



**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  
JULY 2022 TO OCTOBER 2022 (6.6.22)**

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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
97/22 (7.3.22)	<b>Corporate Plan 2021/22:</b>  To note the Quarter 4 (outturn) performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther  <a href="mailto:Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022
99/22 (4.4.22)	<b>Corporate Performance Management Framework:</b>  To present the refreshed framework which is part of the Council's governance arrangements along with feedback from Audit Committee following its consideration of the robustness of the framework.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Helen Dudson  <a href="mailto:Helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk">Helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022
100/22 (4.4.22)	<b>Pre-Audit Outturn 2021/22 and Covid-19 Update:</b>  To receive the pre-audit revenue and capital financial outturn position for 2021/22 and approve recommended carry forwards, and financial and treasury indicators for 2021/22, along with an updated assessment of Covid-19 funding allocations to address cost pressures and income losses	Cabinet  Key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022

<p>106/22 (24.5.22)</p>	<p><b>Local Development Scheme:</b></p> <p>An amendment to the timetable is required to accommodate the proposed additional Black Country Plan Regulation 18 consultation and delegated authority. Approval is also sought for delegated authority to make factual changes to the document.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Stuart Crossen</p> <p><a href="mailto:stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>22 June 2022</p>
<p>101/22 (4.4.22)</p>	<p><b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23, approach to Budget Setting for 2023/24, and changes to the council's Tax Strategy:</b></p> <p>To report the financial position based on 2 months to May 2022, including the impact of Covid-19, and to set out our approach and timeline for the 2023/24 budget process and amendments to the Tax Strategy.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Vicky Buckley</p> <p><a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>20 July 2022</p>
<p>106/22 (6.6.22)</p>	<p><b>Treasury Management Annual Report:</b></p> <p>To note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017)), the annual report for treasury management activities 2021/22 including prudential and local indicators.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Non-Key Decision</p>	<p>Treasury Management Code of Practice.</p> <p>Richard Walley</p> <p><a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>7 September 2022</p>

110/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2026/27:</b>  To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2023/24 to 2026/27, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2023/24.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
111/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b>  To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
102/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Housing Renewal Assistance Policy 2022-25:</b>  To approve an updated policy governing delivery of capital housing funds.	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Lockwood  <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
103/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation:</b>  To consider options for mitigation strategies in response to the requirement that all developments that would have Likely Significant Effects on the SAC need to provide mitigation for their impacts.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Stuart Crossen  <a href="mailto:Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a>  John Raine  <a href="mailto:John.raine@walsall.gov.uk">John.raine@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022

104/22 (9.5.22)	<p><b>Black Country Plan:</b></p> <p>To approve additional draft Black Country Plan regulation 18 consultation for additional suitable development sites.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Stuart Crossen</p> <p><a href="mailto:Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
105/22 (9.5.22)	<p><b>Housing Retro-fit 2022/23 schemes- Appointment of contractors:</b></p> <p>To approve appointment of contractors to deliver grant funded works to home in the borough to ensure that the council can use time-limited Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LADS) and Home Upgrade Grant (HUGs) funding to improve the energy efficiency of dwellings in the borough and help tackle fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and domestic carbon emissions</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>David Lockwood</p> <p><a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Mark England</p> <p><a href="mailto:Mark.england@walsall.gov.uk">Mark.england@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
107/22 (6.6.22)	<p><b>Procurement of Corporate Landlord Strategic Partner:</b></p> <p>To seek approval to the appointment of a strategic partner to support the programme of capital schemes related to the council's property portfolio.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Nick Ford</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 July 2022

108/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Town Deal:</b> To agree submission of business cases for Town Deal projects to secure funding.	Cabinet Key Decision	Philippa Venables <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Town Deal Board members	Cllr Andrew	20 July 2022
94/22 (6.2.22)	<b>Adult Social Care Charging Policy:</b> To consider and approve the revised Charging Policy, within ASC, following completion of the Public Consultation.	Cabinet Key decision	Anne Doyle <a href="mailto:Anne.doyle@walsall.gov.uk">Anne.doyle@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	22 June 2022
98/22 (7.3.22)	<b>Statutory Advocacy Services:</b> To receive an update on the recommissioning of these services and delegate authority to accept and award a contract	Cabinet Key decision	Tracy Simcox <a href="mailto:Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk">Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	20 July 2022
109/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</b> That Cabinet approves a full consultation with all schools for the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall	Cabinet	Schools Forum ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide  Richard Walley <a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Cabinet	Cllr M. Statham	19 October 2022