



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 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 (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
APRIL 2026 TO JULY 2026 (02.03.2026)**

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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
4/26 (5.1.26)	Council Plan Performance 2025/26 – Quarter 3: To provide Cabinet with a performance update for Quarter 3 regarding the Council Plan.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Judith Greenhalgh Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 March 2026
15/26 (2.2.26)	Resolution and Grievance Policies: To approve the Resolution and Grievance Policies.	Cabinet Key Decision	Michele Leith Michele.Leith@walsall.gov	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 March 2026
67/25 (6.10.25)	Walsall Business Growth Strategy: To approve the Walsall Business Growth Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 March 2026
68/25 (6.10.25)	Walsall Economic Framework: To approve the Walsall Economic Framework.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 March 2026
64/25 (6.10.25)	Walsall Housing Strategy: To approve the Walsall Housing Strategy 2025-2040.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 March 2026

<p>5/26 (5.1.26)</p>	<p>Gasholders - Black Country Enterprise Zone/Growth Zone: To approve the delivery approach, project funding and next steps to bring forward the Gasholders site for the development of employment uses. <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>18 March 2026</p>
<p>6/26 (5.1.26)</p>	<p>Blakenall Pride in Place Programme: To approve that the Council act as Accountable Body for the Blakenall Pride in Place Programme, and delegate authority to appoint the Board.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Dave Brown Dave.Brown@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>18 March 2026</p>
<p>7/26 (5.1.26)</p>	<p>West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2026/27: To approve the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2026/27.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>18 March 2026</p>

<p>1/26 (5.1.26)</p>	<p>Procurement of a Contractor for Construction of a Residential Provision for Children:</p> <p>To procure a contractor and award a contract to construct a new residential provision for children.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report, containing exempt information.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>18 March 2026</p>
<p>18/26 (17.2.26)</p>	<p>Grant of renewal lease of 62 Wolverhampton Street, Walsall:</p> <p>To approve the grant of a lease renewal for 62 Wolverhampton Street, Walsall.</p> <p><i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>18 March 2026</p>
<p>20/26 (17.2.26)</p>	<p>Revised Natural Environment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD):</p> <p>To approve the undertaking of public consultation on a revised Natural Environment SPD and delegate authority to subsequently approve the adoption of the SPD, subject to consultation responses.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>18 March 2026</p>

21/26 (17.2.26)	Purchase of Ravenscourt Shopping Centre, Brownhills: To approve the purchase of Ravenscourt Shopping Centre, Brownhills. <i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 March 2026
74/25 (3.11.25)	High Needs Funding Formula 2026/27: To approve the High Needs Funding Formula 2026/27 including proposed top-up rates.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Kelly Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	18 March 2026
83/25 (1.12.25)	Walsall Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education: To approve the Walsall Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2026-2031.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Sharon Kelly Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Walsall Agreed Syllabus Conference	Cllr M. Statham	18 March 2206
19/26 (17.2.26)	Safer Walsall Partnership Community Safety Plan 2026-29: To approve the adoption of the Safer Walsall Partnership (SWP) Community Safety Plan 2026 - 29	Cabinet Key Decision	Paul Gordon Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Safer Walsall Partnership including West Midlands Police, Fire Service, Probation Services, ICB and others.	Cllr Hicken	18 March 2026

12/26 (13.1.26)	Putting Communities First: To launch a new way of engaging and working with communities, ensuring Council services put our communities' views at the heart of decision making, and to realign internal funding accordingly.	Cabinet Key Decision	Paul Gordon Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Hicken	18 March 2026
79/25 (3.11.25)	Walsall Housing Renewal Assistance Policy 2026-30: To approve an updated policy governing delivery of capital housing improvement funds.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	18 March 2026
8/26 (5.1.26)	Tackling Long Term Empty Dwellings: To delegate authority to identify and commit resources to be used to bring long-term empty dwellings into use through way of acquiring them, either by agreement or compulsory purchase.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	18 March 2026
22/26 (2.3.26)	Employment Policy Revisions: To approve updates to the Family Friendly Policy, Leave and Time Off Policy and Annual Leave Purchase Scheme to reflect legislative changes required by the Employment Act.	Cabinet Key Decision	Michele Leith Michele.Leith@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 April 2026

3/26 (5.1.26)	<p>Delegation of powers regarding major transport schemes to the Black Country Joint Executive Committee:</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Black Country Joint Executive (BCJEC) for the approval and delivery of transport and highways infrastructure schemes identified as strategic Black Country infrastructure priorities and to agree amended Terms of Reference for the BJEC.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Black Country Joint Executive Committee	Cllr Andrew	22 April 2026
23/26 (2.3.26)	<p>Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Moat Street and Villiers Street – use of the council's appropriation powers:</p> <p>To approve the appropriation of the Moat Street and Villiers Street site for planning purposes.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 April 2026
24/26 (2.3.26)	<p>Special Educational Needs Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) Contract Award:</p> <p>To delegate authority to award a contract for delivery of the SENDIASS from September 2026.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Kelly Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	22 April 2026
9/26 (5.1.26)	<p>Community and Intermediate Care Service (Pathway 1) Reablement:</p> <p>To delegate authority to award a contract for provision of Community</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Kerrie Allward Kerrie.Allward@Walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services.	Cllr Pedley	22 April 2026

	and Intermediate Care Service (pathway 1) Reablement.					
25/26 (2.3.26)	Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement: To approve the signing of a Section 75 Agreement with regards to the Better Care Fund, between the Local Authority and Integrated Care Board.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kerrie Allward Kerrie.Allward@Walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Integrated Care Board	Cllr Pedley	22 April 2026
16/26 (2.2.26)	Residual Waste Disposal: To award a contract for the disposal of residual waste.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Samra	22 April 2026
17/26 (2.2.26)	Council Plan Performance 2025/26 – Quarter 4: To provide Cabinet with a performance update for Quarter 4 regarding the Council Plan.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Judith Greenhalgh Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	June 2026
26/26 (2.3.26)	Walsall Housing Enforcement Policy: To approve an updated and consolidated enforcement policy (including financial penalties). This policy incorporates all the new enforcement elements of the Renters Rights Act 2025.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	June 2026