



Walsall Council

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 4 December 2025 at 6.00PM

Meeting Venue: Conference Room 2 at the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall

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Membership:

Councillor K. Hussain (Chair)
Councillor T. Jukes (Vice-Chair)
Councillor R. Martin
Councillor R.K. Mehmi
Councillor A. Nawaz
Councillor A. Parkes
Councillor L. Rattigan
Councillor V. Waters
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Quorum:

Four Members

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The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

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Specified pecuniary interests

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority:</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
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Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one</p>

	hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.
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Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)

Access to information: Exempt information

Part 1

Descriptions of exempt information: England

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel when considering flood risk management functions which:
 - (a) Constitutes a trades secret;
 - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
 - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.

Part 1 – Public Session

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Substitutions**
To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**
To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.
- 5. Minutes**
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2025.
(Enclosed - Page 1-7)
- 6. Implementation of new national NHS changes**
(To follow)
- 7. Proposed Changes to Stroke Rehabilitation Services**
 - a. Consultation feedback report from Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
 - b. Petition - Preserve stroke bed rehabilitation services for Walsall residents*(To follow)*
- 8. Recommendation Tracker**
To review progress with recommendations from previous meeting.
(Enclosed – page 8-9)
- 9. Areas of Focus 2025-26**
To review the Committee Work Programme.
(Enclosed – page 10-12)
- 10. Forward Plan**
To receive the latest Forward Plan in respect of Walsall Council.
(Enclosed – page 13-23)
- 11. Date of next meeting**
To note that the date of the next meeting will be on 22 January 2025.

Minutes of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the Conference Room 2, Walsall Council House

Thursday, 16 October 2025 at 6.00PM

Committee Members present:

Councillor K. Hussain (Chair)
Councillor T. Jukes (Vice-Chair)
Councillor R.K. Mehmi
Councillor A. Nawaz
Councillor A. Parkes
Councillor L. Rattigan
Councillor V. Waters

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor K. Pedley – Adult Social Care (*in person*)

Officers Present:

Kerrie Allward – Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health (Walsall Council)
(*in person*)

Dr Nadia Inglis – Director of Public Health (Walsall Council) (*in person*)

Tina Hames – Group Manager – Adult Social Care (Walsall Council) (*in person*)

Suzanne Letts – Strategic Finance Business Partner (Walsall Council) (*in person*)

Jack Thompson – Democratic Services Officer (Walsall Council) (*in person*)

Stephanine Cartwright - Group Director of Place (Walsall and Wolverhampton)
(Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust) (*in person*)

Aileen Farer - Manager Healthwatch Walsall (*online*)

179 **Apologies**

The Chair welcomed all those attending the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor R. Martin.

180 **Substitutions**

There were no substitutions for this meeting.

181 **Declarations of Interest and Party Whip**

There were no declarations of interest or party whip for the duration of the meeting.

182 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no agenda items requiring the exclusion of the public.

183 **Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25 September 2025 were submitted [annexed].

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 September 2025, a copy previously having been circulated be approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

184 **Pathways to Independence**

At the invitation of the Chair, the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health introduced the report/presentation [see annexed].

The Group Manager – Adult Social Care then took the Committee through the presentation including the approach of the Pathways to Independence service, the structure of the service, how residents can access and are assessed by the service. Furthermore, the data on the how the service had performed, case studies and the savings it had achieved were shared with the Committee.

Following the presentation a discussion took place between Members and Officers.

Occupational Therapists (OTs) supported residents with increased independence including with young adults and individuals with disabilities. OTs with specialist experience in these areas had been recruited, and it was recognised that each referral to the Community Reablement Service (CRS) would require varying levels of time and support. Low-level equipment provided to service users was assessed for effectiveness, and reassessments were made available when needed and could be requested either through care providers, families, or Council Officers. Assessment and reassessment times had been reduced to improve responsiveness.

Care packages were provided when residents needs could not be met through other means, with no upper limit of what could be provided under the Care Act 2014. The Council took strength-based approach in assessing residents, which considered each individual's support network and personal goals. Young adults were not charged for services, as the focus remained on achieving positive outcomes. Residents continued to receive the packages they required based on thorough assessments.

It was clarified that Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) were available for private housing, although there remained uncertainty around funding responsibilities for housing associations. Officers agreed to seek further information on DFG and how it was facilitated by the Council.

Staff had responded very positively to the CRS, particularly appreciating the person-centred approach. Members conveyed how pleased the team had been with the new service, and that the Council should maintain its momentum in this area with the establishment of the 'Enablement Service'.

The staff consultation for the Enablement Service was originally scheduled to end by the 8 October 2025 but had been extended by a week to allow for broader input. The majority of staff wanted reassurance on what a therapy led service entailed but there was recognition that there was a gap in the therapy currently offered. Staff had used the consultation process to request a change in the proposed staffing structure. The experience of the staff on the CRS had been used to help explain how the new Enablement Service would operate.

Individuals were able to self-refer to Pathways to Independence, though permission was required to access health records from sources such as GPs. The Council's award-winning integrated care team had continued to deliver clear pathways, enabling same-day discharge from hospital when appropriate. Patients were assessed jointly by health and social care professionals to ensure comprehensive support.

In preparation for anticipated demand, the Council had reviewed the data and settled on a ceiling of sixteen cases per week. Robust exit strategies had been developed, and locality teams were engaged when residents likely to require long-term packages were identified. Low-level support had also been offered without OT involvement, and agency cover had been scalable when necessary.

There had been some individuals who did not want to engage with the CRS and just wanted to be allocated a care package. It was important to explain to those individuals how the CRS could help them and to put them in touch with other community services. Most residents were keen to participate in the CRS and appreciated the holistic approach taken by the Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care added that Council services needed to adapt to the needs of residents, and the CRS was an example of the how the Council was doing so. In addition, the savings from the Pathways to Independence initiative was about using funding differently and not reducing delivery. He was extremely proud of the work delivered so far and thanked the team.

Resolved

That the Committee note the presentation and a future update be provided to the Committee on Pathways to Independence in the future.

185 Corporate Financial Performance – P6 September Financial Monitoring position for 2025/26

The Strategic Finance Business Partner outlined the report [see annexed] and drew Members attention to the £1.76 million overspend. Further attention was drawn to increases in demand, delays to savings and provider uplifts.

A discussion took place between officers and Members of the Committee.

Proposed savings in the budget were carefully developed, sometimes piloted, and supported by external consultants to model changes and associated costs. Finance officers acted prudently when estimating what could realistically be saved. It was acknowledged that predicting demand was challenging, and typically around 25% of proposed savings were difficult to achieve. To address this, parallel savings initiatives were introduced to offset any shortfalls, although any unmitigated gaps were carried forward. A total of £1.3 million in savings had been successfully mitigated despite various contributing factors.

It was confirmed that Impower (external contractors) had been engaged across multiple projects and delivered a healthy return on investment. Their support was considered valuable in progressing key initiatives in both Adult Social Care and Childrens Services. Officers agreed to share more details on the cost of the Impower contract, and the associated savings outside of the meeting.

Finance officers monitored demand and attrition monthly to assess financial risk. Budget risks were regularly reviewed and adjusted based on emerging circumstances to ensure effective financial management.

Regarding client contributions and debt, it was noted that £8 million had accrued, with £4.7 million of that being over a year old. Debt was realised as soon as invoices were issued, with durations ranging from 30 days to two years. The recovery of long-term debt posed additional challenges due to legal complexities and collection issues, although efforts continued to improve aged debt recovery.

80% of financial assessments were completed within 20 days, while the remaining 20% involved more complex cases. NHS partner contributions to care were not in dispute, although the process of agreeing care contributions remained complex.

Councillor Nawaz left the meeting at 19:04.

Resolved

That the Committee note the revenue and capital forecast for the financial year end 2025/26 for the services under its remit.

186 Update on the 2026/27 – 2029/30 Medium Term Financial Plan

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care was invited to outline the proposals set out in the report. The Portfolio Holder highlighted that it was challenging for the Council to predict the amount of demand there would be for Adult Social Care services and that national government did not provide additional funding if actual demand was higher than predicted.

Officers emphasised that whilst savings were being made in certain areas, overall, a net investment of £13 million was planned for the service for the next financial year 2026/27. Furthermore, that large savings had been realised and were planned thanks to the success of the Pathways to Independence initiative.

A brief discussion took place between Members and Officers.

Members raised concerns around whether further improvements would be made under the proposal for a new model of care by using less care providers and whether this would offer further potential savings in the future. Officers confirmed that any changes to model of care would be piloted first and would take time to implement if the pilot was successful.

Year on year Council budgets were becoming more stretched with a larger proportion of budgets being spent of Adult Social Care and Childrens Services. It was therefore important for Members to raise the profile and importance of Adult Social Care in relation to the sum of Council delivered services.

In response to Members concerns in relation to the proposed saving they were informed that when drafting the medium financial plan options officers

used data collected delivering services to model future demand for services. Risk assessments on this modelling were carried out and the proposals were stress tested to help manage potential risks.

The Committee also noted the one-off contribution to the overall Council budget from the Public Health grant and also that under the current public health grant funding formula Walsall was not supported well in comparison to other Boroughs.

Resolved

That the Committee note the proposals outlined in the Medium Term Financial.

187 Recommendation Tracker

The Democratic Services Officer outlined the items added to the recommendation tracker from the previous meeting and highlighted the completed recommendations.

Resolved

That the Recommendation Tracker be noted.

188 Areas of Focus

The Democratic Services Officer drew Members attention the item scheduled for the next meeting of the Committee, including a report on the proposed changes to stroke rehabilitation and on the implementation of new national NHS changes.

It was conveyed that the report on the CQC (Care Quality Commission) assessment of the Council's Adult Social Care service may not be presented at the next meeting as it was dependent on when the final assessment report would be approved by the CQC.

Resolved

That the Areas of Focus be noted.

189 Forward Plans

The Democratic Services Officer outlined the Council forward plan and informed Members that if there were any decisions contained on the forward plan within the remit of the Committee that they wished the Committee to

consider, they could raise this in the meeting or outside it by contacting the Chair or clerk.

Resolved

That the Committee note the Forward Plans.

190 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for the 4 December 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 19:53.

Signed:

Date:

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Recommendation Tracker 2025/26

Committee Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer responsible	Status	Target Completion Date	Notes
10 July 2025	Developments in Mental Health (MH) and Learning Disabilities & Autism (LDA)	That an update on the proposed AAA service criteria changes be provided following the planned six-month review and/or an update from the national NHS task force.	Jack Thompson/ Laura Brookes	In progress	22 January 2026	
	Areas of Focus for 2025/26	That the Democratic Services Officer collate the areas of focus into a committee work programme and work with officers and local health partners to schedule the areas of focus accordingly.	Jack Thompson	Complete	17 September 2025	Compiled areas of focus scheduled shared with Committee Members with agenda papers published on the 17 September 2025.
25 September 2025	Childhood Obesity	That the Committee be informed of the two schools awarded funding for the Biteback programme.	Jack Thompson/ Nadia Inglis/ Mark Foster	Complete	16 October 2025	Email sent to Committee Members sent on the 16 October 2025.
	Transformation of Stroke Rehabilitation Services in Walsall	That the Committee receive a report containing the feedback on the proposed changes stroke rehabilitation services in Walsall before they are approved. This should include the feedback of staff affected.	Jack Thompson/ Stephanie Cartwright/ Pip Mayo	In progress	4 December 2025	Full report to be presented to the Committee with any feedback to be relayed to the Black Country Integrated Care Board.

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	Pathways to Independence	Officers agreed to seek further information on DFG and how it was facilitated by the Council.	Jack Thompson/ Kerrie Allward	Complete	4 December 2025	Email sent to Committee Members on the 31 October 2025.
16 October 2025	Corporate Financial Performance – P6 September Financial Monitoring position for 2025/26	Officers agreed to share more details on the cost of the Impower contract, and the associated savings outside of the meeting.	Jack Thompson/ Kerrie Allward	Complete	4 December 2025	Email sent to Committee Members on the 31 October 2025.

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Areas of Focus – 2025/26

10 July 2025	25 September 2025	16 October 2025	04 December 2025	22 January 2026	19 February 2026	02 April 2026
<p>Areas of Focus (ASC & PH)</p> <p>Developments in Mental Health (MH) and Learning Disabilities & Autism (LDA)** (BCHFT)</p>	<p>Childhood obesity, diabetes and outreach to schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including school meals <p>(PH)</p> <p>Stroke Rehabilitation Services ** (WHT)</p>	<p>Pathways to independence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community reablement • Prevention and early intervention • Enablement <p>(ASC)</p> <p>Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring* (ASC & PH)</p> <p>Draft Budget and Capital Programme (2026/27) (ASC & PH)</p>	<p>Implementation of new national NHS changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including shift to community-based care • The creation of local diagnostic centres • The creation of elective care hubs and centres of excellence <p>(BCICB & WHT)</p> <p>Proposed changes to Stroke Rehabilitation Services consultation feedback report. (WHT & BCICB)</p>	<p>Teenage pregnancy and sexual health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including school outreach <p>(PH)</p> <p>Birmingham, Black Country and Solihull (BBCS) Cluster ICB Report (BCICB)</p>	<p>Update on Mental Health Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including six-month review of ADHD criteria changes. <p>(BCHFT)</p> <p>Unpaid carers and update on the Council's Carers Strategy (ASC)</p>	<p>Vaping – prevention and new regulations (PH)</p> <p>Health Inequalities Working Group – recommendation monitoring (PH to lead)</p>

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Key: ASC – Adult Social Care, PH – Public Health, BCICB – Black Country Integrated Care Board, ICP - Healthier Futures: Black Country Integrated Care System, WHT – Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, BCHFT – Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, WT – Walsall Together, WMAS – West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Areas of Focus – 2025/26

Items to be scheduled	Notes
Improving elective care services in the Black Country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including the establishment of Black Country Joint Scrutiny. (BCICB & WHT)**	Will be scheduled once confirmation of a best date has been received from the Black Country Integrated Care Board. This item is a statutory consultation under section 23 of The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust general update, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancer services Elective care waiting times Midwifery services and the move of the midwifery led unit Urgent Treatment and Emergency Treatment Centre (WHT & BCICB)	
Adult Social Care - Care Quality Commission Assessment outcome report (2025) (ASC) (TBC)	Dependent on when CQC assessment final report is provided.

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Report deadlines for publication (five clear working days)		
Meeting No	Meeting date	Report deadline
1	10 July 2025	2 July 2025
2	25 September 2025 (moved from the 11 September to avoid Pelsall byelection)	17 September 2025
3	16 October 2025	8 October 2025
4	04 December 2025	26 November 2025
5	22 January 2026	14 January 2026
6	19 February 2026	11 February 2026
7	02 April 2026	25 March 2026

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Walsall Council

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

**Council House,
Lichfield Street,
Walsall, WS1 1TW**
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3 November 2025

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
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)	Pride in Place Impact Fund Grant: 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 Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew Cllr Bird	5 November 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 management activities 2025/26 including prudential and local indicators.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Shaun Darcy Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	10 December 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
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	10 December 2025
57/25 (6.10.25)	Walsall Growth Zone: Financial Borrowing: 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 Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
58/25 (6.10.25)	A34 SPRINT Bus Phase 2: 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 Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025

59/25 (6.10.25)	Walsall Town Centre Framework: To approve the Walsall Town Centre Framework which will replace the original 2019 Walsall Town Centre Masterplan.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
70/25 (3.11.25)	Photovoltaic Installation Bloxwich Active Living Centre (Bloxwich ALC): 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 Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 2025
71/25 (3.11.25)	Great Barr Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan: To approve the Great Barr Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP).	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	10 December 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 M. Statham	10 December 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	10 December 2025
53/25 (1.9.25)	Financial Inclusion Strategy: To approve the Financial Inclusion Strategy and update Cabinet on further plans.	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	10 December 2025
72/25 (3.11.25)	Walsall Connected Revised Approach: 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 Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Voluntary and Community Sector organisations	Cllr Kaur	10 December 2025
80/25 (3.11.25)	Corporate Complaints Policy: 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 Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Voluntary and Community Sector organisations	Cllr Kaur	10 December 2025
60/25 (6.10.25)	Urban Traffic Control (UTC): 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 Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Samra	10 December 2025

	collaboration agreement in March 2026.					
61/25 (6.10.25)	Waste Strategy: To review and approve the Waste Strategy and Household Waste Collection Policy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Samra	10 December 2025
51/25 (1.9.25)	Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2029/30 – Update: 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 Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations. Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 January 2026
63/25 (6.10.25)	Corporate Budget Plan 2026/27 – 2029/30, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2026/27: To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Cabinet Key Decision	Shaun Darcy Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	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)	Corporate Financial Performance 2025/26: To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2025.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Shaun Darcy Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	11 February 2026
48/25 (1.9.25)	Procurement Strategy and Procurement Act Update: To approve the Procurement Strategy and provide Cabinet an update regarding the Procurement Act.	Cabinet Key Decision	Shaun Darcy Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	11 February 2026
56/25 (6.10.25)	Biochar Pyrolysis: 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 Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	11 February 2026
64/25 (6.10.25)	Walsall Housing Strategy To seek approval of the Walsall Housing Strategy 2025-2040.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 February 2026
73/25 (3.11.25)	Operational Technical Advisors (Construction Projects): 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 Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 February 2026

65/25 (6.10.25)	Determination of school admission arrangements for the 2027/28 academic year: 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 Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	11 February 2026
66/25 (6.10.25)	Early Years Funding Formula 2026/27: To approve the proposed Early Years Funding Formula 2026/27.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Kelly Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	11 February 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	11 February 2026
32/25 (7.7.25)	Black Country Fostering Hub: To approve the establishment 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 M. Statham	11 February 2026
75/25 (3.11.25)	Digital, Technology and Data Strategy: To seek approval of a new Digital, Technology and Data Insights Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Carol Williams Judith Greenhalgh Judith.Greenhalgh@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr A. Hussain	11 February 2026

76/25 (3.11.25)	Award of new contract(s) for Disabled Facility Grant Building Works and other related Works and Services: 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 Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	11 February 2026
77/25 (3.11.25)	Award of new contract(s) for Installation of Disabled Facility Lifts, Hoists and Associated Works and Services: 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 Elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	11 February 2026
78/25 (3.11.25)	Walsall Adult Social Care Strategy: To approve the Adult Social Care Strategy, setting out the priorities for Adult Social Care for 2026 to 2031.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kerrie Allward Kerrie.Allward@Walsall.gov.uk	Adult Social Care service users Care Providers Partners Internal Services.	Cllr Pedley	11 February 2026
65/24 (7.10.24)	Walsall Place Based Strategy: To 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	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.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 March 2026
68/25 (6.10.25)	Walsall Economic Strategy To approve the Walsall Economic Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	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