



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 helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at www.walsall.gov.uk. The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

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

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

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

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

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

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
OCTOBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022 (6.9.21)**

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Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan	Decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside the Council)	Decision maker	Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer	Main consultees	Contact Member (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall)	Date item to be considered
50/21 (6.9.21)	Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25 – To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2022/23 to 2024/25, savings proposals and update on consultation, and set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2022/23.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021
51/21 (6.9.21)	Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2021 and impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021
52/21 (6.9.21)	Approving amendments to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement: To approve all proposed amendments to the Collaboration Agreement covering the Joint Committee Advisory Board removal.	Cabinet Key decision	Mark lavender, Head of Programme Management Mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services and parties to the agreement Association of Black Country Authorities Chief Executives and Leaders	Councillor Bird	20 October 2021

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

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

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

14/21 (8.3.21)	<p>Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions – in principle approval for the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers.</p> <p><i>Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i></p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key decision</p> <p>Private Session</p>	<p>Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions.</p> <p>Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
48/21 (2.8.21)	<p>Affordable Housing commuted sums spend policy: To approve the use of affordable housing commuted sums (which are contributions secured through the planning process) to fund the provision of affordable housing to be used as temporary accommodation.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key decision</p>	<p>Neil Hollyhead</p> <p>Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
49/21 (2.8.21)	<p>Domestic Abuse services contract award: To approve the contract awards for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the provision of Domestic Abuse emergency accommodation and support support to Domestic Abuse victims and their children <p><i>Note: there may be some commercially sensitive information which will need to be considered in private session</i></p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key decision</p>	<p>Neil Hollyhead</p> <p>Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</p> <p>Isabel Vanderheeren</p> <p>Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Internal Services, service users, external stakeholders	Councillor Andrew Councillor Wilson	15 December 2021
44/21 (5.7.21)	<p>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</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Cabinet report and the lessons learned from COVID report</p> <p>Jeanette Knapper 07500028537</p>	Existing end uses of traditional day services in house; Existing users and	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021

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