



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 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 (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
SEPTEMBER 2025 TO DECEMBER 2025
(04.08.2025)**

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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
24/25 (6.5.25)	Council Plan Performance and Transformation update: Q1 - 1 April to 30 June: To provide Cabinet with a performance update for Quarter 1 regarding the Council Plan and transformation programme.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Judith Greenhalgh Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	3 September 2025
36/25 (4.8.25)	West Midlands Key Route Network: To delegate authority to consent to the submission of a draft order regarding the West Midlands Key Route Network.	Cabinet Key Decision	Dave Brown Dave.Brown@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	3 September 2025
19/25 (7.4.25)	West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Building Retrofit Pilot – Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme: To delegate authority to accept a funding allocation for the WMCA Building Retrofit Pilot – Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme to improve	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	3 September 2025

	the energy efficiency of public sector buildings in the borough.					
43/25 (4.8.25)	<p>Improving SEND Adult Provision for the Borough of Walsall - Disposal of a council-owned building on Littleton Street West:</p> <p>To approve the Disposal of a council-owned building on Littleton Street West, to support the development of improved educational facilities for students with special educational needs and disability (SEND).</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report, containing exempt information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	3 September 2025
37/25 (4.8.25)	<p>Community Mental Health Services Contract Extension:</p> <p>To extend the contract for Community Mental Health Services, for an initial period of twelve (12) months from the 1 October 2025 to the 31 September 2026 and a second period of up to six (6) from the 1 October 2026.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nadia Inglis Nadia.Inglis@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	3 September 2025
18/25 (7.4.25)	<p>Nature, Towns and Cities Bid:</p> <p>To seek approval to spend grant funding received through Nature, Towns and Cities.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	3 September 2025

31/25 (7.7.25)	Housing Support Service for People with Complex Care and Mental Ill Health: To extend the contract for Housing Support Service for People with Complex Care and Mental Ill Health for 12-months, with an option to extend for a further period of up to 12-months.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kerrie Allward Kerrie.Allward@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	3 September 2025
38/25 (4.8.25)	Procurement of liquid fuels and heating oil: To award a contract for the procurement of liquid fuels to ensure the delivery of key frontline services. <i>This will be a private session report, containing exempt information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Samra	3 September 2025
16/25 (7.4.25)	Secondary Sufficiency: To seek approval for the proposed secondary school expansion programme to ensure the provision of sufficient school places.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Kelly Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	3 September 2025
17/25 (7.4.25)	Special Educational Needs (SEN) Sufficiency: To provide an overview of the current position and approve options to support the development of education provision for vulnerable children.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Kelly Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	3 September 2025

39/25 (4.8.25)	Walsall Youth Justice Strategic Plan 22/25 Annual Update Report: To meet statutory requirements by producing an annual youth justice plan for submission to the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, showing how youth justice services will be provided and funded.	Cabinet Key Decision	Isabel Vanderheeren Isabel.Vadnerheeren@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	3 September 2025
33/25 (7.7.25)	Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2029/30: To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30, including savings proposals.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Shaun Darcy Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations. Internal Services	Cllr Bird	15 October 2025
34/25 (7.7.25)	Corporate Financial Performance 2025/26: To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2025.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Shaun Darcy Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	15 October 2025
4/25 (6.1.25)	Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document: To approve the final version of the Supplementary Planning Document for adoption.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	15 October 2025

44/25 (4.8.25)	Walsall Borough Local Plan (WBLP) – Consultation on the Draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan: To seek approval to consult on a draft WBLP (Regulation 18 version), appended to the report, along with supporting local plan evidence.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	15 October 2025
40/25 (4.8.25)	Adult Learning Centre: To approve the final business case for the Adult Learning Centre Project and delegate authority to proceed with construction and delivery of project.	Cabinet Key Decision	David Moore David.Moore@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Walsall College	Cllr Andrew	15 October 2025
21/25 (6.5.25)	Lifelong Learning, Employment and Skills Strategy: To approve the Walsall Lifelong Learning, Employment and Skills Strategy and support the development of an implementation plan.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk Sharon Kelly Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	15 October 2025
29/25 (2.6.25)	West Midlands Safe Centre: To seek approval for Walsall Council to join the West Midlands Safe Centre.	Cabinet Key Decision	Colleen Male Colleen.Male@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	15 October 2025
32/25 (7.7.25)	Black Country Fostering Hub: To establish a Black Country Fostering Hub with neighbouring local authorities, supported by funding from the DfE.	Cabinet Key Decision	Rita Homer Rita.Homer@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	15 October 2025

35/25 (7.7.25)	Contract Award for the Integrated Sexual Health Service and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19: To seek approval to award contracts for the Public Health funded Integrated Sexual Health Service and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19.	Cabinet Key Decision	Nadia Inglis Nadia.Inglis@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	15 October 2025
45/25 (4.8.25)	Information Governance Policy: To review and approve the Information Governance Policy to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.	Cabinet Key Decision	Judith Greenhalgh Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr A. Hussain	15 October 2025
42/25 (4.8.25)	Council Plan Performance and Transformation update Quarter 2: To provide Cabinet with a performance update for Quarter 2 regarding the Council Plan and transformation programme.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Judith Greenhalgh Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	10 December 2025
65/24 (7.10.24)	Walsall Place Based Strategy: That Cabinet approve the Walsall Place Based Strategy (PBS) that sets the vision and delivery plan for the Single Settlement.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
41/25 (4.8.25)	Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2025/26: 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 mid year report for treasury	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Shaun Darcy Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	10 December 2025

	management activities 2025/26 including prudential and local indicators.					
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