



**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](mailto:helen.owen@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 ([helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk](mailto: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  
NOVEMBER 2021 TO FEBRUARY 2022 (4.10.21)**

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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
63/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Corporate Plan 2021/22:</b> To note the Quarter 2 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	Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
37/21 (7.6.21)	<b>Sale of Council land in Blakenall:</b> 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  <a href="mailto:Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
47/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Walsall's Customer Experience Strategy 2021 to 2026:</b> To approve the Strategy which sets out the Council's service transformation to meet customers' priorities and needs	Cabinet  Key decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Rashida Hussain <a href="mailto:Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk">Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, partner organisations, elected members, internal staff	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
14/21 (8.3.21)	<b>Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions:</b> 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.  <a href="mailto:Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk">Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021

48/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Affordable Housing commuted sums spend policy:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
64/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Housing Enforcement Policy:</b> To approve an updated and consolidated enforcement policy (including financial penalties)	Cabinet  Key decision	David Lockwood <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a> Appollo Fonka <a href="mailto:Appollonaris.fonka@walsall.gov.uk">Appollonaris.fonka@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
73/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Town Deal:</b> To authorise officers to receive and allocate Town Deal funding through agreed business cases.	Cabinet  Key decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Town Deal scheme leads and Town Deal Board Members	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
65/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Waste Management Strategy:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk">Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk</a> 01922 653478  Stephen Johnson Service Manager – Strategy <a href="mailto:Stephen.johnson@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.johnson@walsall.gov.uk</a> 01922 654227	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew  Councillor Butler	15 December 2021

66/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Walsall's Street Scene Strategy</b> : 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 <a href="mailto:Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk">Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk</a>  Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew  Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
67/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Green Space Strategy:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk">Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Ward Councillors	Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
68/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Bulky and Garden Waste Service:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk">Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
49/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Domestic Abuse services contract award:</b> To approve the contract awards for:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the provision of Domestic Abuse emergency accommodation and support</li> <li>support to Domestic Abuse victims and their children</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: There may be commercially sensitive information to be considered in private session.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Isabel Vanderheeren <a href="mailto:Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk">Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, service users, external stakeholders	Councillor Andrew Councillor Wilson	15 December 2021

46/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Emotional Wellbeing and Therapeutic Support for Children and Young People in need:</b> 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  <a href="mailto:David.demay@walsall.gov.uk">David.demay@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Walsall CCG and Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Councillor Wilson	15 December 2021
44/21 95.7.21)	<b>Day care/day opportunities:</b> 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 uses 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	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021
69/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Future provision of the Appointeeship Service:</b> 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 reports 25 February 2021. Corporate Budget Plan 2021-22 & 2023-24; Cabinet Report 16 June 2021 – Pre-Audit Outturn 2020-21  Contact: Lloyd Haynes <a href="mailto:Lloyd.haynes@walsall.gov.uk">Lloyd.haynes@walsall.gov.uk</a>	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)	<b>Food Law Enforcement Service Plan:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Paul.rooney@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.rooney@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Perry	Cabinet 15 December 2021  Council 10 January 2022
71/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Fire Protection Service and Maintenance Contract:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk">ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	15 December 2021
72/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Energy Supplies Contract:</b> To approve the award of the contract for the provision of the Council's energy supplies	Cabinet Key decision	Ian Lister <a href="mailto:ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk">ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	15 December 2021
61/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update</b> – 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 <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Councillor Bird	9 February 2022
62/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25, incorporating the Capital Strategy; and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2022/23:</b> To recommend the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet Key decision Council	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	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)	<b>Walsall Council Housing Allocations Policy:</b> To update the policy which sets the principles for the allocation of affordable housing	Cabinet  Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022
74/21 (4.10.21)	<b>COVID Memorial Garden:</b> To consider options for a COVID Memorial Garden	Cabinet  Key decision	Dave Brown <a href="mailto:Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk">Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services. Stakeholders dependent upon options being developed	Councillor Perry	9 February 2022
75/21 (4.10.21)	<b>General building Repair and Maintenance Contract:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February 2022
76/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Mechanical and Electrical Service and Maintenance Contract:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February 2022
77/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Supported Housing Repair and Maintenance Contract:</b> To approve the award of the contract.	Cabinet	Ian Lister <a href="mailto:Ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February 2022