



**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 [Edward.Cook@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:Edward.Cook@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 ([Edward.Cook@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:Edward.Cook@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  
DECEMBER 2025 TO MARCH 2026  
(03.11.2025)**

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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
69/25  (28.10.25)	<b>Pride in Place Impact Fund Grant:</b>  To accept the £1,500,000 Pride in Place Impact Fund capital grant allocation from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and approve that the council be the accountable body.	Leader of the Council  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew  Cllr Bird	5 November 2025
41/25  (4.8.25)	<b>Treasury Management Mid-year Position Statement 2025/26:</b>  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 2025/26 including prudential and local indicators.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Shaun Darcy  <a href="mailto:Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk">Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	10 December 2025

42/25 (4.8.25)	<b>Council Plan Performance and Transformation update Quarter 2:</b>  To provide Cabinet with a performance update for Quarter 2 regarding the Council Plan and transformation programme.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Judith Greenhalgh  <a href="mailto:Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk">Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	10 December 2025
4/25 (6.1.25)	<b>Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document:</b>  To approve the final version of the Supplementary Planning Document for adoption.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
57/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Walsall Growth Zone: Financial Borrowing:</b>  To approve the funding/borrowing requirements to support strategic delivery of a Walsall Growth Zone site.  <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
58/25 (6.10.25)	<b>A34 SPRINT Bus Phase 2:</b>  To approve the second phase of a bus rapid transit scheme linking Walsall town centre with Birmingham city centre, promoted by West Midlands Combined Authority/Transport for West Midlands.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025

59/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Walsall Town Centre Framework:</b> To approve the Walsall Town Centre Framework which will replace the original 2019 Walsall Town Centre Masterplan.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
70/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Photovoltaic Installation Bloxwich Active Living Centre (Bloxwich ALC):</b> To receive grant Funding of £672,935 from the West Midlands Combined Authority for the provision of Photovoltaic Panels at Bloxwich ALC with a required match funding requirement of £77,000, to be repaid from savings in electricity costs within the first year of operation of the system.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
71/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Great Barr Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan:</b> To approve the Great Barr Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP).	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
21/25 (6.5.25)	<b>Lifelong Learning, Employment and Skills Strategy:</b> To approve the Walsall Lifelong Learning, Employment and Skills Strategy and support the development of an implementation plan.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a> Sharon Kelly <a href="mailto:Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	10 December 2025

45/25 (4.8.25)	<b>Information Governance Policy:</b> To review and approve the Information Governance Policy to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.	Cabinet Key Decision	Judith Greenhalgh <a href="mailto:Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk">Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr A. Hussain	10 December 2025
53/25 (1.9.25)	<b>Financial Inclusion Strategy:</b> To approve the Financial Inclusion Strategy and update Cabinet on further plans.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	10 December 2025
72/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Walsall Connected Revised Approach:</b> To approve a proposed change to the Walsall Connected operating model, enhancing the level of support available to partner organisations and residents.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services Voluntary and Community Sector organisations	Cllr Kaur	10 December 2025
80/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Corporate Complaints Policy:</b> To review and approve the publication of the new Corporate Complaints Policy in line with the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Complaint Handling Code.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services Voluntary and Community Sector organisations	Cllr Kaur	10 December 2025
60/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Urban Traffic Control (UTC):</b> To approve the development of a future service level agreement with Wolverhampton City Council for the ongoing provision of UTC services following expiry of the existing	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Samra	10 December 2025

	collaboration agreement in March 2026.					
61/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Waste Strategy:</b> To review and approve the Waste Strategy and Household Waste Collection Policy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Samra	10 December 2025
51/25 (1.9.25)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2029/30 – Update:</b> To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30, including update to savings proposals, impact of the provisional local government settlement and Autumn Statement, and progress on budget consultation to date including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the draft revenue and capital budget.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Shaun Darcy <a href="mailto:Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk">Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations. Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 January 2026
63/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2026/27 – 2029/30, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2026/27:</b> To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Cabinet Key Decision	Shaun Darcy <a href="mailto:Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk">Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	Cabinet 11 February 2026 Council 26 February 2026

62/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2025/26:</b> To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2025.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Shaun Darcy <a href="mailto:Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk">Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	11 February 2026
48/25 (1.9.25)	<b>Procurement Strategy and Procurement Act Update:</b> To approve the Procurement Strategy and provide Cabinet an update regarding the Procurement Act.	Cabinet Key Decision	Shaun Darcy <a href="mailto:Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk">Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	11 February 2026
56/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Biochar Pyrolysis:</b> To agree the model for delivering the biochar pyrolysis project, transforming green biomass into a valuable product by generating renewable energy and income.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	11 February 2026
64/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Walsall Housing Strategy</b> To seek approval of the Walsall Housing Strategy 2025-2040.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 February 2026
73/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Operational Technical Advisors (Construction Projects):</b> To appoint operational technical advisors for building contracts, to supply operational support for technical disciplines such as architects, quantity surveyor, mechanical and electrical engineers.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 February 2026

65/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Determination of school admission arrangements for the 2027/28 academic year:</b>  To determine the Scheme for coordinated admissions and the Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools for the 2027/28 academic year.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Sharon Kelly  <a href="mailto:Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	11 February 2026
66/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Early Years Funding Formula 2026/27:</b>  To approve the proposed Early Years Funding Formula 2026/27.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Sharon Kelly  <a href="mailto:Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	11 February 2026
74/25 (3.11.25)	<b>High Needs Funding Formula 2026/27:</b>  To approve the High Needs Funding Formula 2026/27 including proposed top-up rates.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Sharon Kelly  <a href="mailto:Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	11 February 2026
32/25 (7.7.25)	<b>Black Country Fostering Hub:</b>  To approve the establishment a Black Country Fostering Hub with neighbouring local authorities, supported by funding from the DfE.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Rita Homer  <a href="mailto:Rita.Homer@walsall.gov.uk">Rita.Homer@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	11 February 2026
75/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Digital, Technology and Data Strategy:</b>  To seek approval of a new Digital, Technology and Data Insights Strategy.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Carol Williams  Judith Greenhalgh  <a href="mailto:Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk">Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr A. Hussain	11 February 2026

76/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Award of new contract(s) for Disabled Facility Grant Building Works and other related Works and Services:</b>  To delegate the authority for the award of new contracts for the period 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2030  <i>This will be a private session report, containing exempt information</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Elise Hopkins  <a href="mailto:Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	11 February 2026
77/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Award of new contract(s) for Installation of Disabled Facility Lifts, Hoists and Associated Works and Services:</b>  To delegate the authority for the award of new contracts for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031.  <i>This will be a private session report, containing exempt information</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Elise Hopkins  <a href="mailto:Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	11 February 2026
78/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Walsall Adult Social Care Strategy:</b>  To approve the Adult Social Care Strategy, setting out the priorities for Adult Social Care for 2026 to 2031.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Kerrie Allward  <a href="mailto:Kerrie.Allward@Walsall.gov.uk">Kerrie.Allward@Walsall.gov.uk</a>	Adult Social Care service users  Care Providers  Partners  Internal Services.	Cllr Pedley	11 February 2026
65/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Walsall Place Based Strategy:</b>  To 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 Andrew	18 March 2026

67/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Walsall Business Growth Strategy</b> To approve the Walsall Business Growth Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 March 2026
68/25 (6.10.25)	<b>Walsall Economic Strategy</b> To approve the Walsall Economic Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 March 2026
79/25 (3.11.25)	<b>Walsall Housing Renewal Assistance Policy 2026-30:</b> To approve an updated policy governing delivery of capital housing improvement funds.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	18 March 2026