2021, NHS England announced new targets for the programme because the rate of increase in coverage, particularly in younger age groups, has been slowing markedly. The new national coverage targets are as follows:

- 89% minimum uptake in cohorts 1-10
- 85% minimum uptake in cohorts 11 and 12
- 2nd doses for cohorts 1-10 to be completed at 8 weeks
- All cohorts must receive at least 3 invites to access the vaccine
- Each PCN as a minimum in each cohort 75%.

The task is more challenging for any Places which are not affluent and/or mainly White British. Motivating younger people to get vaccinated will be an added challenge as they frequently perceive themselves to be at low risk. To make vaccination as convenient as possible, the Saddlers Centre vaccination service has extended its opening hours to 8am-7pm, seven days a week, while vaccinations are also offered at selected local pharmacies, and GP-led sites including Forrester Street surgery and Oak Park Leisure Centre, both of which run frequent walk-in clinics.

In addition to existing Vaccination Centres (VCs), a wide range of interventions have been deployed, including targeted communications activity (see section 2.4 above), pop-up clinics, and two vaccination buses which will visit priority locations including areas with low uptake and high-footfall sites such as major employers.

COVID Community Champions (CCs) have mobilised to locally promote visits of the vaccination buses, accompany patients and act as marshals at the sites of visits. CC groups are also linking up with GP practices. They will be supporting the second bus in the same way as the first.

Finally, the impact of Covid-19 has / is having from an acute (**hospital**) perspective. The KPIs on inpatients and critical care bed occupancy have increased and although managing at present, with the pending flu season, careful planning will continue in line with the messaging to encourage residents to take up their offer of a flu vaccination as well as the Covid-19 booster.

As a Local Authority, collaborative joint working will continue to ensure the best possible outcomes for Walsall residents.

4. *Financial information*

Public Health has received funding of £9.558m in relation to the 'Contain Outbreak Management Fund', this funding is being used to support the Local Authority's direct response to COVID-19. It has supported the following to date:

- Walsall's vaccination programme including the vaccination bus initiative and operational costs for various sites across the borough
- Walsall's COVID testing programme including maintenance and operational costs for various sites across the borough
- Contract tracing, COVID administration and an extended Health Protection Team
- Support to maintain outbreaks with Adult Social Care and educational settings.

In addition to the above, further funding is from DHSC to support the Lateral Flow Testing regime across the borough. This funding is based on actual costs incurred and is reimbursed through monthly submissions. Forecast funding for April 2021 to September 2021 is £0.800m.

5. *Reducing Inequalities*

The impact on Walsall residents as well as staff Covid-19 has had continues, however there will come a time where it will diminish and the learning from this pandemic can be put into perspective. Some of this work, such as the recent resident survey and the enablement of remote working is already taking place.

In addition to responding to this pandemic, the organisation continues to work hard on reducing inequalities in Walsall be that through the refresh of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to identify focussed priorities; through other corporate strategies such as the Corporate Plan and through the transformation work. Refreshed chapters for our JSNA can be accessed [here](#) with further additions available soon.

6. *Decide*

Response to the pandemic continues with a Partnership approach. The pace of increased cases at present (locally within Walsall, but across the country as a whole) has led to a management approach as opposed to a containment approach. Those key organisations and Partners continue to meet as part of IMT to work collaboratively and will continue to do so at present.

There are also bi-weekly Outbreak Plan meetings involving a broad range of colleagues across the Local Authority and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust. These meetings have a core agenda and cover - Business insight, risks, schools, local businesses, care homes, regulatory services, local test and trace and communications.

Regular meetings across the region also assist with future decision-making.

7. Respond

High level COVID-19 messaging continues to be shared across a wide range of channels, including website, social media, and newsletters, as well as community networks across a range of partners and trusted voices in the Walsall community.

The Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB) (a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board) meets regularly to discuss core Covid-19 related matters and questions are encouraged from members of the public. The meetings can also be watched live through YouTube. The next one will be Tuesday 14th December 2021.

8. Review

Covid-19 is reviewed regularly through a vast number of avenues and throughout the hierarchy of the organisation.

Key general information is available on the Walsall Council website - [HERE](#) and a Covid-19 data dashboard, updated every Tuesday, is available [HERE](#).

Background papers

Key links to Covid-19 related intelligence include:

- [Walsall Council website](#)
- [Coronavirus.data.gov website](#)

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Appendix 1 – vaccination rates

ICS/STP of residence name	1st dose ^{5,6}													
	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
Total⁴	1,073,131	3,519,586	2,887,685	3,205,624	3,238,049	3,201,441	3,256,171	3,660,423	3,654,152	3,175,004	2,695,617	2,705,883	2,066,002	2,725,466
The Black Country and West Birmingham	20,209	75,381	62,388	72,044	75,529	74,589	76,030	85,438	79,857	68,313	57,963	54,559	43,779	60,623

ICS/STP of residence name	2nd dose ^{5,6,7}													
	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
Total⁴	121,694	2,931,720	2,523,773	2,878,704	2,986,917	3,017,327	3,116,825	3,546,847	3,552,103	3,097,720	2,655,916	2,677,598	2,046,753	2,691,480
The Black Country and West Birmingham	2,427	59,888	52,067	62,213	67,604	68,411	71,467	81,994	77,174	66,458	56,892	53,887	43,288	59,762

ICS/STP of residence name	% who have had at least 1 dose (using ONS denominators) ^{6,9}													
	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	
Total⁴	74.7%	76.6%	83.8%	86.6%	92.1%	89.5%	94.5%	97.1%	99.3%	96.8%	96.2%	100%*	95.4%	
The Black Country and West Birmingham	64.7%	63.6%	73.1%	80.1%	89.0%	87.2%	93.5%	93.7%	98.6%	96.8%	97.2%	96.7%	94.6%	

ICS/STP of residence name	% who have had both doses (using ONS denominators) ^{6,9}													
	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	
Total⁴	62.3%	66.9%	75.3%	79.9%	86.8%	85.7%	91.5%	94.4%	96.9%	95.4%	95.1%	100%*	94.3%	
The Black Country and West Birmingham	51.4%	53.1%	63.1%	71.7%	81.6%	82.0%	89.7%	90.6%	95.9%	95.0%	96.0%	95.6%	93.3%	

9 NOVEMBER 2021

Forecast Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2021/22 – 5 month position ended 31 August 2021

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: All - specifically in relation to services within the remit of this Committee -
Cllr M Bird – Leader of the Council
Cllr A Andrew – Regeneration (Customer - Money Home Job)
Cllr G Perry – Resilient Communities (Partnerships)
Cllr M Statham – Internal Services

1. Aim

1.1 To inform the Committee of the forecast financial position for 2021/22, to allow the scrutiny of the financial performance of the council and the services within the committee's remit.

2. Recommendations:

The Committee are requested to:

2.1 Note and comment on the forecast 2021/22 year-end financial position for the council as a whole – a predicted net revenue overspend of c£2.42m, and net capital break even position after re-phasing of £91.19m into 2022/23. Work is in hand to identify further actions to bring the revenue position in line with budget by the year end. Action continues to be taken to review revenue expenditure in light of pressures imposed by Covid-19. Any on-going pressures identified and not addressed in year will need to be considered as part of the 2022/23 budget process.

2.2 Note and comment on the forecast 2021/22 year-end financial position for services within the remit of this committee – a predicted net revenue underspend of (£0.75m) and net capital break even position after rephrasing of £7.35m into 2022/23, subject to ongoing review.

3. Report detail - Know

3.1 This report summarises the forecast revenue and capital financial position for 2021/22, based on the position to August 2021, both for the council as a whole, and for services within the remit of the Scrutiny Overview Committee, as reported to Cabinet on 20 October 2021. The full Cabinet report can be accessed by the following link:

[Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 - Cabinet 20 October 2021](#)

Council wide position

- 3.2 A number of significant risks and pressures have emerged during 2021/22 that has required action to be taken to limit the council's exposure, mainly within Adult Social Care and Children's Services. These are being managed via a combination of one-off actions (use of earmarked reserves, use of one-off grant, general efficiencies) and ongoing actions (review of existing budgets and realignments where feasible). After corrective action, there remains a predicted revenue variance above budget of c£2.42m, with the detail shown at **Appendix 1**. Work is in hand to identify further actions to bring the revenue position in line with budget by the year end.
- 3.3 The council continues to play an active role in the overall national response to Covid-19. As well as the initial costs of funding the council's response, the continuing impact of Covid-19 includes significant loss of income (active living centres, car parks, etc), a significant impact on the council's collection fund and delays to the delivery of some approved budget savings as the council has refocused its resources on its response to Covid-19. Specific grants provided are expected to be sufficient to cover forecasted pressures. Covid-19 funding requires careful management to ensure the council is not put under any financial strain, leading to uncertainty about future financial stability. The Cabinet report identifies the current position with regards identified funding, forecast cost pressures, and the impact on approved savings in year.
- 3.4 In relation to the capital programme, the forecast for 2021/22 is currently expected to be break even after re-phasing of £91.19m into 2022/23, as at August 2021, but will be assessed further for the next update to Cabinet on 15 December 2021. The Cabinet report includes a number of in year amendment to the approved capital programme, mainly as a result of confirmed external funding allocations, which are detailed at **Appendix 1**.

Position for services within the remit of this committee

- 3.5 The forecast revenue outturn 2021/22 for services within the remit of this committee as at the end of August 2021, is a net underspend of (£0.75m) against budget, net of the use of earmarked reserves. Further details are shown in **Appendix 2**.
- 3.6 The forecast capital outturn 2021/22 for services within the remit of this committee as at the end of August 2021, is expected to be break even after rephrasing of £7.35m into 2022/23. However, this is currently under review to assess the full quarter 2 position, and a further update will be provided in the next financial monitoring report to Cabinet and Scrutiny. Further details of schemes are shown in **Appendix 2**.

Resource and legal considerations:

- 3.7 This report represents the forecast revenue and capital outturn as reported to Cabinet on 20 October 2021.

Reducing inequalities:

3.8 Services consider equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures the council must fulfil its equal opportunities obligations.

4. Decide

4.1 This Committee is asked to note and comment on the forecast revenue and capital forecast for 2021/22 and consider the recommendations as set out.

5. Respond

5.1 This report is for noting and comment by the Committee as above.

6. Review

6.1 This report is for noting and comment by the Committee as above.

Background papers:

- Various financial working papers.
- Corporate Budget Plan 2021/22 to 2023/24, incorporating the Capital Strategy; and the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2021/22, as reported to Council on 25 February 2021.
- Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22, Covid-19 and Updated Medium Term Financial Framework, as reported to Cabinet on 20 October 2021.

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Forecast August position 2021/22 – Walsall Council

Revenue

Table 1 summarises the 2021/22 revenue budget and a forecast overspend of c£2.42m (based on the August 2021 forecast):

Table 1: Forecast revenue analysis 2021/22 by Directorate						
Directorate	Net Budget	Year end forecast prior to transfer to / (from) earmarked reserves	Year end variance to budget prior to transfer / (From) earmarked reserves	Use of earmarked reserves	Transfer to earmarked reserves	Year end forecast
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Adult Social Care & Public Health	55.41	75.23	19.81	(17.02)	1.88	4.67
Children's Services						
- Children's and Education	61.21	66.34	5.13	(5.49)	0.37	0.01
- Customer Engagement	4.22	5.10	0.89	(1.25)	0.00	(0.36)
Economy, Environment & Communities	36.77	41.47	4.69	(5.64)	0.50	(0.45)
Resources & Transformation	24.22	26.29	2.08	(2.68)	0.35	(0.25)
Services Position	181.83	214.43	32.60	(32.08)	3.10	3.62
Capital Financing	23.67	21.14	(2.53)	(3.36)	4.69	(1.20)
Central budgets	(72.95)	(87.84)	(14.89)	(3.51)	18.40	0.00
Total council tax requirement	132.55	147.72	15.17	(38.95)	26.19	2.42

The following sections provide more detail on directorate pressures and actions being taken to address these. Work is in hand to identify further actions to bring the revenue position in line with budget by the year end.

Adults Social Care £4.67m

The current net forecast position, after the planned use of reserves is an over spend of £4.67m, the main reasons being;

- £620k – net increase in demand management placements above expected. The increase in costs is mainly associated with the impact of accelerated hospital discharges and transition into longer term care packages from Intermediate care services and is partially offset by joint funding income and client contributions. This is currently being reviewed to determine if the increase seen in the first 4 months will continue for the remainder of the year or if this is a one-off peak.
- £390k – the Procure to Pay saving carried forward from 2019/20 was £1.29m of which £210k has been validated to date on an ongoing basis and is included in the current forecast position. The remainder is partially offset by additional direct payment refunds of £690k. Further work is underway to mitigate the remaining pressure including a review of existing provider payments;
- (£130k) – Communications, Brand and Marketing - due to the one-off use of Covid-19 funding.

- £3.79m of savings within the directorate plans not being fully achieved.
- There are also risks of £10.33m which could impact the forecast position should they materialise, which are detailed at Appendix 4 of the Cabinet report.

Public Health (on budget)

The forecast revenue position for 2021/22 before net use of/transfer to reserves is an underspend of £530k due to an underspend on staffing costs due to the impact of one-off funding to support the local authority's Covid-19 response and vacant posts within the service, partially offset by costs associated with short term projects. As Public health is funded from ring fenced grant, after net transfer to reserves totalling £530k, Public Health is on budget. This includes spend on sexual health services, drug and alcohol prevention and rehabilitation services, health visiting, school nursing, control of infectious diseases, oral health promotion, healthy weight and smoking cessation services.

Children's - on budget

The current forecast is to be within budget, after the net use of reserves of £5.12m.

Based on the current number / mix of children in care and the projected future inflow/outflow for the remainder of the financial year, the total forecast costs are £26.21m. The current budget is £25.98m therefore there is a forecast overspend of £226k relating to looked after children. This forecast includes the use of £2.95m of approved growth and ring-fenced earmarked reserves of £226k, reducing the forecast position to nil.

There is also a further pressure of £322k on home to school transport, due to an increase in transport demand of 71 pupils, of which 60 pupils are SENDI provision for additional places at two Special Schools within the Borough. This has been funded from earmarked reserves.

There are risks of £1.76m which could impact the forecast position should they materialise, and these are detailed in Appendix 4 of the Cabinet report.

Customer Engagement (£364k)

The current net forecast position, after the planned use of reserves, is an underspend of £364k mainly as a result of underspends on salaries.

Economy, Environment and Communities (£445k)

The current net forecast position after the net use of/transfer to reserves is an underspend of £445k. The main reason is mitigating actions being taken, such as holding vacant posts, underspends on other staffing costs and supplies and services to mitigate some delays in delivery of savings, and use of COMF funding.

There are also risks of £741k which could impact the forecast position should they materialise and these are detailed in Appendix 4 of the Cabinet report.

Resources and Transformation (£253k)

The current forecast position after the net use of/ transfer to reserves is an underspend of £253k. The main reasons are:

- Programme Management (£55k) – underspend on salaries;
- Soft IFM (223k) -
 - (£94k) Cleaning – underspend on salaries and cleaning materials part offset by under recovery of contract income £75k;
 - £85k Caretaking - under recovery of income and overspend on salaries;
 - (£76k) Catering - overspend on salaries offset by reduced spend on catering provisions and the use of Covid-19 reserves to fund the loss of Bistro income;
 - (£118k) Other – mainly due to underspends on SCPW salaries due to vacancies and car allowances and an underspend on professional fees.
- ICT (£132k) - underspend on salaries due to vacant posts and implementing the IT operating model (£510k), offset by overspends on computer equipment £164k, agency staff £75k, unachieved savings £64k and under recovery of income £75k.
- HR £144k - underspend on salaries due to holding vacant posts (£195k), offset by agency staff £30k, recruitment expenses £11k, subscriptions £20k, training £14k and computer equipment £13k, under recovery of income £73k, overspends on professional fees £25k, and unachieved savings for the administration and business support team of £153k.

Capital Financing (£1.2m)

Borrowing to be taken out to cover the 2020/21 capital programme was expected to take place in this financial year, but following a review of cash balances it is more prudent to allow for a planned delay in undertaking borrowing, which reduces the cost of carry as well as reducing counterparty risk. This has resulted in a saving against budget of £1.20m.

Update on approved benefits

A robust risk assessment of the 2021/22 budget was undertaken prior to the budget being set in February 2021. Action was taken corporately in year to address ongoing demand and cost pressures with services, mainly within Children’s Services and Adult Social Care. Significant investment has been included within the 2022/23 budget to manage the identified demand pressures within Adult Social Care and Looked after Children.

The report to Cabinet on 20 October 2021 outlines the impact on reserves, a review of the impact of Covid-19 on the council, financial and prudential indicators, and an updated Medium Term Financial Framework.

The 2021/22 budget approved by Council on 25 February 2021 includes £28.90m of benefits realisation (savings) against Proud activity. Directors are required to ensure that service delivery plans are developed to fully deliver these in year.

There are currently benefits of £6.41m at risk of delayed or non-delivery. These are shown in Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report, along with the reason and mitigating actions totalling £2.24m, including £598k approved to be funded from one off Covid-19 grant in 2021/22. Of the £6.41m savings, £3.65m is due to delays in implementation and will be fully realised in 2022/23. The impact of this on the outturn is included within this report. Action is being taken to reduce the level of risk in relation to non-delivery of the remaining £2.76m.

Capital

The revised capital programme for 2021/22, as approved by Cabinet on 21 July 2021 was £223.17m. **Table 2** summaries amendments made to date, resulting in a revised programme of £228.24m.

Table 2: Amendments to Capital Programme 2021/22	
Project	£m
Capital programme 2021/22 per Cabinet 21 July 2021	223.17
Council Funded Resources	
Lighting Invest to Save (virement from pipeline investment)	3.35
Land at Reedswood (virement from pipeline investment)	0.71
Children's residential (virement from pipeline investment)	1.07
Future High Streets (virement from pipeline investment)	0.13
Transit site (virement from pipeline investment)	0.33
Social Housing decarbonisation match funding	0.02
Pipeline Investment	(5.59)
Externally Funded	
Local Authority Delivery scheme (LADS) 2	1.34
A41 Moxley MRN Prep Fund (WM Combined Authority)	0.05
A41 Moxley Transforming Cities Fund (City of Wolverhampton Council / WM Combined Authority)	0.07
Active travel (Tranche 2)	1.04
High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA)	1.42
Disables Facilities Grant	0.42
Flood Alleviation - Bloxwich Road	0.09
Tower Street Culvert	0.31
NCN5 Veolia Trust	0.06
Better Streets - NCN5 Cycle Route Improvement	0.15
Better Streets - Hawes Rd Improvement	0.10
Revised capital programme 2021/22	228.24

Table 3 summarises the 2021/22 capital programme and forecast outturn after the re-phasing of projects into 2022/23.

Table 3: Forecast capital analysis 2021/22					
Directorate	Budget £m	Predicted year end forecast £m	Variance before Carry forward £m	Carry Forward £m	Variance Over / (Under) £m
Council funded	95.91	54.60	(41.31)	41.31	0.00
Externally funded	132.33	82.45	(49.88)	49.88	0.00
Total	228.24	137.05	(91.19)	91.19	0.00

As at August 2021, the capital forecast is expected to be on budget after re-phasing of £91.19m from 2021/22 to 2022/23 as detailed in **Table 4**. Re-phasing occurs for a number of reasons such as late confirmation of grant approvals, timing of projects that may fall over more than one financial year, contract delays out of our control as awaiting funding or Government approval, etc. This will be assessed further for the next update to Cabinet on 15 December 2021.

Table 4: Re-phasing of funded schemes 2021/22 to 2022/23	
Project	£m
<i>External Funded</i>	
Basic need	16.86
Capital maintenance	3.61
Land Property and Investment Fund	29.41
<i>Council Funded</i>	
School estate condition survey	0.15
Pipeline investment	22.70
Looked after children out of borough placements	0.20
Children's services locality project	0.07
Strategic acquisition for 3rd Sector Hub and operational accommodation	2.68
Middlemore Lane Waste Recycling Centre	10.84
MYCMIS – Committee Management Information System	0.02
Data backup system replacement	0.05
ICT- safe and secure environment	1.10
Enabling technology	3.10
Telephony cloud based system	0.20
Proud card payments digital website	0.20
Total	91.19

Forecast August position 2021/22
Services within the remit of the Scrutiny Overview Committee

Revenue

The forecast revenue outturn for 2021/22 for the services under the remit of the Scrutiny Overview Committee is an underspend of (£0.75m), net of the use of earmarked reserves, as shown in **Table 5**. The forecast revenue outturn shown is based on actual information from the financial system as at the end of August 2021, and discussions with managers regarding year end forecast and achievement of approved savings:

Table 5: Forecast revenue analysis 2021/22 by Service			
Service	Annual Budget	Draft Outturn after use of and transfer to Earmarked Reserves	Variance to Budget
	£m	£m	£m
Economy, Environment & Communities			
Communities and Partnerships	1.88	1.79	(0.08)
Children Services			
Money Home Job / Housing Standards	4.22	3.86	(0.36)
Adult Social Care			
Communication, Marketing and Brand	0.93	0.80	(0.13)
Procurement	0.77	0.81	0.04
Resources and Transformation			
Democratic Services	1.62	1.61	(0.01)
Legal	1.95	1.94	(0.01)
Electoral Services	0.39	0.39	0
Finance	4.51	4.51	0
Corporate Assurance	0.54	0.53	(0.00)
Human Resources	3.14	3.28	0.14
Corporate Landlord	5.95	5.71	(0.24)
Payroll & Pensions	0.13	0.16	0.03
Transformation & Digital	6.17	6.04	(0.13)
Total Services within remit of Committee	32.19	31.44	(0.75)

Total earmarked reserves of £9.56m are available for use in 2021/22 (where approval has been given by Cabinet for additional funds for specific services). Within the reported outturn position a total of £5.10m of earmarked reserves are forecast to be used.

The main variances are summarised in **Table 6** below.

Table 6 – Reasons for revenue outturn variance		
Service	Variance £m	Explanation of Year End Outturn
Communities & Partnership	(0.08)	Underspend on staffing due to delay in RC restructure of which Red STP benefits fully mitigated by savings from keeping post vacant and salary costs transferred to COMF grant.
Money Home Job / Housing Standards	(0.36)	Mainly due to salary underspend due to grant recharges
Communication, Marketing and Brand	(0.13)	Due to one off use of covid funding
Procurement	0.04	
Democratic Services	(0.01)	Underspend on various supplies offset by income shortfall
Legal	(0.01)	Overspend on agency offset by vacant posts
Electoral Services	0	
Finance	0	
Corporate Assurance	0	
Human Resources	0.14	Underspend on salaries and supplies offset by income shortfall and unachieved STP saving
Corporate Landlord	(0.24)	Mainly Crossings due to vacant posts, Cleaning, Catering, Box Office and Post Room underspend offset by overspends in Caretaking
Payroll & Pensions	0.03	Mainly under recovery of income
Transformation & Digital	(0.13)	Underspend on salaries while implementing phase 1 of ITOM offset by income shortfall and computer equipment
Total Services within remit of this Committee	(0.75)	

Where overspends are predicted, managers are required to identify remedial action that can be made within the service, and to report this as part of an action plan. Work to identify mitigating actions is in progress. It is expected that the majority of the forecast overspends within services will be mitigated in year through efficiencies in the directorate as a whole.

Included within the budget for 2021/22 for services within the remit of this Committee are £7.62m of approved savings. **Table 7** gives an update on progress towards implementing these benefits:

Table 7: Delivery of 2021/22 approved savings – services within the remit of this Committee

Saving	Total savings £m	Delivered (Blue) £m	To be delivered by 31/03/22 (Green) £m	Not fully guaranteed (Amber) £m	At High risk of non delivery (Red) £m
Economy, Environment and Communities					
OP72 – Restructure of resilient communities	0.407	0	0.203	0	0.204
OP101 – Restructure in voluntary & community sector	0.064	0	0.032	0	0.032
OP105 – Review of CCTV contract	0.043	0	0.043	0	0
Children's Services					
OP98 – Restructure within Money Home Job	0.925	0.688	0	0	0.237
OP99 – MHJ accuracy of checking claims	0.150	0	0.150	0	0
Various – Centralise CXC Wave 1 saving	0.123	0.123	0	0	0
OP109/113 – ABS & CAM dispersed	0.070	0	0	0	0.070
P11 – Introduce council tax penalty charge	0.150	0	0.150	0	0
Adult Social Care					
OP32 – Printing – paperless council meetings	0.013	0.013	0	0	0
Resources and Transformation					
OP33 – Legal –review of charges to school admission appeals	0.020	0.020	0	0	0
OP34 – Electoral Services – modernisation of canvassing system	0.005	0.005	0	0	0
OP35 – Legal efficiencies	0.067	0	0.034	0	0.033
OP36 – Legal barrister framework	0.035	0	0.035	0	0
OP37 – Legal – review of schools charges	0.007	0.007	0	0	0
OP38 – Legal – efficiencies from law books	0.015	0.015	0	0	0
OP39 - Restructure of Finance Function to strengthen strategic financial planning	0.241	0	0.241	0	0
OP40 - Finance - Review of Treasury / debt management costs	0.060	0.060	0	0	0
OP41 - Accounts Payable - Use of automated invoice validation process	0.052	0	0.052	0	0
OP43 - Review of Insurance team costs	0.099	0.065	0.034	0	0
OP44 - Finance - review and reduction in transactional activity	0.173	0	0.173	0	0
OP45 - Finance - Schools Traded Service team cost recovery	0.019	0.019	0	0	0
OP46 - Finance - Implementation of Walsall Supplier Early Payment Scheme	0.092	0.092	0	0	0
OP52 - Facilities Management - school catering and caretaking traded services review	0.140	0.140	0	0	0
OP53 – Facilities Management – review of process and service standards	0.191	0.093	0.098	0	0
OP54 – Facilities Management – review of ways of working – post room/postage	0.096	0.013	0	0.083	0
OP55 – Facilities Management – review admin structure and ways of working	0.022	0.022	0	0	0
OP56 – Facilities Management – value for money on repairs and maintenance	0.090	0.090	0	0	0
OP57 – CPM – review structure	0.053	0	0.053	0	0
OP47 – ICT photocopier usage / printing	0.065	0.005	0.030	0.030	0

Saving	Total savings £m	Delivered (Blue) £m	To be delivered by 31/03/22 (Green) £m	Not fully guaranteed (Amber) £m	At high risk of non delivery (Red) £m
OP48 – ICT infrastructure / cloud navigation	0.155	0.005	0.030	0	0.120
OP49 – ICT centralisation of IT across council	0.064	0	0	0	0.064
OP59 – HR restructure	0.100	0	0	0	0.100
OP60 – HR ceasing of physio contract	0.012	0.012	0	0	0
OP108 – ICT review of mobile phone contracts	0.029	0.029	0	0	0
OP109 – Admin & Business Support dispersed	0.047	0	0	0	0.047
OP113 – CAM dispersed	0.078	0	0	0	0.078
OP4/18/22/31/51/58/75/85 Admin review efficiencies upon consolidation	0.552	0.325	0.046	0.028	0.153
P4 – Facilities Management – organisational redesign – client model	0.196	0	0.196	0	0
P5 – HR Occupational Health contract	0.008	0.008	0	0	0
P15 – Finance change to MRP	2.889	0	2.889	0	0
Total approved savings for services within remit of Committee	7.617	1.849	4.489	0.141	1.138

Each benefit is “BRAG” categorised as follows:

- Blue (delivered);
- Green (on track to be delivered with no issues at year end of 2021/22);
- Amber (not guaranteed at this stage but no major issues expected, some management action needed to ensure delivery) or,
- Red - (at high risk of not being achieved either in part or in full and therefore either alternative actions are required or a plan to ensure delivery is put back on track);
- A WPP resource plan has been agreed to provide additional support towards delivery.

Capital

The capital programme for services within the remit of this Committee, as at the end of August 2021, is £41.05m. It is currently expected to be break even after rephrasing of £7.35m into 2022/23. This will be fully reviewed and a further update provided at quarter 2. A list of schemes within the remit of this committee is shown in **Table 8**.

Table 8 – Capital Outturn 2021/22 – Services within the remit of this Committee

Scheme	2021/22 Budget £m	Estimated Outturn £m	Variance before carry fwd £m	Carry Forward £m	Variance Over / (Under) £m
Council Funded schemes					
Rolling programme – health and safety schemes (£0.75m below)	0.534	0.534	0.000	0.000	0.000
Flexible use of Capital Receipts - transformation	4.000	4.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Central contingency	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.000
Aids and adaptations (statutory element)	0.822	0.822	0.000	0.000	0.000
Asbestos Removal	0.036	0.036	(0.000)	0.000	0.000
CCTV	0.229	0.229	0.000	0.000	0.000
Challenge Block	0.033	0.033	0.000	0.000	0.000
Civic Centre heating	1.147	1.147	0.000	0.000	0.000
Civic Centre plumbing	0.067	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.000
Computer aided facilities management system	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council Chamber Refurbishment	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council House General Heating	2.174	2.174	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council House internal decoration	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council House rewiring	0.166	0.166	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council House roof repairs	0.750	0.750	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council House - secure reception	0.026	0.026	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council House Smoke & Heat Detection Fire Alarm	0.327	0.327	0.000	0.000	0.000
Council House windows	1.307	1.307	0.000	0.000	0.000
Data backup system replacement	0.050	0.000	(0.050)	(0.050)	0.000
Enabling Technology	11.300	8.202	(3.098)	(3.098)	0.000
Essential microsoft upgrades & foundation for Office 365	0.058	0.058	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fire Risk Assessment	0.212	0.212	(0.000)	0.000	0.000
Health through warmth and related Retro Fit schemes	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.000
ICT-Safe and Secure Environment	2.556	1.456	(1.100)	(1.100)	0.000
MYCMIS	0.027	0.009	(0.018)	(0.018)	0.000

Scheme	2021/22 Budget £m	Estimated Outturn £m	Variance before carry fwd £m	Carry Forward £m	Variance Over / (Under) £m
Operation repair and maintenance of Council buildings	0.336	0.336	0.000	0.000	0.000
Oracle EBS Archive	0.334	0.334	0.000	0.000	0.000
Planned property maintenance	0.438	0.438	(0.000)	0.000	0.000
Procurement system for (HRMS) and Oracle EBS financials	0.658	0.658	0.000	0.000	0.000
Proud - ICT	0.113	0.113	0.000	0.000	0.000
Proud card payments digital website	0.750	0.551	(0.199)	(0.199)	0.000
Resource & consultancy to upgrade Win2008 server	0.008	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000
Rushall Olympic Football Club	0.006	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000
Safe water supplies	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.000
Schools Project	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.000
Security arrangements for corporate buildings	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.000
Single mobile devices for use within the new in-Tune platform	0.035	0.035	0.000	0.000	0.000
Smart Phones	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.000
Statutory testing	0.214	0.214	(0.000)	0.000	0.000
Telephone Cloud based system	0.499	0.300	(0.199)	(0.199)	0.000
Town Centre Strategic Acquisition for third sector hub & opera	2.683	0.000	(2.683)	(2.683)	0.000
Walsall Council House-modern secure reception	0.026	0.026	0.000	0.000	0.000
Webcasting and hybrid council meetings	0.020	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000
Willenhall Lane Travellers Site Pumping Stations	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.000
Externally Funded schemes					
Disabled facilities grant	3.315	3.315	0.000	0.000	0.000
Off Gas Scheme	0.272	0.272	0.000	0.000	0.000
Warm Homes Fund Gas Scheme	0.301	0.301	0.000	0.000	0.000
BEIS LADS Round 1B	2.058	2.058	0.000	0.000	0.000
BEIS LADS 2	1.341	1.341	0.000	0.000	0.000
MHJ Compulsory Purchase Order	0.255	0.255	0.000	0.000	0.000
Prudential Borrowing					
Saddlers Shopping Centre	0.385	0.385	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Capital – Services within the remit of this Committee	41.047	33.700	(7.347)	(7.347)	0.000

Scrutiny Overview Committee

9 NOVEMBER 2021

Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 – 2025/26

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: All - specifically in relation to services within the Committee's remit -
Cllr M Bird – Leader of the Council
Cllr A Andrew – Regeneration (Customer - Money Home Job)
Cllr G Perry – Resilient Communities (Partnerships)
Cllr M Statham – Internal Services

Executive Summary

The draft revenue and capital budget, as reported to Cabinet on 20 October 2021, provides an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget for 2022/23 to 2025/26 (including savings proposals for consultation), draft capital programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26, and sets out the process and timescale for setting a legally balanced budget for 2022/23.

Our MTFO has been updated for all known pressures, including best professional assumptions around the ongoing impact of Covid-19. The Council is legally obliged to set a one year balanced budget (2022/23), however a medium term approach is beneficial to allow for sound financial planning and to support future financial stability. This report presents a balanced budget for 2022/23 and a number of savings proposals for 2023/24 and 2024/25, however further options are being identified to allow for a balanced budget over the period 2023/24 to 2025/26 aligned to the Corporate Plan and Proud activity. The assumptions include a 1.99% council tax increase, in line with current referendum assumptions.

The Governments Spending Review was on 27 October 2021 alongside the Chancellors Autumn Budget statement. This will enable us to analyse the impact of core funding on our budget assumptions over the next review period, and report back to Cabinet in December on the impact for the 2022/23 budget and MTFO for future years. Our current funding and cost assumptions are set out in this report, therefore they are subject to change.

Scrutiny Overview Committee are asked to consider the Draft Revenue and Capital Budget report as presented to Cabinet on 20 October 2021. Those revenue investments and savings proposals, and capital schemes, relating to services within the specific remit of this Committee are highlighted grey in the report for ease of reference.

Feedback from this Committee on the draft revenue and capital proposals will be reported back to Cabinet on 15 December 2021. This will inform the final draft budget to be considered by Cabinet on 9 February 2022 to be recommended to Council on 24 February 2022. Any changes to Cabinet's draft revenue and capital budget proposals as

a result of equality impact assessments and consultation will be fed into the final budget report.

Reasons for Scrutiny

To enable consultation of the overall draft revenue budget proposals for the council as a whole, and for services within the remit of this Committee.

Recommendations:

That:

1. The Committee are recommended to consider the draft revenue budget proposals contained at Appendix 1 and 2 within the attached Cabinet report. Those investments and savings relating to specific services within the remit of this Committee are shaded grey for ease of reference.
2. The Committee are recommended to consider the draft capital programme contained at Appendix 3 and 4 within the attached Cabinet report. Those capital schemes relating to specific services within the remit of this Committee are shaded grey for ease of reference.

Background papers:

Various financial working papers.

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Cabinet – 20 October 2021**Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 – 2025/26**

Portfolio: Councillor M. Bird – Leader of the Council (Lead Portfolio)

Related Portfolios: All

Service: Finance – council wide

Wards: All

Key decision: No

Forward plan: Yes

1. Aim

- 1.1 To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget for 2022/23 to 2025/26 (including savings proposals for consultation), draft capital programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26, and set out the process and timescale for setting a legally balanced budget for 2022/23.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The 2021/22 budget was approved by Council on 25 February 2021, and is monitored and reported to Cabinet throughout the year to address any performance issues and manage key risks and pressures as they arise. 2021/22 has been a particularly challenging year, with the global pandemic impacting greatly on service delivery and financially. Emerging service pressures and Covid-19 have required action to be taken to limit the council's financial exposure. These actions continue to try and ensure that the budget is balanced at year-end, with a sufficient level of reserves to manage existing liabilities and emerging risks which may arise in 2022/23, including the unknown ongoing impact of Covid-19.

- 2.2 The report covers the four year period 2022/23 to 2025/26, including:

- An update on the Medium Term Financial Outlook (MTFO), based on known pressures and assumptions for 2022/23 to 2025/26;
- Proud savings proposals identified to date to deliver a balanced budget for 2022/23 by February 2022 and savings in relation to 2023/24 to 2025/26;
- A draft capital programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26;
- The timeline for the setting of the revenue budget and capital programme, including stakeholder consultation and equality impact assessments (where required).

- 2.3 The Council continues to respond to the ongoing unprecedented financial challenges imposed by Covid-19. As well as the initial costs of funding the council's response, the impact of Covid-19 includes significant loss of income following closure of services and facilities; an impact on the council tax and business rates income; and some delay to the delivery of some approved budget savings as the council has continued to focus its resources on its response to Covid-19. This has ongoing implications into 2022/23 and beyond as the council adjusts its financial plans to accommodate changes in demand and income into the longer term.
- 2.4 The Government have confirmed that the next Spending Review will take place on 27 October 2021 to cover a three year period, alongside the Chancellors Autumn Budget statement. This will enable us to analyse the impact of core funding on our budget assumptions over the next review period, and report back to Cabinet in December on the impact for the 2022/23 budget and MTFO for future years. Our current funding and cost assumptions are set out in this report, therefore they are subject to change.
- 2.5 The Spending Round in 2020 confirmed that the Government will not proceed with the implementation of the Review of Relative Needs and Resources (formerly the Fair Funding Review) and 75% Business Rates Retention in 2021/22. The reset of accumulated business rates growth will also not take place in 2021/22. These decisions were reported as allowing both the Government and councils to focus on meeting the immediate public health challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Government may outline their plans as part of the Spending Review on 27 October 2021, although it is considered unlikely that any changes will come into effect in 2022/23. This report assumes no changes arising from these reviews until we have further government direction.
- 2.6 Our MTFO has been updated for all known pressures, including best professional assumptions around the ongoing impact of Covid-19. The Council is legally obliged to set a one year balanced budget (2022/23), however a medium term approach is beneficial to allow for sound financial planning and to support future financial stability. This report presents a balanced budget for 2022/23 and a number of savings proposals for 2023/24 and 2024/25, however further options are being identified to allow for a balanced budget over the period 2023/24 to 2025/26 aligned to the Corporate Plan and Proud activity. The assumptions include a 1.99% council tax increase, in line with current referendum assumptions.
- 2.7 To ensure the budget process and delivery of savings is informed by a clear purpose and key council priorities, the Corporate Plan and Proud objectives are being used to shape future service delivery proposals through Proud service transformation plans.
- 2.8 The draft capital programme for 2022/23 is balanced and totals £62.27m. It sets out new capital investment funded from the council's own resources of £38.41m (funded by capital receipts and borrowing) and externally funded schemes of £23.86m (funded by capital grants) and represents a balanced programme for 2022/23. In addition, the report sets out a further three years of indicative proposals to 2025/26. Despite reductions in capital funding in recent years and going forward, the draft capital programme contains significant investment into highways, education, and into

adult social care and housing to support vulnerable households through Health through Warmth and provision of aids and adaptations.

- 2.9 The council's Medium Term Financial Framework (MTFF), reviewed regularly by Cabinet, is the framework within which the council's financial planning and management is undertaken and its budget set. The main objectives of the Framework are to set out how the council will structure and manage its finances now and in the future and to ensure this approach facilitates delivery of the council's aims and objectives.
- 2.10 The final budget, including: any changes arising from consultation and equality impact assessments of saving proposals; referendum principles and tax base changes; the S151 Officers S25 Statement on the Robustness of the Budget Estimates and the Adequacy of Reserves, recommended levels of reserves and contingencies; and the final allocation of direct Government funding and other specific grants, will be presented to Cabinet on 9 February 2022 for recommendation to Council, and will be considered by full Council on 24 February 2022.

3. Recommendations

Cabinet are requested to:

- 3.1 Note the revised financial assumptions and projections within the draft revenue budget, the uncertainty around core funding, and that these assumptions will change as the budget progresses. Along with savings already identified and reported within the Budget report to Council in February 2021, this represents a balanced budget for 2022/23.
- 3.2 To note the policy proposals for 2022/23 as set out in section 4.30(i) and Appendix 2A.
- 3.3 Approve the operational savings for 2022/23 to 2023/24 set out in appendix 2B of this report, and instruct officers to implement these under officer delegations, subject to any required consultation, equality impact assessment, and any changes arising as a result of the latter two, including the reprofiling of £888k for saving OP3 Early Help restructure into 2022/23, as referred to in section 4.30(ii).
- 3.4 Approve as a basis for consultation the current draft capital programme of £62.27m for 2022/23 in section 4.32 to 4.46.
- 3.5 Refer this report to Scrutiny Overview Committee on 13 December 2021, to enable the Committee's comments to be considered by Cabinet. All Scrutiny Committees will also receive proposals relating to the individual remit of each Committee.
- 3.6 Note that the medium term financial outlook position assumes an increase in council tax of 1.99% in 2022/23 and future years, the assumed level of "reasonableness" in respect of the current referendum principles. This currently assumes no precept for Adult Social Care. Any changes will be reported back to Cabinet in December 2021.

- 3.7 Refer the budget for Statutory Consultation with National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) payers in respect of the current council tax assumptions and potential implications should the referendum principles change.
- 3.8 Note that the level of contingency funds and general reserves will need to be in line with the levels set out within the council's MTF, the final level to be based on a detailed risk assessment, which will be reported to Cabinet and Council in February 2022.

4. **Know - Context**

Key Timeline

- 4.1 The approach to budget setting for 2022/23 and associated timeline were reported to Cabinet on 21 July 2021 and can be accessed at the following link: [Approach to Budget Setting](#). The following sets out the key activities and reporting dates, following publication of this report:
- Stakeholder consultation commencing 21 October 2021, including employee and trade union consultation.
 - Statutory consultation with NNDR payers.
 - Scrutiny Committees receive the draft revenue budget and draft capital programme from 28 October 2021 with subsequent feedback to Cabinet.
 - Budget briefings for political groups and independent members, as required.
 - Cabinet on 15 December 2021 - Autumn Budget, Spending Review from 27 October 2021 and Provisional Settlement.
 - Council tax base to be approved by the S151 Officer by January 2022.
 - Receipt of the final settlement late January / early February 2022.
 - Recommendation of the final budget by Cabinet on 9 February 2022.
 - Council set the final budget envelope (statutory determinations), council tax and capital programme on 24 February 2022.

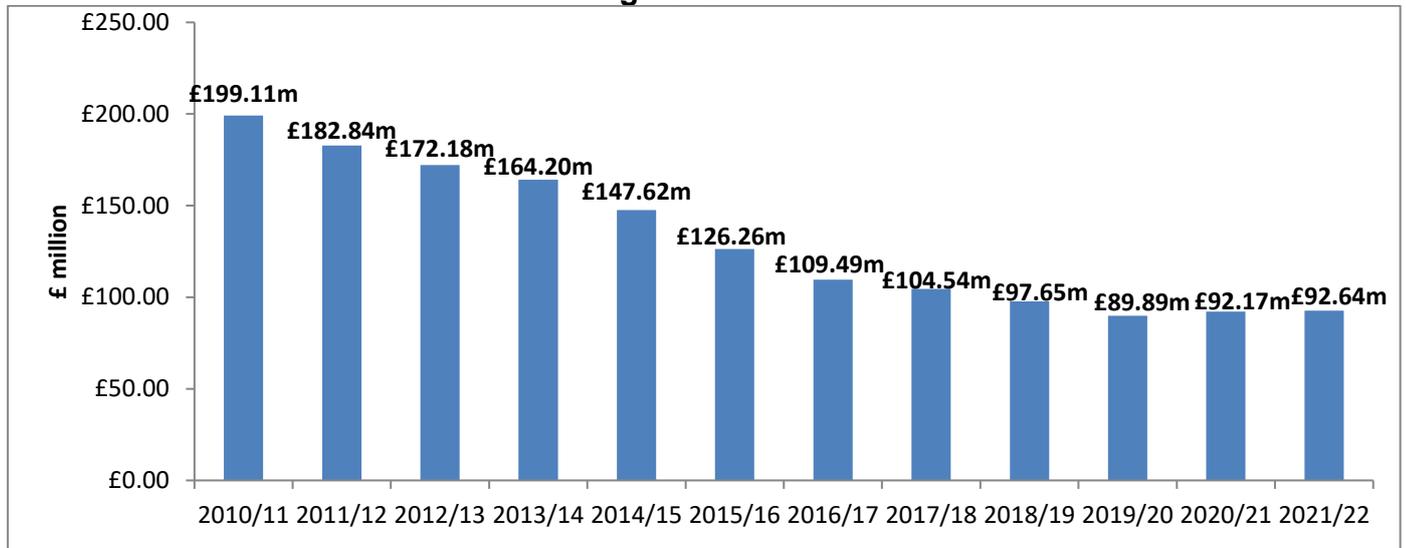
Walsall's Financial Context

Government central funding and business rate retention

- 4.2 Like all other public sector bodies, Walsall has seen government grant funding reduce since the Emergency Budget of 2010 when the Government set out its initial plans to reduce the overall Government deficit. This has continued in successive government Spending Reviews until 2020/21 when the one year Spending Round confirmed that no government department would see a cut to its budget with all being increased by at least inflation for that year. This approach continued for 2021/22, and we await the outcome of the next Spending Review confirmed for 27 October 2021, which is expected to cover the three year period 2022/23 to 2024/25. Whilst overall funding increased for 2021/22, a heavy reliance was placed on individual authorities' ability to raise a local Adult Social Care Precept through council tax, and provision of one-off rather than recurring grant funding. Given the heavy reliance on Walsall Council on Government grant funding a more sustainable, longer term financial solution is required from Government to support future service and financial stability.

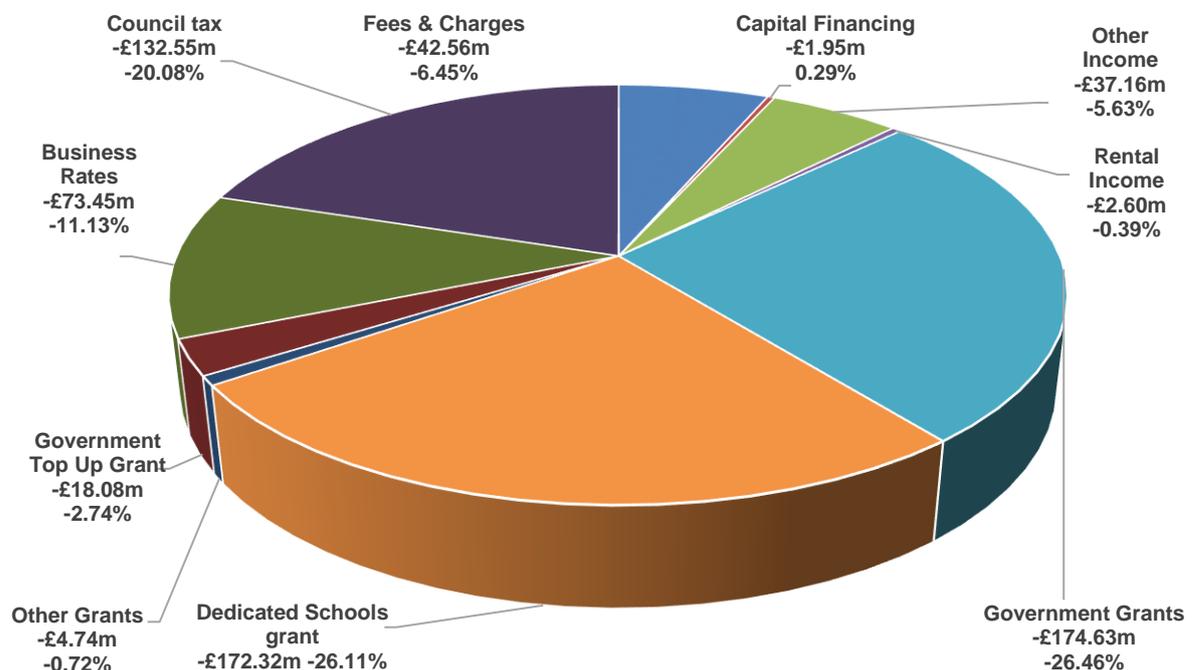
4.3 Government austerity measures have meant our direct funding has reduced considerably from 2010, with a loss of core revenue funding (revenue support grant, top up grant and business rates, net of rolled in grants) of c£106.47m to 2021/22. There remains considerable uncertainty in government funding going forward from 2022/23 as no announcements have yet been made.

Core Funding 2010/11 to 2021/22



4.4 Walsall receives much (c66%) of its c£660m of funding for 2021/22 from central Government, including the core Funding Settlement - 14% (a combination of local business rates retention through 100% business rates pilot within the West Midlands, and top up grant direct from Government), core Schools Grant - 26% (dedicated schools grant/DSG which is passported direct to schools) and Government grants for specific services - 26% (Housing Benefit, Public Health, Better Care Fund etc). Income is summarised in the following pie chart.

Sources of Funding:

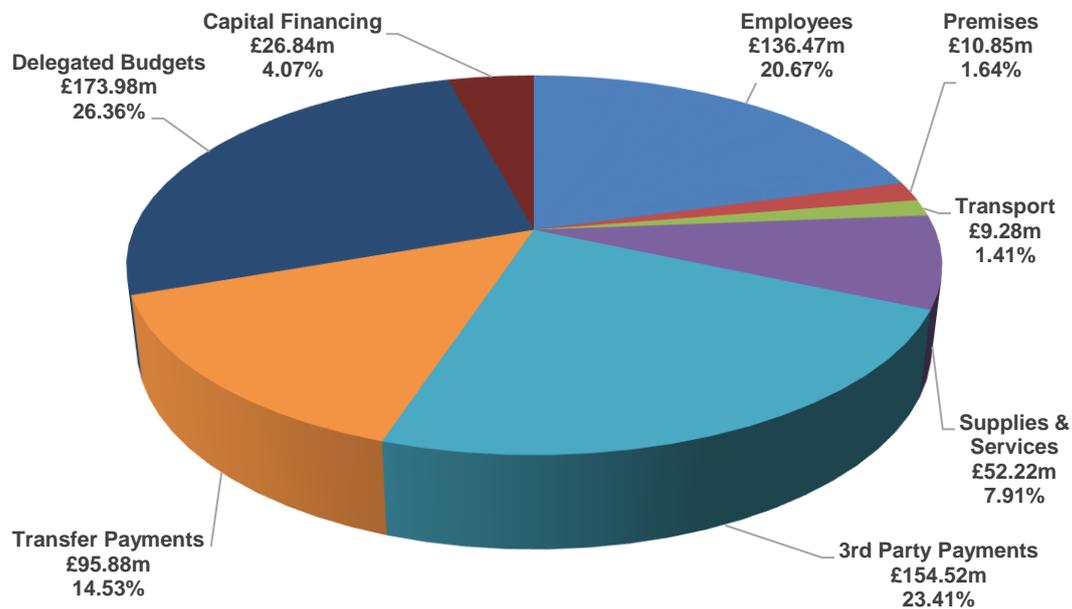


- 4.5 The Government replaced the way it funds councils with a new scheme known as Business Rate Retention (BRR) from April 2013. A review of the scheme by government to amend the % of retained business rates from 49% to 75% was due to be finalised by 2020/21 but due to delays this has not been fully undertaken and introduced. The review is still on-going and further plans may be announced by the Government as part of the next Spending Review on 27 October 2021.
- 4.6 From 2017/18, Walsall has been part of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) 100% business rate retention (BRR) pilot. Government agreed that this would be at 'no detriment' to participating authorities; however, there remains some uncertainty as to the future final impact of national policy in respect of BRR. Walsall assumes we will continue with 100% business pilot for 2022/23 onwards at this point in time until we have any further direction.
- 4.7 Government set Walsall a baseline figure under the business rates retention scheme of £92.70m for 2021/22 which is made up of the business rates local share and top up grant. They also set a safety net threshold of £89.92m for 2021/22. If the safety net threshold is triggered, then any income loss below the threshold is funded by government. Any shortfall between £92.70m and £89.92m has to be borne by the council (99%), and fire authority (1%). Walsall is currently estimating the baseline to be £91.54m, slightly below the government baseline and so no safety net would be payable. Volatility in business rates will therefore need careful monitoring throughout the year, particularly the impact of the pandemic on businesses.
- 4.8 Between BRR and top up grant this equates to 13.87% of our total funding. Along with other Government grants (public health, better care fund, adult social care grant etc but excluding DSG), the total equates to 40.33% of the council's funding (excluding schools).
- 4.9 The future financial environment continues to be challenging for councils for 2022/23 and beyond, with significant uncertainties in future grants, including public health, better care fund, etc. Whilst Walsall can now keep business rates generated within their area rather than pooling for national redistribution, this benefit is limited by other parts of the funding mechanism, such as Government top slicing of funds to meet new burdens, safety net authorities, national capitalisation targets, etc and the additional risk of reliance on collection rates. Additionally, as part of BRR, the Government is consulting on transferring additional responsibilities to local authorities. This could lead to further pressures if these are not fully funded.
- 4.10 The council's second largest source of funding is council tax (20.08% of the council's gross spend is funded from council tax), which continues to be subject to Government restrictions on the amount that can be raised from this income stream, previously through 'capping', and now through the referendum principles. The budget currently assumes council tax increases of 1.99% over the next three years, with no specific increase for Adult Social Care activity. However, the Government Build Back Better policy paper on health and adult social care, published on 7 September 2021 suggests that a precept for 2022/23 may be being considered by Government. Referendum principles are yet to be confirmed.

4.11 Alongside reductions in funding, the council also faces increasing cost pressures, due to both increasing demand (for example, as a result of welfare reforms reducing individuals disposable incomes further, larger numbers of older people requiring support to remain independent, etc) and new burdens imposed by Government, but without the corresponding full funding given.

In relation to how this funding is spent, the following pie charts provide further detail.

Gross expenditure by type of expenditure



Notes

- *Transfer payments include expenditure such as housing benefits, rent allowances and social services direct payments – for example payments for which no goods or services are received in return by the local authority.*
- *Delegated budgets include budgets for schools, community associations and allotments.*
- *Third Party Payments include payments to external contractors.*

Gross expenditure by outcome

Proud activity is developed around the following ten key outcomes, aligned to council Corporate Plan priorities:

Economic Growth;

- Creating an environment where business invests and everyone who wants a job can access one
- Education, training and skills enable people to fulfil their personal development

People;

- People live a good quality of life and feel they belong
- People know what makes them healthy and they are encouraged to get support when they need it

Internal Focus;

- Internal services deliver quality and adapt to meet the needs of customer facing services
- Services are efficient and deliver value for money

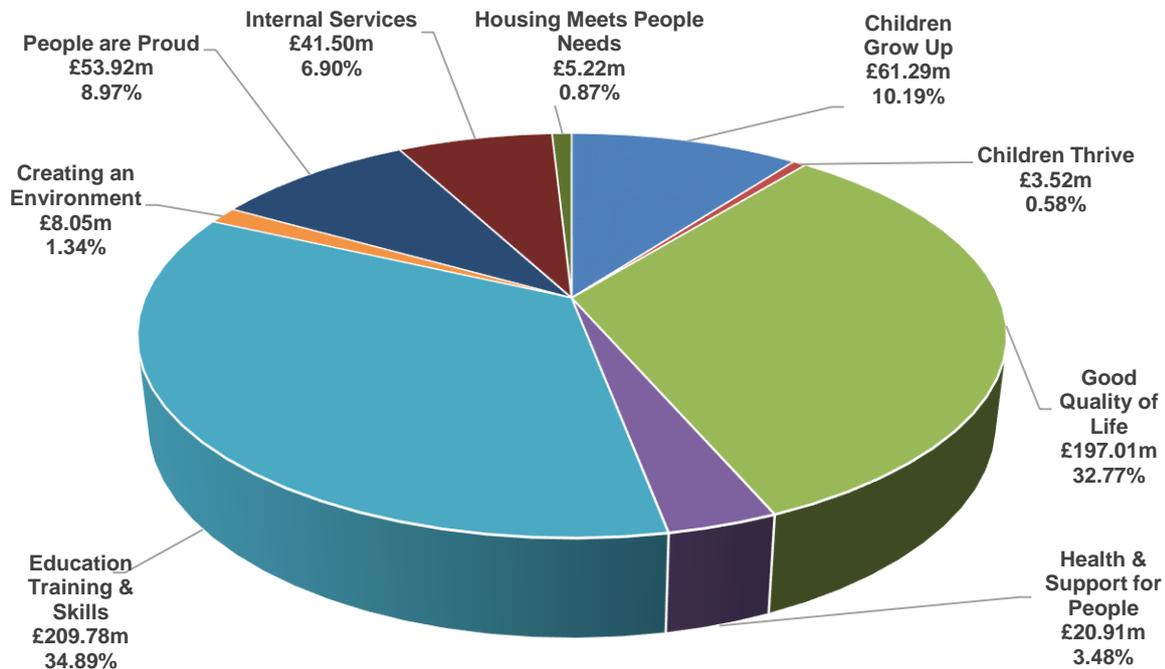
Children;

- Children thrive emotionally, physically, mentally and feel they are achieving their potential
- Children grow up in connected communities and feel safe everywhere

Communities;

- Housing meets all people's needs, is affordable, safe and warm
- People are proud of their vibrant town, districts and communities

Council services are aligned to the above outcomes. The following summarises the gross expenditure by outcome (*excluding centrally held and capital financing*) -



4.12 In summary the main areas of uncertainty and pressure are:

- The existing and future unknown ongoing impact of Covid-19, including ongoing cost pressures and reductions in income as a result of a reduced take up of Council services. The knock on impact of Covid-19 also includes delays in delivery of some approved 2021/22 Proud savings of £598k, which are expected to be fully implemented in 2022/23;
- Continued reductions in core government grant funding, for example:
 - Impact of full business rate retention (BRR) and revaluation;
 - Impact of the Government's next Spending Review on 27 October 2021; and implementation of the Review of Relative Needs and Resources (formerly the Fair Funding Review) to include the setting of new baseline funding allocations, subject to confirmation. The Government may outline their plans as part of the Spending Review, although it is considered unlikely that any changes will come into effect in 2022/23;
 - Continuation or otherwise of other specific grants e.g. public health, improved better care fund, social care, troubled families, etc;
- Increases in demand:
 - From an ageing population, increased costs in care packages and the impact of Covid-19 putting a strain on local authority systems both in financial and

- operational terms. For example, adult social care packages and placements costs have risen by £15.87m from £56.21m in 2010/11 to £72.08m in 2020/21;
- For children and young people in care, and the associated impact on numbers of social workers, and costs required to support these children. In March 2018, there were 930 children and young people receiving care or support from the local authority (644 looked after children / 286 non looked after children) with an average cost per placement of £735 per week for looked after children and £141 per week for non-looked after children.

In comparison, in March 2021 there were 1,063 children and young people receiving care or support from the local authority (673 looked after children / 390 non looked after children) with an average cost per placement of £1,089 per week for looked after children and £198 per week for non-looked after children.

This cost increase is mainly attributable to annual increases in market cost as well as an increase in the complexity and level of support needed for some children and young people currently receiving care and support from the local authority. For information, non-looked after children includes placements such as supported accommodation, special guardianship orders, care leavers & residence orders.

- Government reliance on individual council's ability to raise income through council tax increases, rather than providing national ongoing funding to support social care pressures, etc;
- Welfare reform, including universal credit;
- Increased corporate costs, including costs in relation to pay and pensions and potentially national insurance (from the Governments Social Care Reform Paper 'Build Back Better' to fund a Social Care Levy). The Government announced on 7 September 2021 a Social Care Reform Paper 'Build Back Better – Our Plan for Health and Social Care' to make an additional £12 billion per year for health and social care on average over the next three years, which aims to support LA's being put on a sustainable financial footing post the pandemic. This will be funded by a new, UK-wide 1.25 per cent Health and Social Care Levy introduced from April 2022, ringfenced for health and social care. This will be based on National Insurance contributions (NICs) and from 2023 will be legislatively separate, and will also apply to individuals working above State Pension age. We anticipate this will cost the council c£788k in employee NI contributions, which should be compensated for through s31 grant.

- 4.13 Since the Emergency Budget 2010, the council has reduced its spending by £230m, £106m from a reduction in Government grant and £124m from cost pressures. In considering future resource allocation, funding for the development of services will need to be met from the redirection of existing resources, reducing existing spend and the identification of new or revised income sources. The council will need to continue to do things differently and do different things, and in some case stop doing things that are not in line with corporate priorities.

Draft Revenue Budget 2022/23 to 2025/26

Budget Approach / Framework

- 4.14 Cabinet on 21 July 2021 approved the budget approach for 2021/22 to 2025/26 (and can be accessed at [Approach to Budget Setting](#)). Resources are allocated and budgets set within a framework of protocols and guidelines, in particular the council's Corporate Plan and MTFF. Decisions have to be made about how to achieve a balanced budget in the context of the needs of the borough and also to ensure that we continue to care for the most vulnerable in our communities. Whilst it is recognised that full Council will only set the council tax bands for 2022/23 in February 2022, the budget will continue to take a four year view, allowing for a more strategic focus to service re-design and savings aligning the finances more directly to the objectives, outcomes and markers of success of the council and maintaining/improving performance against these.

Maximising Outcomes through Budgeting 2022/23 onwards

- 4.15 Finance and the corporate management team (CMT) have been assessing the best approach to mapping the council's financial envelope to the delivery of the council's key priorities, measures of success and outcomes. Finance have started work with all services to work more collaboratively on a new outcomes based process aligning spend more accurately to the council's agreed deliverables building on the work previously undertaken to map the gross and net expenditure of the council by outcomes as well as benefits delivered/ to be delivered within the corporate Budget Plan.
- 4.16 This is being aligned to the Corporate Plan/direction of travel work for 2022/23 onwards which will be presented to Cabinet during December as draft and then Cabinet and Council in February 2022 as final to approve and endorse the council's key outcomes and ambitions. This will feed into the commissioning and financial strategies at the end of the 2021/22 financial year. This will then fully inform the 2023/24 budget process starting in Spring 2022 where the 2022/23 budget will be fully mapped to the council's key outcomes in the Corporate Plan 2022-25.
- 4.17 The updated direction of travel approach will set out how the budget will be aligned to deliver the desired outcome i.e. through different amounts of delivery, coordination, influencing, signposting or regulating. A review of the current delivery model will be undertaken alongside the direction of travel and re-prioritised where appropriate to maximise value for money and overall delivery of outcomes and ensuring the 2023/24 onwards budget is built and developed on this moving forward.

Medium Term Financial Outlook (MTFO) and Revisions to Assumptions

- 4.18 Following national and local changes since the 2021/22 to 2023/24 budget was set in February 2021, the MTFO has been rolled forward (with 2024/25 and 2025/26 added), reviewed and updated to reflect ongoing changes in council demand during the current year and updated projections of future demand, income projections and costs in the light of Covid-19. It has also been updated to reflect changes in core and local funding. The resulting council tax requirement arising from funding and investment assumptions from 2022/23 to 2025/26 is shown in **table 1**.

Table 1: Council Tax requirement				
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025F/26
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Council tax Requirement	132.55	136.14	139.82	143.60
Cost Pressures:				
Growth / Investment (Appendix 1)	23.64	11.21	10.40	10.10
Central growth – Pay/Pensions	4.52	6.82	5.32	5.32
Savings plans identified (Appendix 2)	(20.14)	(6.09)	(0.26)	
Other savings to be identified – see movement in target in table 2 below		(10.25)	(18.41)	(15.23)
Other movements / funding changes:				
Other changes including grants / income	(1.95)	(5.86)	4.31	0.56
Core Funding changes	(0.66)	4.12	2.42	3.12
Collection fund (surplus) / deficit	1.32	0	0	0
Transfer to / (from) reserves	(3.14)	3.73	0	0
Revised Council Tax Requirement	136.14	139.82	143.60	147.47
Council Tax Increase	1.99%	1.99%	1.99%	1.99%

Primarily, growth covers:

1. *Provision for pay and pensions (corporate cost pressures) and contractual inflation:*
 - Annual pay increase and provision for pay increments;
 - Impact of pension auto-enrolment and tri-annual employer pensions contributions based on the latest valuation information. Work is currently being undertaken by the pension fund to provide details for the next 3 years;
 - Provision for contractual increases;
 - No provision for general inflation – services are required to manage this within existing budgets.
2. *Demand and demographic changes within Services (demand led cost pressures):*
 - Increases in placements/costs for Looked after children;
 - Increased care packages/costs within Adult Social Care arising from an increased ageing population;
 - Covid-19 cost pressures across all services;
 - Waste collection and disposal costs.
3. *Other service based pressures:*
 - Funding of ongoing income shortfalls e.g. Active Living, Car Parking, Penalty charges etc;
 - Fall out of grant;
 - Provision for contractual inflation;
 - Shortfall in fees and charges income.
4. *Other central provisions:*
 - Review of capital financing, treasury debt and investment portfolio;
 - Revenue implications of capital programme;
 - Investment linked to Proud transformation activity.

4.19 **Tables 2 and 3** summarise the movements in the MTFO, including changes to investments, resulting in a revised saving requirement (MTFO gap – **table 2**). Further detail is provided in the following sections on revised assumptions. This would amend the original MTFO as follows, with a gap over the period of £70.43m (£66.79m original plus revised assumptions impact of £3.64m) in total, including £43.88m of savings still to be identified.

Table 2: Movement in Saving requirement / Gap					
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25*	2025/26*	Total
	£m	£m	£m		£m
Savings required per Council February 2021 (in line with original MTFO)	22.01	14.52	17.10	13.16	66.79
Revised savings requirement as above	20.14	16.33	18.67	15.23	70.37
Variance – increase (decrease)	(1.87)	1.81	1.57	2.07	3.58

Table 3: Movement in savings requirement - detail					
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25*	2025/26*	Total
	£m	£m	£m		£m
Savings required per Council February 2021 (in line with original MTFO)	22.01	14.52	17.10	13.16	66.79
Funding changes					
Core funding changes	0.45	(0.45)	0.61	0.00	0.61
Collection Fund changes	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
Additional investment / growth					
Covid-19 related investment	4.75	(2.07)	(0.68)	(0.20)	1.80
Service investment	5.09	2.57	1.72	1.63	11.01
Central investment	1.55	0.25	0.46	0.00	2.26
Other changes					
Central adjustments	(11.21)	(0.64)	(1.00)	0.50	(12.35)
Use of earmarked reserves	(2.75)	2.15	0.46	0.14	0.00
Savings identified / to be identified	20.14	16.33	18.67	15.23	70.37

* 2024/25 and 2025/26 have been added to rolling MTFO for first time and therefore was not included in the February budget report.

The main changes in MTFO assumptions are as follows:

Core funding changes

New homes bonus grant funding falls out a year earlier than in our previous assumptions in light of more recent consultation.

Collection Fund changes

The council tax base is a calculation of the number of chargeable dwellings in the Borough. The number has reduced due to an increase in claimants eligible for the council tax reduction scheme, arising from the current financial climate caused in the main by Covid-19. This has resulted in a forecast reduction in income of c358k for 2022/23.

This is offset overall by £608k of additional council tax income as the previous assumptions includes a £608k deficit. Latest projections suggest only a very small deficit, therefore any deficit has been removed. The final forecast will be calculated once the council tax base has been set in January 2022 and will be reflected in the final budget report.

Additionally, there is a technical NNDR income shortfall of £29.72m. This relates primarily to the Government's Covid-19 support to businesses and this figure was not finalised at budget setting time as returns were being assessed by Government to finalise the impact. This will be funded from a combination of expended retail relief government grant (£26.93m), 75% irrecoverable losses grant (£2.17m) and the business rates retention reserve (£625k).

Covid-19 related investment

This is the on-going expected financial impact relating to Covid-19 and includes the following:

- Adult Social Care demographics £1.49m - During 2020/21 there was a significant increase in the number of clients receiving care packages. This is partly due to an increase in care packages relating to hospital discharges and additional demand relating to Covid-19. Hospital discharges received Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) funding in 2020/21 and are part funding for 2021/22. It is currently assumed no further funding will be received in 2022/23, resulting in additional growth required;
- Demand increase in young people in care £793k - based on a number of children having delays in stepping down placements (mostly safeguarding orders, adoptions and returning to families) caused by delays in court hearings. Therefore, they are remaining in higher cost placements for longer periods of time;
- Loss of income in relation to active living centres (ALC) and car parks, which is substantially due to Covid-19, and additional growth assumptions have been included, as set out below:
 - ✓ Active Living Centres £413k – it is now assumed that income will return to pre-Covid-19 levels by 2023/24, with ALC at 80% of previous levels in 2022/23;
 - ✓ Car parking £324k - income for 2022/23 is assumed at 75% of pre-Covid-19 occupancy as people continue to shop on line and a continued level of working from home, and then up to 87.5% in 2023/24;
 - ✓ Loss of enforcement income £124k - based on car park penalty notices at 80% and bus lane penalty notices at 90% in line with witnessed recovery rates;
- Waste tonnage costs £535k and penalties for co-mingled waste £70k - based on current data, costs have been uplifted and then phased out by 2024/25, as it is expected that levels post Covid-19 will remain higher as there will be a blended approach to (home) working in general;
- Continuation of income losses £1m - given the ongoing uncertainty, the MTFO has been adjusted to include a one-off investment of £1m held centrally to cover any further continuation on loss of income in relation to Covid-19, for example in the areas identified above, bereavement services, etc. It is currently assumed that most of the loss of income impact will be phased out by 2024/25.

Additional Service Investment

- Adult and Children's Social Care:
 - ✓ Demand changes £1.63m in 2022/23 and £4.8m over the MTFO period based on latest data. Updated costs are based on March 2021 client mix/numbers plus trend data; as at March 2021, there were 3,097 active residential nursing, domiciliary care and direct payment clients, which was 242 above budgeted levels;
 - ✓ Direct payment refunds to clients £228k - assumed to reduce on the basis that review work / the payment audit process will reduce overpayments;
 - ✓ A report is being prepared for Cabinet approval in relation to ASC domiciliary care capacity issues which, if approved, will generate additional costs of £1.2m in a full year. For 2021/22 this is being managed through COMF funding, but will not be available in 2022/23;
 - ✓ Single handed review £274k.
- Children's Services:
 - ✓ Demand increase in young people in care £344k in 2022/23 and £976k over the MTFO period - based on increased costs, the mix of children & young people in care and a net increase in 69 children based on current data and forecasts;
 - ✓ Early Help £303k - Additional investment to accommodate the ongoing rise in EHCP assessments;
 - ✓ Home to School Transport £940k in 2022/23 and £4.10m over the MTFO period - Additional costs due to increased demand.
- Economy, Environment & Communities:
 - ✓ Contractual cost increases of £100k in 2022/23, £480k over 2024/25 to 2025/26;
 - ✓ Coroner income shortfall £50k;
 - ✓ Economic Growth Programme (EGP) no impact in 2022/23, £1.9m impact over 2023/24 to 2024/25 – the costs of the EEC/R&T programme team are primarily funded from external funding - the revised figures assume the team is funded from revenue as existing external funding streams come to an end. Whilst it is prudent to have an element of core team funded from revenue, it is also expected these will be replaced by other streams to some extent, therefore further consideration is to be given to this area and the right amount of growth to be included;
 - ✓ Capital income shortfall £25k.

Central Investment / Adjustments

- Investment of £300k to fund the Hub;
- Investment property income shortfall £250k in 2022/23;
- Connected working - ongoing investment of £243k from 2023/34 (when Proud funding falls out) for the permanent element of the structure;
- MRP – ongoing investment of £462k from 2024/25;
- Removal of base budget for transformation (£6m in 2022/23) from 2022/23. This level of investment is no longer required, as there is an earmarked reserve to accommodate further transformation once the Proud programme has delivered the current benefits. This will be kept under review and the reserve topped up as required;
- A review of the workforce planning provision, which funds redundancy and pension strain costs, has released funds in 2022/23 with this gradually being re-phased

back from 2024/25 onwards. The existing earmarked reserve is considered sufficient to manage restructure costs over the next 2 to 3 years;

- Removal of airport equity investment from central budgets £700k;
- Reduction in contractual inflation budget of £610k.

Use of earmarked reserves

- A number of the above pressures relate to the medium term impact of Covid-19, as such it is appropriate to fund these from reserves, as they are considered to be one-off, for example as income levels return closer to pre-Covid-19 levels. There are sufficient earmarked reserves set aside for reset to cover these costs without a call on general reserves (£2.47m);
- Funding one off investment for the single handed review from reserves of £274k.

4.20 Further to the changes in assumptions, the draft budget 2022/23 – 2025/26 includes provision for growth and investment of c£55m, as shown in **Appendix 1**. There is a further £4.52m of pay and pension related investment to be allocated to services in 2022/23 once the pay award and pension valuation have been agreed.

4.21 Assumptions will be kept under continual review and may change as the budget process progresses. Core funding will be updated on receipt of the draft and final Settlements and final allocations of specific grants.

MTFO Savings Requirements

4.22 Our approach to budget setting was established in 2020 with overall financial savings expected to be delivered via Proud activity. For 2022/23 Proud work streams will continue to provide the 'enablers' to allow directorates to deliver their service transformation plans. As set out in **table 2** above, the changes in assumptions reflected in the updated MTFO changed the quantum of the funding gap, with the savings required to be delivered over the period 2022/23 to 2025/26 set out below, a total of c£70.43m.

2022/23 - £20.14m
2023/24 - £16.33m
2024/25 - £18.67m
2025/26 - £15.23m

Walsall Proud Benefit Opportunities

4.23 Walsall Proud (WP) is the council's transformation programme to transform the way the council works; Achieve Improved Outcomes and Customer Experience; Improve Staff Satisfaction and Engagement; and Improve Service Efficiency and Performance. Proud activity covers all council services and consists of a number of key work streams, as follows:

- Commissioning, Procurement & Contract Management (Third Party Spend)
- Communication, Change and Culture & Behaviours
- Customer Access and Management
- Designing the Ways of Working – Hubs and Enabling Support Services
- Enabling Technology

- Income Generation & Cost Recovery
- Connected Working
- Corporate Landlord

The Proud business case set out up to £70.26m of ongoing saving opportunities, of which savings to date are as follows:

- Delivered 2020/21 - £1.19m;
- Approved for delivery during 2021/22 - £28.89m (£26.91m after adjusting for one-offs of £1.98m);
- Identified for delivery in 2022/23 - £20.14m in this report;
- £2.66m of benefits identified but not approved;
- Identified for delivery in 2023/24 - £6.09m;
- Totalling £56.99m, leaving a further £13.27m to be delivered, and therefore to contribute to the remaining gap of £10.25m in 2023/24 and contribute towards some of the gap in 2024/25.

The impact of Covid-19

- 4.24 Since March 2020, the council along with the communities it serves, has responded to the impact of the Covid-19 crisis. As a provider of public services and in its civic leadership role, the council quickly responded by re-prioritising services, responding to Government announcements, working in partnership and immediately redirecting resources to achieve the necessary crisis response. As part of this response, the council conducted a review of Walsall Proud activity in order to determine those activities which could continue and those which should be delayed whilst the council responded to the Covid-19 situation, using the following criteria:
- *Care* - Employees and residents are already experiencing disruption to their lives and significant amounts of uncertainty. Therefore, we will not conduct activities which may add to this.
 - *Manage disruption* - We will identify those activities which can continue over the coming months so that we can continue to progress towards delivering the Programme benefits where possible.
 - *Working remotely* - Our teams will work remotely and use the technology available to collaborate on service delivery, projects and deliver outputs. Exceptions to this will be managed and the impact on progress monitored.
- 4.25 Over the latter part of 2020/21, activity within the Programme resumed. This included preparing for employee consultations; completing outstanding design work within the Enabling Support Services; continuing with procurement activities within the Enabling Technology work stream; commencing work on the council's Strategic Asset Plan and providing Connected Working tools and techniques to support teams. In parallel and complementary to the Resilient Communities service transformation plan, public consultation was undertaken on the Resilient Communities proposals, in conjunction with the residents' survey, and engagement activities with partners.

Service Transformation Planning process

- 4.26 As part of the Reset process, the council identified an opportunity to bring together Proud activity and the work taking place in each directorate in response to Covid-19. During 2020/21, Proud activity supported directors to develop three-year service

transformation plans (STPs) to deliver both financial and non-financial benefits. Each Director was asked to prepare an STP identifying:

- The strategic direction of travel for their service(s);
- How the service(s) would deliver against the 3 KPIs of the Proud Programme;
- How each service would use the new ways of working delivered by the Programme to deliver the 3 KPIs;
- Savings to be delivered.

4.27 This process has enabled directors to consider the practical application of the original Proud business case within their individual area and as a result generate the budget options set out within this report for 2022/23.

4.28 To compliment and align with the new outcomes based budget process outlined in section 4.15 to 4.17 within this report, STP's will be reviewed and revised to ensure that:

- The council's Corporate Plan objectives and proposed Direction of Travel for each area has been considered;
- All future options for the application of new ways of working have been considered within each service transformation plan;
- Further options for service transformation in future are clearly identified including opportunities to bring that activity forward;
- Identification of benefit opportunities to meet the budget gap for 2023/24 onwards.

4.29 This work is required as the council continues to seek to address the budget position for 2023/24 and the years beyond. It also ensures that the Walsall Proud business case which sets out the benefits (including financial) to be delivered though investment in the programme can still be delivered. Proud is now entering a critical period as it has moved broadly from design and into implementation from late 2020/21. For a period, the council will be required to manage the implementation of STP's whilst continuing to deliver new ways of working through the work streams, for example, implementation of the Customer Access and Management capability is underway at the same time as director's will be seeking to use that capability as part of delivering their plans. This will put additional strain on resourcing throughout the organisation and will require a joined up approach to change management.

Summary of Savings identified

4.30 The Proud service transformation plans have identified £20.14m of financial benefit for 2022/23 and £6.08m for 2023/24. Benefits / savings are classified into two categories:

1. Policy Proposals - which require an Executive decision to proceed, and which will be referred for public consultation and equality impact assessment prior to any decision being made to include these in Cabinet's final budget proposals. Policy proposals are shown on **Appendix 2A**, and these total £282k over the two years. The majority are full year impact of savings from 2021/22 with the following to be noted:
 - £79k – P2/P3 appointeeships was approved for consultation by Cabinet on 16 June 2021 and the outcome will to be reported back to Cabinet;

- £30k – P9 charge developers for travel plans – to be deferred to 2023/24 and replaced with an operational saving of one off use of section 38 funding in 2022/23. Any consultation required will be under taken during 2022/23;
2. Operational Proposals – savings which officers have delegations to implement; examples include restructures, back office savings, operational efficiencies. These are shown at **Appendix 2B**, and total £25.95m over the two years. This includes saving OP3 Early Help restructure, £888k of which has been reprofiled to 2023/24, funded from troubled families grant in 2022/23. This is a change to the saving initially included in the draft 2022/23 budget proposals presented to Council on 25 February 2021. This has been reprofiled to allow sufficient time to:
- Understand and ‘design in’ the policy implications of the MacAlister Care review to future proof Walsall’s Early Help arrangements;
 - Engage in the Governments relaunched Supporting Families funding formula and delivery structure discussions so that the future redesign of Early Help in Walsall is reflective of the renewed approach and programme funding from 22/23 onwards is maximised;
 - Optimise Customer Access Management functionality to effectively divert demand;
 - Accelerate plans for improved partnership working, developing the necessary capacity within partners, communities and families themselves that will allow the Authority to step away from direct delivery of Early Help, for all but the most vulnerable families.

Some proposals require investment to support delivery, most of which has been provided for as part of the approved 2021/22 budget. Such investment will only be allocated if the relevant saving proposal is included within Cabinet’s final budget report in February, once consultation and equality impact assessment on proposals has concluded.

- 4.31 The savings at **Appendix 2** will ensure a balanced budget for 2022/23. A gap of £10.25m remains after the delivery of the £6.08m saving identified for 2023/24, with a further £18.41m saving requirement for 2024/25 and £15.23m for 2025/26. Directors continue to work on identifying additional options for Members consideration through the STP process, and a further report will be presented to Cabinet outlining further options to balance the budget for 2023/24 onwards. A work stream review of the STP’s is taking place to ensure that they maximise opportunities from the Proud ways of working and capabilities, and therefore capture the full benefits; to ensure they capture innovative thinking; and to challenge any opportunities to accelerate identified savings.

Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26

- 4.32 The key objective of the Capital Strategy is to deliver a capital programme that:
- Ensures the council’s capital assets are used to support the delivery of priorities within the Corporate Plan and the council’s vision;
 - Links with the council’s Strategic Asset Plan;
 - Is affordable, financially prudent and sustainable;

- Ensures the most cost effective use is made of existing assets and new capital investment, and;
- Supports other Walsall service specific plans and strategies.

4.33 The approach to capital planning includes:

- The need to match priority capital investment decisions against the council's limited internal resources;
- To maximise external funding sources;
- To optimise borrowing where there is an agreed deliverable pay back mechanism;
- To ensure the council's health and safety, etc. commitments are adequately covered;
- To minimise the call on revenue resources.

4.34 In practical terms the basic approach is to use the Strategic Asset Plan to:

- Maintain required assets to meet the needs of the services and people that use them;
- Evaluate options for disposal of surplus assets;
- Develop sustainable, cost effective new assets in response to the council's priorities.

4.35 However there will be an increasing emphasis on:

- Investing in activity that unlocks external investment in the borough;
- Investing in service redesign to drive out long term revenue savings;
- Investing in the creation of an efficient and effective operational estate;
- Investing in assets that support the strengthening of the borough's economy;

4.36 Capital programme resources are limited. The financing for capital investment is heavily reliant on grants and funding received from the Government. The success that Walsall has had in securing a wide range of external funding may be harder to achieve as many of the sources of funding may stop or reduce.

4.37 The remaining flexibility is currently through capital receipts and borrowing. Capital receipts projections however are limited, and fully dependent on when council assets are sold. There is further uncertainty in relation to asset valuations due to Covid-19 which may impact our capital receipts projections and this is being assessed and will be taken into account in setting the final capital programme in February 2022. Earmarking of capital receipts beyond what we are statutorily obliged to do is not recommended without overall strategic consideration of the entire capital programme. Use of borrowing incurs ongoing revenue debt charges and impacts on council tax payers. The Chancellor is currently reviewing current borrowing regulations which may involve a cap on borrowing levels, restricting authorities ability to fund capital expenditure.

4.38 Capital allocations and grants from Government and other sources have not, in some cases, been provided, therefore best estimates have been used, based on published

information to date. Any further reduction in funding will require amendments to the draft programme.

- 4.39 Despite the above difficulties, significant investment is planned and funded over the four years to 2025/26. The council is able to fund existing commitments and has, through prioritisation of bids, resources and sound treasury management, been able to support new investment into key services, and areas of capital investment need, linked to Walsall Proud activity.
- 4.40 Cabinet determine the projects to be included within the capital programme in the light of the relative priorities and the overall impact on the revenue budget. Schemes that require use of the council's own capital resources (such as through borrowing or capital receipts), are scored and prioritised in accordance with a matrix, in order to assist the decision making process:
- For Delivery of Capital projects - alignment to local plans and strategies; deliverability; benefit to cost ratio; amount of matchfunding to be levered in; commercialisation - Income generation / land sales etc. to be considered to enable funds to be recycled so that more of the pipeline can be funded in the longer term; generation of savings in the form of council tax, business rate income, revenue income or operational cost savings generated as a result of this investment to support the MTFO.
 - For Development Capital projects - alignment to local plans and strategies; long term deliverability; benefit to cost ratio; and the potential for the wider scheme to secure external funding / match funding / recycling of funds i.e. commercialisation, overage, land sale etc so that more of the pipeline can be funded in the longer term.
- 4.41 The list of schemes included in the draft capital programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26 are shown at **Appendix 3** (council funded) and **Appendix 4** (externally funded). **Table 4** below shows the draft capital programme against available resources.

Table 4 : Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26				
Anticipated Capital Resources	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m
Capital receipts projection	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
General borrowing	9.23	8.33	4.67	4.67
Revenue contribution to capital - burial levy	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Previous years carry forward – rail stations	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00
Borrowing - Regional Materials Recycling	2.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Borrowing - Enterprise Zones*	13.94	4.07	0.00	0.00
Borrowing - Waste Strategy	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Borrowing - Pipeline investments	8.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Borrowing - High Streets Fund	0.00	7.53	15.88	0.00
Externally Funded Schemes	23.86	11.33	11.33	11.33
Total capital resources	62.27	38.28	33.40	17.52
Draft Capital Programme				
Rolling Programme Schemes	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30

Anticipated Capital Resources	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m
Prior Year Approvals	33.83	22.65	16.72	1.45
New Bids	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Council Funded Schemes (Appendix 3)	38.41	26.95	21.02	5.75
Externally Funded Schemes (Appendix 4)	23.86	11.33	11.33	11.33
Total draft capital programme	62.27	38.28	32.35	17.08
Funding shortfall (surplus)	0	0	(1.05)	(0.44)

*Rephased by year - requirement to cash flow prior to generation of business rates

- 4.42 Council funded schemes identified in **Appendix 3** include a refresh of the draft programme reported to Council in February 2021, with a number of projects added during 2021/22 following Cabinet approval, along with one additional scheme of £280k as match funding for external social housing bids submitted. For 2023/24 onwards, the full impact of these projects will be reviewed, and funding revisited as part of the rolling annual budget process. There may be a number of schemes that will require match funding in year to secure external resources, which will be reviewed in year and funds drawn down as projects are confirmed. The Strategic Asset Plan is due to be agreed by Cabinet and the final capital programme will reflect the financial implications of this. The impact of inflation, material shortages, etc are also currently under review and will need to be accommodated from identified resources.
- 4.43 Capital receipts projections are based on professional estimates of property colleagues. Any additional receipts received in year (excluding those earmarked for specific schemes) will be set aside to fund any urgent requests for funding, including any match funding requirements received in year, subject to approval.
- 4.44 Borrowing is funded from the council's own resources – generated through savings, and/or paid for via council tax. Councils are allowed to borrow in accordance with the Treasury Management Code of Practice.
- 4.45 As well as those in the draft programme, there are a number of large capital schemes that are in development or planning stages. It is expected that as individual business cases are developed and considered by Cabinet and/or Council, they are then included in the latest update of the capital programme if they are deemed to be a high priority and affordable. Funding for these will need to be identified and may be through a combination of borrowing and/or other contributions. Where practical, a payback agreement will be implemented, whereby projects should, wherever possible be self-funded over the life of the project and beyond. A £28m provision was made for council pipeline investment opportunities in 2021/22, including emerging regeneration schemes, where funding or match funding is required, and major capital projects. This provision is held centrally and any unallocated resources will be carried forward into 2022/23. To access these funds, an outline business case is required to be endorsed by the council's Strategic Investment Board, followed by a full business case for Cabinet approval.
- 4.46 For externally funded schemes, where a bidding process is required, it is assumed the full cost of the project is met from external grant and/or third party contributions.

If it becomes clear during the process that this is not the case, the project cannot proceed if the external funds cannot be sourced.

Towns Fund

4.47 Earlier this year, Walsall and Bloxwich were successful in being awarded £21.3m for each of the £25m bids submitted for each Town. Working with the Town Deal Board and Partners the Walsall projects have been agreed and submitted at £22m with an underwriting requirement from the Council of £528k as the Council’s share of the shortfall compared to the awarded allocation. For Bloxwich, the initial projects submitted at £25m have been agreed to continue without change leaving a £3.7m shortfall compared to the awarded allocation. This has been allocated to the 2 lowest projects submitted being the Incubation Space and Digital Access Centre and Green Bloxwich schemes both being Council schemes which initially will require underwriting.

This total £4.2m underwriting allows the projects to be taken forward at this stage and for the full business cases for all of the projects to be completed during which other external funding and cost reductions/value re-engineering will be sought before final submission, full commitment of the additional match funding/underwriting required and start of delivery. The profiling of both external funding and any match funding requirement from the council will be included in the final capital programme, following full government approval of the schemes.

Draft Leasing Programme

4.48 The 2022/23 leasing programme totals £0.43m, summarised in **Table 5** below. Leasing minimises the call on capital resources by spreading the acquisition cost over a number of years. Revenue funds are required to finance operating leases, and are included in the revenue budget. There is expected to be a carry forward from 2021/22 which is dependent on timings on acquisition of vehicles.

Table 5: Leasing Programme	Capital £m	Revenue £m
Equipment	0.00	0.06
Light Commercial vehicles	0.35	0.41
Refuse Vehicles	0.00	0.54
Tractors & Agricultural Implements	0.08	0.21
Welfare vehicles	0.00	0.01
	0.43	1.22

Council Corporate Plan priorities

4.49 The budget is the financial plan supporting delivery of the organisations key objectives and priorities. The budget process is a four yearly cycle, updated annually, aiming to support delivery of council priorities and outcomes within available resources. It aims to achieve this through the delivery of efficiencies, income reviews and service reviews and redesign to redirect existing and reducing resources to areas of high council priority in order to deliver the council outcomes. This budget has been

prepared using the council's high level purpose and priorities as outlined in the council's approved Corporate Plan.

Risk management

- 4.50 The budget process is governed by the overarching Medium Term Financial Framework and Corporate Plan. Risk management is an integral part of this activity and is embedded in budget preparation, monitoring and forecasting to enable potential budget variances and risks to be identified early and addressed.
- 4.51 There is still uncertainty around Government funding for 2022/23 and beyond due to the lack of Government allocations beyond this year and the uncertainty around changes arising from the pending Review of Relative Needs and Resources (formerly the Fair Funding Review) and 75% Business Rates Retention. Plans may be announced by the Government as part of the Spending Review on 27 October 2021. The MTFO continues to be regularly reviewed to ensure all significant changes are reflected.
- 4.52 There is a risk that funding will reduce more than anticipated or that further pressures will emerge, whether Covid-19 related or otherwise, which will require the council to address prior to setting the budget in February 2022. As the need for savings increases, the council's ability to protect services from being reduced or actually ceasing diminishes.
- 4.53 The budget is risk assessed and this is used to formulate the recommended level of contingencies and reserves. The outcome of this will be reported to Cabinet and Council in the final budget report.

Financial implications

- 4.54 The council must set a balanced budget to meet its legal requirements as set out under legal implications.

Legal implications

- 4.55 Under the Local Government Act, an authority must set a council tax and balanced budget, giving 14 days' notice of the council tax level prior to the date of billing. The Council must set a budget before 11 March of each year. This will include the S151 Officer's S25 Statement on the Robustness of the Budget and the Adequacy of the Reserves for which the budget provides, together with an assessment of risk.
- 4.56 The collection fund and council tax base are governed by Statutory Instrument 2012 No.2914 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012. The council is legally obliged to set the council tax base and notify the precepting authorities by 31 January each year.

Procurement Implications / Social Value

- 4.57 There are no direct implications arising from this report. Any procurement implications as a result of the development of Proud benefits will be set out within the relevant redesign proposals as they are developed.

Property implications

- 4.58 There are no direct implications arising from this report. The Strategic Asset Plan is currently in development and once approved, any financial implications will need to be reflected in the final capital programme. Any direct property implications as a result of service redesign will be set out within the relevant redesign proposals as they are developed.

Health and Wellbeing implications

- 4.59 There are no direct implications arising from this report. Any direct health and wellbeing implications as a result of service redesign will be set out within the service redesign proposal as they are developed.

Staffing implications

- 4.60 There will be some staffing implications arising from this report. The contribution of the trade unions will be important in the council achieving its key aims and objectives particularly in these challenging times. Officers and members will consult widely with them on the employee implications of service redesign and delivery.
- 4.61 Staff affected by proposals arising from the Proud Programme will be supported as appropriate throughout the process and the number of redundancies will be minimised wherever possible.

Reducing inequalities

- 4.62 Reducing inequalities is the council's vision as set out in the Corporate Plan. Assessing the impact of proposed organisational changes and changes to policies, procedures and services is a positive opportunity for the council to ensure good decisions are made, based on robust evidence. It is clear that the decisions taken by individual services do not operate in isolation. Thus, when making policy, it is important not just to look at the potential impact of individual measures, but also to ensure that their interaction is properly understood and that the cumulative impact is taken into account. Understanding the cumulative impact on protected groups should be a pre-requisite of any policy making process.
- 4.63 Under the Public Sector Equality Duty an analysis of impact on equality must contain sufficient and suitable information to enable the council to;
- Demonstrate it has given 'due regard' to the aims of the equality duty in decision making;
 - Consider ways of mitigating or avoiding any adverse impacts.
- 4.64 The council uses an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) to check the lawfulness of council decisions in relation to the impact on people with certain characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010. An EqIA must contain relevant data and sufficient analysis to enable Members to understand the equality implications of a proposal and any alternative options before any decisions are arrived at.
- 4.65 Completing an EqIA provides a positive opportunity to ensure that the council makes better decisions, based on robust evidence and will identify any anticipated impact

on residents, service users and staff that fall within the protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act. Equality impact assessments are undertaken on service and organisational change proposals as they develop and any implications reported as they arise, to allow Cabinet to consider and make any revisions required.

- 4.66 Initial screening EqlAs is carried out on options to indicate whether full EqlAs will be required. Full EqlAs identify the outcomes, and their potential impacts, and document the reasons for this decision. There are four possible outcomes:
- A. No major change required:
When no adverse impact is identified and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken
 - B. Adjustments are needed to adverse impact to better promote equality
 - C. Continue despite possible adverse impact:
Compelling reasons will be needed and mitigating actions may be required to minimise adverse impact
 - D. Stop and rethink the proposal:
When an EqlA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination and needs to be reviewed immediately
- 4.67 If adjustments are needed or a potential adverse impact is identified, an action plan is developed to show how this will be mitigated or in exceptional circumstances, justified. EqlAs will be considered by Cabinet members, prior to any decision being made as to the final proposals to be included in the final Budget report to Council.

Climate Change

- 4.68 This report is prepared with consideration of the council's Climate Change Action Plan, and budget proposals will be assessed against the six key areas of the plan: strategy, energy, waste, transport, nature, resilience and adaptation as appropriate.

Consultation

- 4.69 Section 138 of the Local Government and Public involvement in Health Act 2007 places a general duty on every local authority in England to take such steps as it considers appropriate to secure that representatives of local persons (or of local persons of a particular description) are involved in the exercise of any of its functions, among other things by being consulted about the exercise of the function. The 2010 Equality Act, whilst not imposing a specific duty to consult, lays a requirement to have due regard to the equality impact when exercising its function.
- 4.70 Consultation is an integral part of the budget process and arrangements are in place to consult with a range of communities and stakeholders as appropriate (the public, councillors, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, etc.). Consultation will be publicised and communicated widely via a range of methods and channels.
- 4.71 Consultation will be undertaken on policy related draft budget options as they develop from Proud activity and findings presented to Cabinet. Due to the coronavirus pandemic consultation will be conducted online. However in order to ensure that everyone who wants to have their say is able to, in line with our Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), alternative formats and support to respond will be

provided to those who request it. Findings along with equality impact assessments will be reported to Cabinet for their consideration and to inform Cabinet's final budget recommendations to Council in February 2022.

4.72 This report will be forwarded to Overview Scrutiny Committees for consultation purposes, to allow each Committee to comment on the budget proposals within their remit.

5. Decide

5.1 As set out in the legal section, councils are required to set a legal budget. This report is the first stage in that process and Cabinet are asked to approve the recommendations as set out, to allow consultation to commence.

6. Respond

6.1 Following Cabinet's consideration, draft proposals will be referred for consultation as required, feedback provided to Cabinet and the council will publish the feedback and the council's response to it.

7. Review

7.1 Further updates will be presented to Cabinet as required, including any feedback from consultation, in advance of the final budget report to Cabinet on 9 February 2022.

Summary of appendices:

- 1 Summary of New Growth and Investment 2022/23 to 2025/26 aligned to Proud Outcomes;
- 2 Benefits Realisation (Savings) for Proud activity by Outcome 2022/23 to 2025/26;
- 3 Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26 – Council Funded Schemes;
- 4 Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26 – External Funded Schemes;

Background papers:

- Various financial and working papers.
- Corporate Budget Plan 2021/22 to 2023/24, incorporating the Capital Strategy; and the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2021/22 Onwards – Council 25 February 2021
- Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22, Covid-19 update, approach to Budget Setting for 2022/23, and changes to the council's Tax Strategy - Cabinet 21 July 2021

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Appendix 1 - Summary of New Growth and Investment 2022/23 to 2025/26 aligned to Proud Outcomes

Directorate	Ref No	Details of Growth by outcome	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
People live a good quality of life and feel they belong						
Adult Social Care and Public Health	1	Additional Social Care demand / cost pressures	3,153,075	3,652,586	4,000,000	4,000,000
	2	Better Care Funding iBCF2 fall out of grant	2,023,652	0		0
	New	Additional Social Care demand / cost pressures	1,629,000	1,056,000	1,056,000	1,056,000
	New	Additional Social Care demand / cost pressures (Covid-19)	1,486,892	0	0	0
	New	Direct Payments refund reducing	228,000	153,000	0	0
	New	Single handed review	274,000	0	(137,000)	(137,000)
	New	Payment on plan domiciliary care capacity issues	1,000,000	0	0	0
Children's Services	38	Crisis support	0	500,000	0	0
Total People live a good quality of life and feel they belong			9,794,619	5,361,586	4,919,000	4,919,000
Creating an environment where business invests and everyone who wants a job can access one						
Economy, Environment & Communities	New	Economic growth programme	0	1,856,000	42,150	0
Creating an environment where business invests and everyone who wants a job can access one			0	1,856,000	42,150	0
People know what makes them healthy and are encouraged to get support when they need it						
Economy, Environment & Communities	New	Active living centres income shortfall (Covid-19)	412,703	(412,703)	0	0
Total People know what makes them healthy and are encouraged to get support when they need it			412,703	(412,703)	0	0
Children grow up in connected communities and feel safe everywhere						
Children's Services	10	Additional Looked after Children demand / cost pressures	3,454,000	2,559,000	2,559,000	2,559,000
	New	Additional Looked after Children demand / cost pressures	344,203	142,172	267,179	223,050
	New	Additional Looked after Children demand / cost pressures (Covid-19)	792,718	(79,682)	(365,843)	(198,299)
	11	Troubled Families	0	1,000,000	0	0
	15	Foster care inflation	66,441	66,602	66,800	66,800
	New	Early Help restructure	888,000	(888,000)	0	0
	New	Increases in EHP assessment team	303,000	0	0	0
	41	Family drugs and alcohol court – linked to saving OP10	94,910	0		0
	43	Mocking Bird – Increase in number of social workers	20,790	0		0
45	Grandparents plus - build in for future years – linked to saving OP13	50,000	0		0	
Total Children grow up in connected communities and feel safe everywhere			6,014,062	2,800,092	2,527,136	2,650,551

Directorate	Ref No	Details of Growth by outcome	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Education, training and skills enable people to fulfil their personal development						
Children's Services	17	Home to school transport	1,338,094	1,045,861	941,977	941,977
	New	Home to school transport	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total Education, training & skills enable people to fulfil their personal development			1,588,094	1,295,861	1,191,977	1,191,977
People are proud of their vibrant town, districts and communities						
Economy, Environment & Communities	20	Economy and Environment contractual inflation	239,313	240,000	240,000	0
	New	Economy and Environment contractual inflation	0	0	240,000	240,000
	New	Increase cost of waste tonnage (Covid-19)	535,000	(250,000)	(285,000)	0
	New	Penalties for co-mingled waste (Covid-19)	70,000	(35,000)	(35,000)	0
	New	Car parks income shortfall (Covid-19)	324,000	(162,000)	0	0
	New	Loss of penalty income (Covid-19)	124,000	(124,000)	0	0
	New	Coroners	50,000	0	0	0
	New	APCOA contract	100,000	0	0	0
	New	Capital income shortfall	25,000	0	0	0
Total People are proud of their vibrant town, districts and communities			1,467,313	(331,000)	160,000	240,000
Internal Services deliver quality and adapt to meet the needs of customer facing services						
Resources & Transformation	51	Integrated Facilities Management – centralised maintenance	250,000	0	0	0
	52	Webcasting and hybrid council meetings	15,000	0	0	0
	54	Additional staffing for IT operating model	94,000	0	0	0
	56	Finance - review and reduction in transactional activity within finance following implementation of One Source – linked to saving OP44	207,045	0	0	0
	58	Cloud / Microsoft licences	300,000	300,000	0	0
	New	Shortfall in box office income	6,080	(6,080)	0	0
Central / Capital Financing	27	Capital financing - review of debt portfolio	437,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
	28	Revenue implications of capital programme	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
	New	MRP review	0	0	462,000	0
	New	Investment property income shortfall	250,000	0	0	0
	New	Continuation of income losses arising from impact of Covid-19	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	0	0
	New	Connected working	0	246,000	0	0
	New	Hub investment linked to work stream activity	300,000	0	0	0
	New	Pay award	1,000,000	0	0	0
Total Internal Services deliver quality and adapt to meet the needs of customer facing services			4,359,125	639,920	1,562,000	1,100,000
Total Growth and investment			23,635,916	11,209,756	10,402,263	10,101,528

Additionally, there is £4.52m of pay (increments) and pension related investment to be allocated to services in 2022/23, £6.82m in 2023/24, £5.32m in 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Investment Summary by Directorate

Directorate	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£	£	£	£
Adult Social Care and Public Health	9,794,619	4,861,586	4,919,000	4,919,000
Children's Services and Customer Engagement:	7,602,156	4,095,953	3,719,113	3,842,528
- Children's Services				
- Customer Engagement	0	500,000	0	0
Economy, Environment and Communities	1,880,016	1,112,297	202,150	240,000
Resources and Transformation	872,125	293,920	0	0
Central / Capital Financing	3,487,000	346,000	1,562,000	1,100,000
Total	23,635,916	11,209,756	10,402,263	10,101,528

Appendix 2 – Benefits Realisation (Savings) for Proud activity by Outcome 2022/23 to 2025/26

A: Summary of Policy Proposals by Outcome 2022/23 – 2023/24

Directorate	Ref No	Detail of Policy Proposals by Outcome	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Total £
Children grow up in connected communities and feel safe everywhere					
Children's Services	P1	Change, Grow, Live Contract - bring service back in house (Full year effect of 2021/22 saving)	(122,714)	0	(122,714)
Total Children grow up in connected communities and feel safe everywhere			(122,714)	0	(122,714)
Internal Services deliver quality and adapt to meet the needs of customer facing services					
Resources & Transformation	P2	Finance - Adult Social Care Client Care Team - introduce charge for appointeeship management / support – <i>approved for consultation by Cabinet on 16 June 2021 with outcome to be reported back to Cabinet to support the 2022/23 budget process</i>	(72,800)	0	(72,800)
	P3	Finance - Adult Social Care Client Care Team - introduce charging for administration of deaths for appointees – <i>approved for consultation by Cabinet on 16 June 2021 with outcome to be reported back to Cabinet to support the 2022/23 budget process</i>	(6,000)	0	(6,000)
	P4	Organisational redesign to deliver Intelligent Client Model across Asset Management, Capital Projects and Facilities Management (Full year effect of 2021/22 saving)	(42,726)	0	(42,726)
	P5	Redesign of Occupational Health contract (Full year effect of 2021/22 saving)	(7,500)	0	(7,500)
Total Internal Services deliver quality and adapt to meet the needs of customer facing services			(129,026)	0	(129,026)
People are proud of their vibrant town, districts and communities					
Economy, Environment & Communities	P9	Charge developers for travel plans – alternate savings to be identified	0	(30,000)	(30,000)
Total People are proud of their vibrant town, districts and communities			0	(30,000)	(30,000)
Total Policy Proposals			(251,740)	(30,000)	(281,740)

B: Summary of Operational Proposals by Outcome 2022/23 – 2023/24

Directorate	Ref No	Detail of Operational Proposals by Outcome	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Total £
Children grow up in connected communities and feel safe everywhere					
Children's Services	OP3	Development of locality partnership offer in Early Help and restructure of 'change grow live' following contract bought in house (implementation of restructure)	(99,760)	(888,396)	(988,156)
	OP6	Review of current establishment and reduction in the use of agency staff, following recruitment of permanent staff	(747,820)	0	(747,820)
	OP7	Mother & Baby - Daisy Project	(443,988)	0	(443,988)
	OP8	Strengthening families, protecting children	(338,711)	0	(338,711)
	OP9	Adolescent service - Turning Point - reduce number of adolescents coming into care	(759,933)	0	(759,933)
	OP10	Family drugs and alcohol court	(136,916)	0	(136,916)
	OP11	Foster carer support - placement disruption	(1,554,022)	0	(1,554,022)
	OP12	Placement sufficiency - recruitment & retention	(107,712)	0	(107,712)
	OP13	Grandparents plus - build in for future years	(67,236)	0	(67,236)
	OP107	Independent Living	(250,000)	0	(250,000)
Total Children grow up in connected communities and feel safe everywhere			(4,506,098)	(888,396)	(5,394,494)
Children thrive emotionally, physically, mentally and feel they are achieving their potential					
Children's Services	OP5	Home to school transport - route optimisation	(216,204)	0	(216,204)
	OP17	Reduction in use of agency and temporary staff	(120,000)	0	(120,000)
Total Children thrive emotionally, physically, mentally and feel they are achieving their potential			(336,204)	0	(336,204)
Creating an environment where business invests and everyone who wants a job can access one					
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP21	Capitalisation of posts - maximise external funding	(25,000)	0	(25,000)
Creating an environment where business invests and everyone who wants a job can access one			(25,000)	0	(25,000)
Education, training and skills enable people to fulfil their personal development					
Children's Services	OP25	Increase traded services to schools	(55,000)	0	(55,000)
	OP26	High needs funding review and provide specialist support to children with additional needs via use of DSG grant	(250,000)	0	(250,000)
	OP28	Review and streamline the provision of specialist inclusion services and support	(41,283)	0	(41,283)
Total Education, training and skills enable people to fulfil their personal development			(346,283)	0	(346,283)
Internal Services deliver quality and adapt to meet the needs of customer facing services					
Adult Social Care & Public Health	OP32	Paperless council meetings - savings to be made from eliminating paper agendas completely	(9,276)	0	(9,276)
Children's Services	OP29	Children's - To develop Power BI reports to create efficiencies	(119,961)	0	(119,961)
Resources & Transformation	OP34	The modernisation of an electronic enrolment and canvassing system	(5,000)	0	(5,000)
	OP35	Efficiencies savings with legal services	(33,334)	0	(33,334)

Directorate	Ref No	Detail of Operational Proposals by Outcome	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Total £
Resources & Transformation	OP38	Efficiencies in relation to the purchase of law library books	(10,000)	0	(10,000)
	OP39	Restructure of Finance Function to strengthen strategic financial planning, financial system teams and phased review of accountancy team management posts and review of external funding opportunities; and general efficiencies	(20,000)	0	(20,000)
	OP40	Review of treasury / debt management costs recharge against investment returns delivered	(1,203)	0	(1,203)
	OP41	Accounts Payable - Use of automated invoice validation process within One Source	(48,311)	0	(48,311)
	OP42	Finance - Adult Social Care Charging & Payments and Client Care Teams - Impact of connected working on financial transactions	(21,667)	0	(21,667)
	OP43	Insurance Team - Review of insurance team to deliver focus on reducing claim costs and reduction in insurance fund charges	(1,287)	0	(1,287)
	OP44	Finance - review and reduction in transactional activity following implementation of One Source	(123,423)	0	(123,423)
	OP45	Finance - Schools Traded Service team cost recovery review	(19,449)	0	(19,449)
	OP46	Finance - Implementation of Walsall Supplier Early Payment Scheme	(92,000)	0	(92,000)
	OP49	Centralise all IT related expenditure across the council in order to identify and generate efficiencies and consolidate shadow IT capability and general programme efficiencies	(271,000)	0	(271,000)
	OP50	Sell some IT services to other councils and organisations	(21,000)	0	(21,000)
	OP52	Facilities management - school catering and caretaking traded services review	(15,200)	0	(15,200)
	OP53	Facilities management - review of prices and service standards across all internal and traded units and review ways of working for relief caretakers	(58,344)	0	(58,344)
	OP54	Facilities management - review structure & ways of working in the post room and centralisation and rationalisation of postage costs	(13,000)	0	(13,000)
	OP57	CPM - review structure and ways of working	(25,791)	0	(25,791)
	OP59	HR restructure	(50,000)	0	(50,000)
	OP60	Consider ceasing of physio contract	(12,000)	0	(12,000)
	OP108	Review of mobile phones contract	(31,000)	0	(31,000)
	OP109	Cross council efficiencies relating to administration and business support	(2,100,000)	0	(2,100,000)
	Total Internal Services deliver quality and adapt to meet the needs of customer facing services			(3,102,246)	0
People are proud of their vibrant town, districts and communities					
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP62	Abandonment of current 'silo' roles within waste	(363,682)	0	(363,682)
	OP65	Management restructure	(320,000)	0	(320,000)
	OP66	Covid-19 reset of the street cleansing service	(49,320)	0	(49,320)
	OP74	Heritage and culture / Arts and events - increase fees and charges	(9,351)	0	(9,351)
	New	One off use of Section 38 income	(30,000)	30,000	0

Directorate	Ref No	Detail of Operational Proposals by Outcome	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Total £
Economy, Environment & Communities	New	Street lighting savings	0	(728,000)	(728,000)
	Total People are proud of their vibrant town, districts and communities		(772,353)	(698,000)	(1,470,353)
People know what makes them healthy and they are encouraged to get support when they need it					
Adult Social Care & PH	OP112	Public Health	(800,000)	0	(800,000)
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP78	Cost effective procurement of new fitness equipment	(34,646)	0	(34,646)
	OP79	Bloxwich Active Living Centre landing development	(80,820)	0	(80,820)
Total People know what makes them healthy and they are encouraged to get support when they need it			(915,466)	0	(915,466)
People live a good quality of life and feel they belong					
Adult Social Care and Public Health	OP83	New Ways of Working/Staff Reconfiguration. Resilient Communities	(112,988)	0	(112,988)
	OP84	New Ways of Working/Staff Reconfiguration. Customer Access Management	(37,663)	0	(37,663)
	OP89	New Ways of Working/Staff Reconfiguration. Customer Access Management/ Resilient Communities	(1,178,407)	0	(1,178,407)
	OP90	Review of Older People existing long term and new residential nursing & domiciliary placement costs support packages for learning disabilities including supported living and mental health	(4,400,928)	0	(4,400,928)
	OP91	Reduction of day care funded by direct payments	(356,471)	0	(356,471)
	OP92	All Age Disability	(156,000)	0	(156,000)
	OP97	Review of resources including Goscote and shared lives	(500,000)	0	(500,000)
Children's Services	OP98A	Restructure within Money Home Job	(166,745)	0	(166,745)
	OP100	Bespoke webpage and web data entry form	(18,000)	0	(18,000)
	OP113	Council wide efficiencies relating to Customer Access Management	(2,899,000)	(4,470,000)	(7,369,000)
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP103	Review of existing fees and charges within resilient communities	(44,315)	0	(44,315)
	OP104	Provide pre license surgeries to individuals and businesses to support license applications	(7,350)	0	(7,350)
	OP106	Charging for change of name deeds (registrars)	(10,890)	0	(10,890)
Total People live a good quality of life and feel they belong			(9,888,757)	(4,470,000)	(14,358,757)
Total Operational Proposals			(19,892,407)	(6,056,396)	(25,948,803)

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Total £
Total Savings			
A - Policy Savings	(251,740)	(30,000)	(281,740)
B - Operational Savings	(19,892,407)	(6,056,396)	(25,948,803)
Total Savings	(20,144,147)	(6,086,396)	(26,230,543)

A further saving of £0.26m is identified in 2024/05 relating to Street Lighting.

Savings Summary by Directorate

Directorate	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£	£	£
Adult Social Care and Public Health	(7,551,733)	0	(7,551,733)
Children's Services and Customer Engagement:			
- Children's Services	(5,431,260)	(888,396)	(6,319,656)
- Customer Engagement	(3,083,745)	(4,470,000)	(7,553,745)
Economy, Environment and Communities	(975,374)	(728,000)	(1,703,374)
Resources and Transformation	(3,102,035)	0	(3,102,035)
Total	(20,144,147)	(6,086,396)	(26,230,543)

Appendix 3 – Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26 – Council Funded Schemes

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Rolling Programme Schemes						
Economy, Environment & Communities	Memorial Safety Management in Cemeteries	The continued inspection and making safe of memorials in Walsall cemeteries and to discharge the council's duty of care within the cemeteries. Increased safety of memorials benefits the residents of Walsall by delivering a safer environment within Walsall cemeteries.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Highways Maintenance Programme	As Highway Authority the council has a legal responsibility to maintain the highway network. Failure to do so inevitably leads to a deterioration of our roads, increasing the likelihood of accidents and would ultimately expose the council to increased risk of third party claims.	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
Children's Services	Aids and Adaptations / Preventative Adaptations/ Supporting Independence	This project directly supports the council's: 1. Statutory requirement to provide disabled facility grants (DFGs) this includes enabling the council to provide a continuous service rather than as some councils do in terms of stock-piling enquiries till new grant allocations are made to them. 2. Provision of maintenance of lifts and hoists. 3. Minor adaptation works. 4. Domestic electrical safety.	412,000	412,000	412,000	412,000
	Health Through Warmth - Tackling Fuel Poverty	To help provide a safety net for those who cannot access other funding sources and is available as a loan charged on the individuals' property that is repaid upon sale or relevant transfer of their home. For this sum per year, it could offer 28 new boiler systems and 25 boiler repairs. Also helps secure continued investment from external agencies in tackling fuel poverty and excess winter deaths in the borough.	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Council Wide	Funding to support essential works including health and safety, and other projects that cannot be programmed at start of year	1: Asbestos removal - the authority is required by legislation to manage asbestos within its properties and to remove to comply with health & safety legislation. 2: Statutory testing of gas and electrical systems in buildings. 3: Control of Legionella - statutory requirement to test all water systems and undertake upgrades and improvements as required. 4: Fire Risk Assessment - statutory requirement to ensure compliance with health & safety. 5: Demolition of redundant buildings to provide saleable assets and increase market value of sites. 6: General repair & maintenance of buildings, historic buildings, aiding relocations. 7: Self-insured property damage – insurance excess. 8: Risk Management - unforeseeable events.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Rolling Programme Schemes			4,307,000	4,307,000	4,307,000	4,307,000
Prior Year Approvals						
Economy, Environment & Communities	Traffic Signals Infrastructure	The council has a statutory duty to maintain all its traffic signal infrastructure. This programme of planned pedestrian crossing replacements will ensure the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians across the borough (Traffic Mgt Act 2004). Also supports delivery of the council's CO2 reduction targets.	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
	Provision of Community Dropped Crossings	These are dropped kerbs at strategic points along footways which permit access for wheelchairs, pushchairs, mobility scooters etc. to cross roads. The investment will allow the council to provide a rolling programme of community crossing points.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Economy, Environment & Communities	Promotion of Community Health and Safety	Ongoing funding of road safety schemes, to address local community concerns, which fail to achieve the strategic priorities associated with the Local Transport Plan funding in terms of casualty reduction. In supporting these local schemes it is possible to improve local quality of life and safety creating safer communities.	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
	M6 Junction 10 - Widening of Bridges	Walsall Council is working in partnership with Highways England to improve Junction 10 of the M6 motorway. The scheme will include the widening of the existing bridges over the motorway to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. In addition improvements will be made to the junction of A454 Wolverhampton Road/Bloxwich Lane/Tempus Drive and the A454 Black Country Route.	650,000	0	0	0
	New Rail Stations at Willenhall, Darlaston and Aldridge – highways package	The new rail stations at Darlaston and Willenhall are promoted by WMCA/TfWM and WMRE at an estimated total package cost of £56m based on the end of GRIP Stage 4 design. This cost is for the rail infrastructure only – track, signalling, overhead line equipment, platforms, car park and ancillary infrastructure. A package of complementary highway works is required to be developed in 2021/22 and delivered in 2023/24. This highways investment represents the council contribution to these stations. Scheme rephased.	0	3,000,000	0	0
	Yorks Bridge (Top Up)	Yorks Bridge has suffered over recent decades and the bridge is currently the subject of a 7.5 tonne weight limit. Replacement scheme funded using council capital funding and the Department for Transport Maintenance Block.	750,000	750,000	0	0
	Regional Materials Recycling Facility Project	Cabinet on 4 September 2019 approved for the council to enter into a Joint Working Arrangement with 5 partner councils in order to facilitate the delivery stage of a local authority owned Materials Recycling Facility. (£7.01m approved in 2021/22)	2,722,000	0	0	0
	Enterprise Zones	Required for the council to manage borrowing costs associated with capital investment into the Enterprise Zone. Financial modelling forecasts that these costs are expected to be recovered from future business rates generated from within the zone, although the Black Country LEP are the decision making body in relation to where business rates within the zone are invested. Therefore on the basis that the BCLEP approve that costs on Walsall sites can be recovered through the business rates mechanism, then the council will only be required to cash-flow these costs. (£6.82m approved in 2021/22)	13,938,273	4,072,473	0	0
	Waste Management Strategy	Strategic acquisition of property to support the future delivery of the council's waste management strategies. (£10.83m approved in 2021/22)	3,004,788	0	0	0
	Bloxwich Active Living Centre landing development	Development of landing and office space to extend fitness suite, create bespoke indoor cycle studio, and install virtual instructor will deliver c£90k per annum additional income. Proud investment	170,000	0	0	0
	High Streets Fund	To invest in Walsall to deliver a much-needed boost to our high street at this challenging time, match funding to external funding announced by MHCLG (now LUHC – Dept for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) on 26 December 2020 (£100k approved in 2021/22) Rephased allocation from 2022/23.	0	7,533,735	15,875,761	605,576

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Children's Services	School Estate Condition Survey	Ongoing provision to cover school conditions. Part allocation from 2020/21 proposed to be carried forward to 2021/22.	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
	School Temporary Classrooms	Ongoing provision for improving / replacing permanent mobile classrooms when they reach a state of disrepair. This has been held corporately to fund emergency costs arising.	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Resources & Transformation	Council House Roof Repairs	Replace roof as it is at the end of its life, plus timber repairs. (£750k approved in 2021/22)	750,000	0	0	0
	Replacement of 'tablet' technology	A 'tablet rollout' programme was completed during 2019 enabling agile working and the adoption of Office 365, with replacement starting in 2022.	2,250,000	2,250,000	0	0
	Smartphones	Current mobile phone devices will require replacement. Out of life devices will not receive security patches nor upgrades to the android operating system - will result in 'apps' not being updated, including 'outlook app' used to receive email. (£200k approved in 2021/22)	200,000	0	0	0
	Card payments, digital website etc)	To ensure the council remains PCI compliant and allows for citizens to pay for services on line. (£750k approved in 2021/22)	250,000	0	0	0
	Maintaining a safe and secure environment	Hardware & software upgrades to maintain compliance for current standards e.g. BACS software & open banking compliance. (£2.56m approved in 2021/22)	200,000	200,000	0	0
	Computer Aided Facilities management system	To provide a comprehensive computer based integrated system to manage repairs, minor and major works, stock condition, financial modelling, asset and new build evaluation, contract management, DLO module for staff allocation such as direct labour and soft FM caretaking and cleaning, asset management property records, valuation toll, gis integration, finance loading of invoicing, statutory compliance, asbestos etc. (£250k approved in 2021/22)	100,000	0	0	0
Council Wide	Pipeline investment	Funding for pipeline investment opportunities. This to include additional match funding costs if required to support projects in planning / development, subject to approval of a full business case by Cabinet to access these funds. (£28m approved in 2021/22)	8,000,000	4,000,000	0	0
Total Prior Year Approvals			33,825,061	22,646,208	16,715,761	1,445,576
New Bids						
Children's Services	Social Housing	Social Housing decarbonisation match funding to support bid to improve council owned housing stock - as approved by Cabinet 8 September 2021	283,600	0	0	0
Total New Bids			283,600	0	0	0
Total Draft Capital Programme – Council Funded Schemes			38,415,661	26,953,208	21,022,761	5,752,576

Appendix 4 – Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26 – External Funded Schemes

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Economy, Environment & Communities	Growth Deal	The Black Country Growth Deal, 'Made in the Black Country, Sold around the World', was agreed with Government in July 2014. The Growth Deal will create the skills, connections and locations for further high value manufacturing success and support growth in the Black Country's automotive, aerospace and construction sectors. To date the programme has committed c£148m and received claims c£77m. It has contracted 3,532 jobs excluding apprenticeships and over 6,000 including them (Dep't of Communities & Local Gov). In January 2019 the Black Country Joint Committee appointed Walsall Council as its Single Accountable Body, as a result the balance of the Growing Places Fund (£5.4m) was transferred from Sandwell Council, with the funds to be used to over-programme Growth Deal.	5,439,498	0	0	0
	LTP Highway Maintenance Programme	This capital funding, known as the maintenance block, is distributed by the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA).As the Highway Authority we have an extremely high profile duty to maintain our highway network. This money is provided, by DfT as a capital grant via the ITA with the condition that it should be spent on the classified road network. (Department for Transport via ITA).	1,943,000	1,943,000	1,943,000	1,943,000
	Pothole Fund	This capital funding, known as Pothole Action fund, is distributed by the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA), specifically to repair pothole or to prevent them forming in the first place. Funding is based upon a formula using road length data.	154,600	154,600	154,600	154,600
	West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan (STP) 'Movement for Growth'	The Government provides each locality with grant funding to help implement the Local Transport Plan in their area. The grant is used for the implementation of small scale capital schemes; development of major capital schemes and to part fund major schemes implementation costs. The programme is designed to address road safety issues, progress the Council's major scheme aspirations; and resource the required 'local contributions' to approved major schemes. (Department for Transport / West Midlands ITA).	1,276,300	1,276,300	1,276,300	1,276,300
	High Streets Fund	To invest in Walsall to deliver a much-needed boost to our high street at this challenging time, as announced by MHCLG (now Dept for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) on 26 December 2020.	6,479,967	0	0	0
Children's Services	Disabled Facilities Grant	This project directly supports the council's statutory requirement to provide disabled facility grants (DFGs). It is based on the delivery of the ring fenced award of grant money from government. The project has a direct positive impact on the number and subsequent varied costs to the council from the increasing level of demand for home adaptations.	3,314,771	3,314,771	3,314,771	3,314,771
	Social Housing	Social Housing decarbonisation bid to improve council owned housing stock - external funding bid as approved by Cabinet 8 September 2021	607,200	0	0	0

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Children's Services	Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES)	Supplies equipment to people with both a social care and a health need on an assessed needs basis. This is a pooled budget between the CCG and the council, this capital funding will be used to purchase this equipment which will enable people to return home or continue to remain at home. This now forms part of the Better Care Fund (BCF) for which the council is host. (Department of Health).	888,000	888,000	888,000	888,000
	Basic Need	Paid to LAs to support the capital requirement for providing new pupil places by expanding existing maintained schools, free schools or academies, and establishing new schools. (Department for Education).	1,319,871	1,319,871	1,319,871	1,319,871
	Devolved Formula Capital	Received by the LA then allocated out to individual schools as per allocations defined by the DfE. It is intended to provide schools with capital funding for improvement to buildings and other facilities, including ICT, or capital repairs / refurbishments and minor works. (Department for Education).	514,854	514,854	514,854	514,854
	Capital Maintenance	Allocated to the LA on an annual basis to improve and maintain the condition of the school estate (buildings and grounds). Investment is prioritised on keeping school buildings safe and in good working order by tackling poor building condition, building compliance, energy efficiency, and health and safety issues. (Department for Education).	1,917,799	1,917,799	1,917,799	1,917,799
Total Draft Capital Programme - External Funded Schemes			23,855,860	11,329,195	11,329,195	11,329,195

9 November 2021

Feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Portfolios: All

Wards: All

1. Summary of report

This report provides a short summary of the activity of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

2. Recommendation

That, subject to any comments Members may wish to make, the feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted.

3. Report

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting in October, the Committee received a presentation on an overview of Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Members sought more information on certain areas to receive assurance that the service was meeting the needs of young people in Walsall, it was agreed that this would be reconsidered at a future meeting. An update on the Holiday Activities and foods programme was received, and Members were informed of its success.

Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 14 October 2021 and considered two items.

Members received an update on the review of current provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Walsall. The Committee noted and supported the steps being taken to drive the review forward, including establishment of a working group and co-development with head teachers from primary, secondary and special schools. Through the review, consideration is being given to a range of matters including: locality data regarding SEND, exclusions and the factors leading to poor outcomes; special schools' capacity and use of expertise; SEND provision in mainstream schools; the reasons for exclusions/disengagement/children missing education; the encouragement of inclusion via the creation of inclusive cultures based on strong leadership, governance and management. Examination is also being given to comparator models in other local authorities, mainstream presumptions regarding SEND, out-of-Borough placements, the number of children in specialist provision with EHCPs, the increased number of children with autism, and the building of partnership working with other agencies.

The Committee also received a report on the provision of post-16 education and skills support services in Walsall. The Committee noted and supported the steps being taken under the Raising the Participation Age legislation, to encourage young people aged 13 – 19 years into education and/or training, and to provide targeted support for those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). There was discussion of the work undertaken by the post-16 Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) team, which had been transferred from Children’s Services to the Employment & Skills team, thereby enabling a joined-up education, employment and skills service to both young and older residents, albeit with a targeted approach and focus on those aged 16 – 24 years. Also discussed were the collaboration with Walsall College and other Black Country local authorities, employer engagement and the role being played by Walsall Works in supporting those young people either ineligible for other support or who are vulnerable due to childcare, debt, housing or mental health.

Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 21 October 2021 and considered two items.

Firstly, Members heard a petition calling for traffic calming measures on Pelsall Lane. The petition had been launched following numerous incidents and a fatal accident. The Committee learnt about the programme of road safety schemes and the challenges in delivering it.

Secondly the Committee received a report on the delivery of electric vehicle charging points in the borough. Members were informed of a funding bid that would provide the area with 35 public charging points. These would mainly be targeted to be installed in areas of the borough that lacked private driveways to charge vehicles. These charging points would assist that Council in meeting its target for charging points required by 2025.

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting on 23rd September, the Committee received an introduction to the Health and Care system in Walsall which provided Members with a context to scrutinise future items. The key item for this agenda, was ‘access to primary care services’. The Managing Director (Walsall CCG) presented a report to Members, who challenged issues and pushed for improvement in this area. A number of recommendations were made, in response to this, a further report will be considered at the next meeting – due to be held on 1st November. The Committee also set the areas of focus for the year, with primary care access remaining a key issue for the Committee along with the Walsall Healthcare Trust CQC improvement plan.

The Committee is scheduled to meet on 1 November 2021. Items on the agenda include:

- Primary care access;
- Draft revenue and capital programme 2022/23-2025/26
- Quarter 2 financial monitoring

A verbal update on the meeting will be provided at the meeting.

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1 November 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. [Page 101 of 117](#)

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
DECEMBER 2021 TO MARCH 2022 (1.11.21)**

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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
89/21 (1.11.21)	Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update: To report the financial position and impact of Covid-19	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
90/21 (1.11.21)	Autumn Budget and Spending review: To provide an update on the impact of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review on the medium term financial outlook	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
63/21 (4.10.21)	Corporate Plan 2021/22: To note the Quarter 2 performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
78/21 (1.11.21)	Upgrade of education IT systems: Authority to procure software as a service (SaaS) cloud based education system via relevant procurement frameworks and associated costs	Cabinet Key decision	Helena Kucharczyk Helena.kucharczyk@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird Councillor Towe	15 December 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	15 December 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	15 December 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 scheme: 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
64/21 (4.10.21)	Housing Enforcement Policy: To approve an updated and consolidated enforcement policy (including financial penalties)	Cabinet Key decision	David Lockwood David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk Appollo Fonka Appollonaris.fonka@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
79/21 (1.11.21)	Riverpoint Estate: To consider options in response to recommendations of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee with regard to land between Riverpoint Estate and the former Willenhall Sewage Works.	Cabinet Key decision depends on options developed	Nick Ford Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021

73/21 (4.10.21)	Town Deal: To authorise officers to receive and allocate Town Deal funding through agreed business cases	Cabinet	Philippa Venables Philippa.venables@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Town Deal scheme leads and Town Deal Board Members	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
65/21 (4.10.21)	Waste Management Strategy: To agree to the submission of the planning application for Middlemore Lane site to accommodate a new household waste recycling centre and a waste transfer station facility and to approve that the existing site at Fryers Road to have an upgraded household waste recycling centre.	Cabinet Key decision	Cabinet Report - 19 May 2020 Dave Brown Director of Place and Environment Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk 01922 653478 Stephen Johnson Service Manager – Strategy Stephen.johnson@walsall.gov.uk 01922 654227	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
66/21 (4.10.21)	Walsall's Street Scene Strategy : To approve a strategy which sets out the Council's aspirations and service standards for the design and maintenance of the boroughs streets and associated assets.	Cabinet Key decision	Dave Brown Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
67/21 (4.10.21)	Green Space Strategy: To agree an updated Green Space Strategy including a programme to improve and update/upgrade our children's playgrounds and to consider new/improved outdoor gym facilities	Cabinet Key decision	Alan Bowley Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Ward Councillors	Councillor Butler	15 December 2021

68/21 (4.10.21)	Bulky and Garden Waste Service: To agree to the continuation of the current bulky waste charging arrangements 'Three for a Tenner' and brown bin collections free, fortnightly and extended to November.	Cabinet Key decision	Alan Bowley Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Butler	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 activities as a result of ongoing needs around social care and inclusion,	Cabinet Key decision	Cabinet report and the lessons learned from COVID report Jeanette Knapper 07500028537	Existing end users of traditional day services in house; Existing users and carers/parents of people accessing building based day opportunities; Carers Hub; FACE; Frontline internal staff; External marketplace for day care/community based opportunities	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021
80/21 (1.11.21)	Adult Social Care Charging Policy: To consider and approve public consultation on a revised Charging Policy within Adult Social Care.	Cabinet Key decision	Karen Jackson, Director, Karen.jackson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021

81/21 (1.11.21)	Walsall Together (WT) Alliance Agreement: to approve the extension of the agreement.	Cabinet Key Decision	Cabinet report - WT Alliance: Integration of Health and Care Full Business Case.13.2.19 Kerrie.allward@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021
69/21 (4.10.21)	Future provision of the Appointeeship Service: To receive the outcome of formal consultation undertaken with regard to the future provision of the service and to approve the recommended changes identified as a result of the consultation.	Cabinet Key Decision	Council report 25 February 2021; Corporate Budget Plan 2021-22 & 2023-24; Cabinet Report 16 June 2021 – Pre-Audit Outturn 2020-21 Contact: Lloyd Haynes Lloyd.haynes@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Service users, their reps and other stakeholders, incl. advocacy organisations, internal social care professionals.	Councillor Martin Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
70/21 (4.10.21)	Food Law Enforcement Service Plan: To receive the annual service delivery plan required by the Food Standards Agency and recommend Council to approve the plan	Cabinet Non-key decision Council	Paul Rooney Paul.rooney@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Perry	Cabinet 15 December 2021 Council 10 January 2022
82/21 (1.11.21)	The Borough Plan 'Our Walsall Story': To agree to launch the concept and give a mandate to engage the Walsall community and partners to develop a long-term borough plan for Walsall which will be submitted to Cabinet/Council for approval in due course.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk Stephen Gunther Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Perry Councillor Craddock	15 December 2021

71/21 (4.10.21)	Fire Protection Service and Maintenance Contract: To approve the award of the contract <i>Note: Contains confidential information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	15 December 2021
72/21 (4.10.21)	Energy Supplies Contract: To approve the award of the contract for the provision of the Council's energy supplies	Cabinet Key decision	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	15 December 2021
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
83/21 (1.11.21)	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2021: To note the refresh of the updated data by Council and partner officers and to assist with identification of priorities in the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25.	Cabinet Non key decision Council	Stephen Gunther Director of Public Health Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services & Council partners through the Health and Wellbeing Board.	Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022 Council 24 February 2022
84/21 (1.11.21)	Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25: To agree the 2022-25 Joint Health and wellbeing Strategy which outlines agreed priority areas and how the Council and NHS will work together to improve health and reduce health inequalities in the borough; and to recommend Council to approve.	Cabinet Non-key decision Council	Stephen Gunther, Director of Public Health Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, Integrated Care Partnership, Council partners through Health and Wellbeing Board.	Councillor Craddock Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022 Council 24 February 2022

85/21 (1.11.21)	Corporate Plan 2022-25: To agree the 2022-25 Corporate Plan which outlines the council's future priorities and objectives and recommend Council to approve.	Cabinet Non-key decision Council	Stephen Gunther, Director of Public Health	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022 Council 24 February 22
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 22
86/21 (1.11.21)	Award of new contract(s) for Disabled Facility building works and other Housing related Works and Services To approve the award of new contracts for the period 1 march 2022 to 22 February 2027 <i>Note: The report contains commercially sensitive information to be considered in private session.</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	David Lockwood David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk Bill Weston	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022
49/21 (2.8.21)	Domestic Abuse services contract award: To approve the contract awards for the provision of Domestic Abuse emergency accommodation and support; and support to Domestic Abuse victims and their children <i>Note: There may be commercially sensitive information to be considered in private session.</i>	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Isabel Vanderheeren Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Service users external stakeholders	Councillor Andrew Councillor Wilson	9 February 2022

74/21 (4.10.21)	COVID Memorial Garden: To consider options for a COVID Memorial Garden	Cabinet Key decision	Dave Brown Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services. Stakeholders dependent upon options	Councillor Perry	9 February 2022
87/21 (1.11.21)	Statutory Advocacy Services: To receive an update on the recommissioning of these services and delegate authority to accept and award a contract	Cabinet Key Decision	Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	9 February 2022
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	9 February 2022
75/21 (4.10.21)	General building Repair and Maintenance Contract: To award the contract for the Council's general building repair and maintenance. <i>Note: Contains confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February

76/21 (4.10.21)	Mechanical and Electrical Service and Maintenance Contract: To approve the award of the contract award the contract for the Council's mechanical and electrical service and maintenance contract. <i>Note: contains confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February 2021
77/21 (4.10.21)	Supported Housing Repair and Maintenance Contract: To approve the award of the contract.	Cabinet	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February
88/21 (1.11.21)	Corporate Plan 2021/22: To note the Quarter 3 performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	16 March 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	16 March 2022

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05/07/2021	Local Growth Fund – Growth Deal Programme Approval of the 2020/21 Programme Spend	Approve the year end position of Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year, 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	Approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Glasshouse Development Phase 3 Grant Agreement with Ruskin Mill Land Trust, in relation to the project outputs.			
05/07/2021	Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre Grant Agreement with Incomm, in relation to the project outputs.			

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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	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Grant Agreement with Dudley Council in relation to the project output.			
06/09/2021	Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills	Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills (ECMS) Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton in relation to match funding.			
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>	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.	Papers TBC – Helen Martin Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk	Dudley Council	03/11/2021

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06/09/2021	Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre	<p>Note that change request relates to a change in programme funding streams.</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 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	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement Deed of Variation	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.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	09/02/2022

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06/04/2021	Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme changes		Papers TBC – Simon Neilson Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	09/02/2022
06/04/2021	Dudley Advanced Construction Centre	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.			
06/09/2021	Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills	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. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.			

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01/11/2021	Hatherton Street Phase 2	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Jessups Brothers Ltd, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hatherton Street Phase 2 project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in match funding and outputs.</p>			
01/11/2021	i9 Wolverhampton	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Ion Projects Limited, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the i9 Wolverhampton project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>			

Scrutiny Overview Committee – Area of Focus – 2021-22

	28 September	9 November	13 December	7 February	15 March	28 April
<p>Economic Growth, for all people communities and businesses</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Economy & Environment</i></p>		S106				
<p>People have increased independence, improved health and positively contribute to their communities</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Social Care & Health</i></p>	C19 Data	C19 Data	C19 Data	C19 Data	C19 Data	C19 Data
<p>Internal focus, all Council services are efficient</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Scrutiny Overview Committee</i></p>	<p>Customer Experience Strategy</p> <p>Financial outturn and Q1 monitoring</p>	<p>Q2 financial monitoring</p> <p>Budget setting 2022-23</p>	Scrutiny survey results	Corporate Plan Monitoring (Q2)		
<p>Children have the best possible start and are safe from harm, happy, healthy and learning well</p> <p><i>Lead OSCs: Children's & Education</i></p>						
<p>Communities are prospering and resilient with all housing needs met in safe and healthy places that build a strong sense of belonging and cohesion</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Scrutiny Overview Committee</i></p>	Domestic Abuse Strategy		Domestic Abuse Services Delivery Model			

Items to be scheduled

Notes: Corporate Plan themes can be cross cutting for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committees identified for reference

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To be scheduled

Equalities Working Group

Corporate Plan Performance Monitoring

Affordable Housing

Fly tipping enforcement

Organised and serious violent crime

West Midlands Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee

Via Email

Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring