



## **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  
NOVEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025  
(07.10.2024)**

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7	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
58/24 (17.9.24)	<p><b>Contract Award for Interpreting, Translation, Transcription and Easy Read Service:</b></p> <p>To approve the award of a contract for the Interpreting, Translation, Transcription and Easy Read service and to delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into a contract.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Irena Hergottova  <a href="mailto:Irena.Hergottova@walsall.gov.uk">Irena.Hergottova@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Harjinder Lal  <a href="mailto:Harjinder.Lal@walsall.gov.uk">Harjinder.Lal@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	16 October 2024
52/24 (2.9.24)	<p><b>Disposal of Links to Work Building, Stephenson Avenue, Beechdale, Walsall, WS2 7HF</b></p> <p>To approve the disposal of the Links to Work Building.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Ian Jeavons  <a href="mailto:Ian.Jeavons@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Jeavons@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	16 October 2024

40/24 (1.7.24)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2028/29:</b>  To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29, including savings proposals.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Ross Hutchinson  <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations,  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	16 October 2024
41/24 (1.7.24)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2024/25:</b>  To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2024.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Ross Hutchinson  <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	16 October 2024
53/24 (2.9.24)	<b>Children and Young People Strategy:</b>  To approve the Children and Young People 2040 Strategy.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Isobel Vanderheernen  <a href="mailto:Isobel.Vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk">Isobel.Vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Children and young people	Cllr Elson	16 October 2024
60/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Schools Local Funding Formula 2025-26</b>  To approve the proposed schools local funding formula for 2025/26 and note that once funding allocations have been confirmed by the DfE, a further report will be presented to Schools Forum in January 2025.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Tanya Collier  <a href="mailto:Tanya.Collier@walsall.gov.uk">Tanya.Collier@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Schools Forum	Cllr Kaur	16 October 2024

54/24 (2.9.24)	<p><b>Local Area Network (LAN) contract award:</b></p> <p>To award a contract for provision and support of the Council's Local Area Network (LAN).</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Worrall <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Lee	16 October 2024
55/24 (2.9.24)	<p><b>Service Channel Management Platform contract award:</b></p> <p>To award a contract for the continued provision the Councils Service Channel Management Platform.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Worrall <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Lee	16 October 2024
56/24 (2.9.24)	<p><b>Middlemore Lane Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) &amp; Waste Treatment Service Operational Arrangements:</b></p> <p>To approve a short-term service contract for the operational management of the new waste facility at Middlemore Lane and the existing HWRC at Fryers Road and approve a new finance lease agreement for the operational equipment, HWRC containers, and other physical resources at Middlemore Lane.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	16 October 2024

<p>59/24 (17.9.24)</p>	<p><b>Procurement of consultancy support for transformation projects in ASC and Commissioning:</b></p> <p>To commission external consultancy support to accelerate the delivery of key transformation projects in Adult Social Care and Commissioning of People services.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Kerrie Allward <a href="mailto:Kerrie.Allward@walsall.gov.uk">Kerrie.Allward@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Pedley</p>	<p>16 October 2024</p>
<p>47/24 (5.8.24)</p>	<p><b>Council Plan 2025-2029:</b></p> <p>To consider the final version of the Council Plan following consultation and recommend this to Council for approval.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Karen Griffiths <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Elizabeth Connolly <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services, external stakeholders, other interested parties (via Public Consultation exercise)</p>	<p>Cllr Perry</p>	<p>11 December 2024</p>
<p>61/24 (7.10.24)</p>	<p><b>Making Connections Walsall:</b></p> <p>To approve a contract extension for 1 year (April 2025 – March 2026) to enable collaboration and partnership discussions regarding a new social prescribing delivery model for Walsall residents.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Sarah Oakley <a href="mailto:Sarah.Oakley@walsall.gov.uk">Sarah.Oakley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Perry</p>	<p>11 December 2024</p>

<p>48/24 (5.8.24)</p>	<p><b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2028/29 – Update:</b></p> <p>To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29, including update to savings proposals, impact of Autumn Statement, and progress on budget consultation to date including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the draft revenue and capital budget.</p>	<p>Cabinet  Key Decision</p>	<p>Ross Hutchinson  <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations,  Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Statham</p>	<p>11 December 2024</p>
<p>49/24 (5.8.24)</p>	<p><b>Treasury Management Mid-Year Position Statement 2024/25:</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 mid year report for treasury management activities 2024/25 including prudential and local indicators.</p>	<p>Cabinet  Council  Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Statham</p>	<p>11 December 2024</p>
<p>32/24 (4.6.24)</p>	<p><b>Appointment of Contractor for Civic Centre and Council House Decarbonisation Works:</b></p> <p>To appoint a contractor for decarbonisation works at the Civic Centre and Council House.</p>	<p>Cabinet  Key Decision</p>	<p>Nick Ford  <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>11 December 2024</p>

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46/24 (5.8.24)	<b>Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD):</b> To approve a draft SPD for consultation.	Cabinet Key Decision	David Holloway <a href="mailto:David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk">David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 December 2024
63/24 (7.10.24)	<b>The Walsall Borough Local Plan (WBLP) - revised Local Development Scheme (LDS):</b> To approve the progression of the WBLP under a revised LDS, and the publication of the revised LDS, to include other development plan documents and planning policy documents.	Cabinet Key Decision	David Holloway <a href="mailto:David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk">David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 December 2024
70/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Gasholders- Black Country Enterprise Zone:</b> To approve entering a Funding Agreement with City of Wolverhampton Council for site preparation works and the approach to progressing project delivery.  <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Caroline Harper <a href="mailto:Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk">Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 December 2024



62/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Adoption of the new Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy:</b> To approve the new Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy and establish a council-led steering group to undertake ongoing monitoring.	Cabinet Key Decision	Black Country PPOSS - Overarching Strategic Framework  Jaki Brunton-Douglas  <a href="mailto:Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk">Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	11 December 2024
71/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Net-Zero 2041 Strategy:</b> To approve the draft Net-Zero 2041 Strategy and the establishment of a 'Walsall Net Zero Partnership' to deliver the borough-wide elements of the Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton  <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	11 December 2024
35/24 (4.6.24)	<b>Walsall Housing Allocations Policy:</b> To approve Walsall's Housing Allocations Policy which details how the Council will prioritise applicants for nomination to housing association properties.	Cabinet Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead  <a href="mailto:Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public Consultation  Internal Services  Housing Associations	Cllr Garcha	11 December 2024
39/24 (1.7.24)	<b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029:</b> To approve the final version of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy following consultation.	Cabinet Key Decision	Karen Griffiths  <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Elizabeth Connolly  <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, external stakeholders, other interested parties (via Public Consultation exercise)	Cllr Lee	11 December 2024

57/24 (2.9.24)	<b>IT Goods, Software and Associated Services contract awards:</b> To award a contract for the provision of IT Goods, Software and Associated Services.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Worrall <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Lee	11 December 2024
64/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Council Plan 2025-2029 Baseline Performance Report:</b> To consider baseline performance data aligned to the corporate priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2024-2028.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elizabeth Connolly <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	12 February 2025
65/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Place Based Strategy:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	12 February 2025
66/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2025/26 – 2028/29, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2025/26:</b> To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Cabinet Council Key Decision	Ross Hutchinson <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Cllr Statham	Cabinet 12 February 2025 / Council 27 February 2025

67/24 (7.10.24)	<p><b>Corporate Financial Performance 2024/25:</b></p> <p>To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2024.</p>	Cabinet Non-key Decision	<p>Ross Hutchinson <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	12 February 2025
68/24 (7.10.24)	<p><b>Determination of School Admission Arrangements 2026-27:</b></p> <p>To determine school admission arrangements for the 2026-27 academic year.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Alex Groom <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services Schools Forum	Cllr Kaur	12 February 2025
69/24 (7.10.24)	<p><b>Middlemore Lane and Fryers Road Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) &amp; Waste Treatment Service:</b></p> <p>To approve the new long-term service provision for the operational management of two new waste facilities at Middlemore Lane and Fryers Road and approve the pre-tender budget for the operational management of a waste transfer station and two household waste recycling centres.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Stephen Johnson <a href="mailto:Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	12 February 2025