



**Walsall** Council

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) A key decision is:
  - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
  - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £500,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS  
MARCH 2023 TO JUNE 2023 (06.02.23)**

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| Reference No./<br>Date first entered in Plan | Decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside the Council)                                                                                                                             | Decision maker                             | Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer                                                                                    | Main consultees                                                                                          | Contact Member (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall) | Date item to be considered                      |
| 141/22<br>(10.10.22)                         | <b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b><br><br>To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.                                                                 | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key decision            | Vicky Buckley<br><br><a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>                               | Corporate Management Team and Internal Services                                                          | Cllr Bird                                                               | 8 February 2023                                 |
| 142/22<br>(10.10.22)                         | <b>Corporate Budget Plan 2023/24 – 2026/27, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2023/24:</b><br><br>To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council. | Cabinet<br><br>Council<br><br>Key decision | Vicky Buckley<br><br><a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>                               | Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations<br><br>Internal Services | Cllr Bird                                                               | 8 February 2023<br><br>Council 23 February 2023 |
| 150/22<br>(7.11.22)                          | <b>Payments Project Contract Award:</b><br><br>To award a contract to Capita/Pay360 Ltd (soon to be Access Group Ltd) for the provision of Pay 360 Licences and Capita/Pay360 Ltd services.                                   | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision                | Janice Freeman-Phillips<br><br><a href="mailto:Janice.Freeman-Phillips@walsall.gov.uk">Janice.Freeman-Phillips@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services                                                                                        | Cllr Bird                                                               | 8 February 2023                                 |

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| 7/23<br>(9.1.23)   | <b>TUPE transfer of Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Economic Intelligence Team:</b><br><br>To consider the transfer of the Black Country LEP Economic Intelligence Team to Walsall Council.                                                                                      | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Stephen Gunther<br><br><a href="mailto:Stephen.Gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.Gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                                 | Internal Services                                                                                | Cllr Bird   | 8 February 2023 |
| 107/22<br>(6.6.22) | <b>Procurement of Corporate Landlord Strategic Partner:</b><br><br>To seek approval to the appointment of a strategic partner to support the programme of capital schemes related to the council's property portfolio.                                                                      | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Nick Ford<br><br><a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                                                   | Internal Services                                                                                | Cllr Andrew | 8 February 2023 |
| 1/23<br>(9.1.23)   | <b>Derelict Sites Intervention:</b><br><br>That various key derelict sites be appraised and prioritised for intervention and that authority be delegated to pursue Compulsory Purchase Orders where appropriate.<br><br><i>This will be a private report containing exempt information.</i> | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Philippa Venables<br><br><a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                           | Internal Services                                                                                | Cllr Andrew | 8 February 2023 |
| 9/23<br>(6.2.23)   | <b>Changes to the council's bus lane provision:</b><br><br>To agree the council's approach to responding to a request to grant access to bus lanes for private hire vehicles.                                                                                                               | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key Decision | Dave Brown<br><br><a href="mailto:Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk">Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk</a><br><br>Background paper: Council meeting minutes 07 January 23 | Internal services<br><br>Transport for West Midlands<br><br>Enhanced Partnership reference group | Cllr Andrew | 8 February 2023 |

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| 8/23<br>(9.1.22)    | <b>We Are Walsall 2040:</b><br>To consider the draft We are Walsall 2040 strategy and consultation framework.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision        | Karen Griffiths<br><a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services                                            | Cllr Perry  | 8 February 2023                                 |
| 151/22<br>(7.11.22) | <b>Introduction of Council Tax Premium on unoccupied but furnished properties:</b><br>Levy the premium on properties that are unoccupied and unfurnished for more than 12 months. Effective from 1 April 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Cabinet<br>Council<br>Key Decision | Mark Fearn<br><a href="mailto:Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk">Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk</a>                | Part of budget consultation                                  | Cllr Ali    | 8 February 2023<br><br>Council 23 February 2023 |
| 156/22<br>(7.11.22) | <b>Healthy Lifestyles Contract and Smoking Cessation Contract Extensions:</b><br>To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing. This will allow them to extend contracts on behalf of the Council and to subsequently authorise the variations to the contractual arrangements for the services should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Rules. | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision        | Joe Holding<br><a href="mailto:Joe.Holding@walsall.gov.uk">Joe.Holding@walsall.gov.uk</a>             | Internal Services                                            | Cllr Flint  | 8 February 2023                                 |
| 2/23<br>(9.1.23)    | <b>Adult Social Care Market Sustainability Plan:</b><br>1. To consider the outputs of Phase 2 Fair Cost of Care Exercise in Walsall and note the potential implications for                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision        | Tony Meadows<br><a href="mailto:Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk">Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk</a>          | Adult Social Care service providers<br><br>Internal Services | Cllr Pedley | 8 February 2023                                 |

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|                     | <p>Adult Social Care fee rate setting and budgets.</p> <p>2. To note the content of the final Market Sustainability Plan briefing paper.</p> <p>3. To seek delegated authority for the Portfolio holder, Adult Social Care and the Executive Director, Adult Social Care to approve the final Market Sustainability Plan submission to Department for Health and Social Care.</p> |                             |                                                                                                     | Local Integrated Care Board |                            |                 |
| 3/23<br>(9.1.23)    | <p><b>Determination of the Scheme for coordinated admissions, and the Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools for the 2022/23 academic year</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Alex Groom<br><br><a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>          | Internal Services           | Cllr Statham               | 8 February 2023 |
| 152/22<br>(7.11.22) | <p><b>Renewal of the Council's Oracle Cloud Licenses:</b></p> <p>To renew the Council's Oracle cloud Licenses required for the operation of the Council's One Source system for HR, Payroll, Finance and Procurement from May 2023</p>                                                                                                                                            | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Ian Tuft<br><br><a href="mailto:Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk</a>                | Internal Services           | Cllr Bird<br>Cllr Ferguson | 22 March 2023   |
| 162/22<br>(5.12.22) | <p><b>Approval of the Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement:</b></p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Resources and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Kelly Valente<br><br><a href="mailto:Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk">Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal services           | Cllr Bird                  | 22 March 2023   |

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|                     | Transformation to enter into legal agreements with WMCA relating to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Legacy funds.                                                                                                                   |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |             |               |
| 10/23<br>(6.2.23)   | <b>LGA Corporate Peer Challenge – Action Plan:</b><br><br>To approve the Action Plan produced in response to the report by the Local Government Association following the January 2023 Corporate Peer Challenge.                                   | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key decision | Karen Griffiths<br><a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a><br><br>Elizabeth Connolly<br><a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services | Cllr Bird   | 22 March 2023 |
| 145/22<br>(7.11.22) | <b>Town Centre Theatre Project:</b><br><br>To agree next steps for the Town Deal Theatre project, setting out funding implications and options.<br><br><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i> | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Philippa Venables<br><a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                                                                                                 | Internal services | Cllr Andrew | 22 March 2023 |
| 4/23<br>(9.1.23)    | <b>West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2023/24:</b><br><br>To approve West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2023/24.                                             | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Matt Crowton<br><a href="mailto:Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk">Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                                                                                                                | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 22 March 2023 |
| 5/23<br>(9.1.23)    | <b>Sandwell Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation:</b><br><br>To approve Walsall's response to the Sandwell Local Plan consultation.                                                                                                        | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Neville Ball<br><a href="mailto:neville.ball@walsall.gov.uk">neville.ball@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                                                                                                                | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 22 March 2023 |

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| 153/22<br>(7.11.22) | <b>Walsall's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2022 to 2027:</b><br><br>To approve Walsall's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, 2022 to 2027.                                                                                                                                                                      | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Neil Hollyhead<br><br><a href="mailto:Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk</a>    | Internal services, service users, external stakeholders | Cllr Ali      | 22 March 2023 |
| 11/23<br>(6.2.23)   | <b>Walsall Civic Centre and Council House improvement works</b><br><br>To approve Council House improvement works including heating and ventilation replacement; fire alarm replacement; Civic Centre window replacement; Civic Centre ground floor refurbishment.                                                               | Cabinet<br>Key Decision     | Ian Lister<br><br><a href="mailto:Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>                | Internal Services                                       | Cllr Ferguson | 22 March 2023 |
| 6/23<br>(9.1.23)    | <b>Borough Playing Pitch Strategy:</b><br><br>To adopt and publish the Walsall Playing pitches strategy and the Black Country strategic framework                                                                                                                                                                                | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Liz Stuffins<br><br><a href="mailto:Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk">Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk</a>          | Internal Services                                       | Cllr Flint    | 22 March 2023 |
| 12/23<br>(6.2.23)   | <b>Street Scene Strategy:</b><br><br>To approve the councils 5-year plan for residential streets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cabinet<br><br>Key decision | Kathryn Moreton<br><br><a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal services                                       | Cllr Murphy   | 22 March 2023 |
| 13/23<br>(6.2.23)   | <b>Trading Standards Letting Agents Enforcement Policy</b><br><br>To approve Walsall Council's Trading Standards policy on the enforcement and determination of financial penalties in circumstances where persons engaged in letting agency work and property management business fail to comply with legislative requirements. | Cabinet<br><br>Key decision | David Elrington<br><br><a href="mailto:David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk">David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services                                       | Cllr Perry    | 22 March 2023 |



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| 129/22<br>(5.9.22)   | <b>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme:</b><br><br>To report back on Safer Streets activity and recommend any adjustments/additions to the programme.                                                                                    | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key Decision | Paul Gordon<br><br><a href="mailto:Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>          | Internal Services                      | Cllr Perry      | 22 March 2023 |
| 140/22<br>(10.10.22) | <b>High Needs Funding Formula:</b><br><br>To approve changes to the High Needs Funding Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant – High Needs Block to schools in Walsall for the 2023/24 financial year | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Richard Walley<br><br><a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services, Schools Forum       | Cllr M. Statham | 22 March 2023 |
| 154/22<br>(7.11.22)  | <b>Early Years Funding Formula:</b><br><br>That Cabinet approves the Early Years Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall                                                           | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Richard Walley<br><br><a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Schools Forum<br><br>Internal Services | Cllr M. Statham | 22 March 2023 |
| 14/23<br>(6.2.23)    | <b>Growth Funding for Schools:</b><br><br>To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to secure sufficient primary and secondary school places, through the adoption of a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth.              | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Alex Groom<br><br><a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>             | Internal services, Schools Forum       | Cllr Statham    | 22 March 2023 |
| 155/22<br>(7.11.22)  | <b>Council Plan: Review of Achievements 2021/22:</b><br><br>To note the Review of Achievements for 2021/22, highlighting successes and                                                                                                                       | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key decision | Meresh Kumari<br><br><a href="mailto:Meresh.Kumari@walsall.gov.uk">Meresh.Kumari@walsall.gov.uk</a>    | Internal Services                      | Cllr Bird       | 19 April 2023 |

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|  | progress towards achieving our Council priorities. |  | Elizabeth Connolly<br><a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a> |  |  |  |
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