



**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](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  
FEBRUARY 2024 TO MAY 2024 (08.01.2024)**

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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
50/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24:</b>  To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2023.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	7 February 2024
51/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2024/25 – 2027/28, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2024/25:</b>  To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Cabinet  Council  Key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council taxpayers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations.  Internal Services	Cllr Bird	7 February 2024  (Council: 22 February 2024)
52/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q2 23/24:</b>  To note the Quarter 2 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Elizabeth Connolly  <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	7 February 2024
1/24 (8.1.24)	<b>Walsall’s Regeneration Pipeline:</b>  To award a contract for the strategic partner framework.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Joel Maybury  <a href="mailto:Joel.Maybury@walsall.gov.uk">Joel.Maybury@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	7 February 2024

2/24 (8.1.24)	<p><b>Acquisition of a Strategic Town Centre Development Site:</b></p> <p>To approve the acquisition of a strategic town centre development site.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	7 February 2024
3/24 (8.1.24)	<p><b>Investment and Leasing Proposals for Council Owned Community Buildings:</b></p> <p>To support the continued delivery of services by the voluntary and community sector, through the signing of lease agreements and the underwriting of capital investment gaps for those occupying Council-owned properties. <i>This is an updated item previously included in the forward plan as entry 60/23.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	7 February 2024
65/23 (4.12.23)	<p><b>Materials Contract Awards:</b></p> <p>To award off-take and processing contracts for multiple recyclable materials.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key decision	Katie Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a> Alan Bowley <a href="mailto:Alan.Bowley@walsall.gov.uk">Alan.Bowley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	7 February 2024
4/24 (8.1.24)	<p><b>Walsall Balloon and Lantern Release Policy:</b></p>	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Jaki Brunton-Douglas <a href="mailto:Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk">Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	7 February 2024

	Decision to be made on adopting the policy which will treat any 'releases' as litter.					
5/24 (8.1.24)	<b>Fee Uplift Approach for Adult Social Care:</b>  To outline a revised approach to fee setting, fee uplifts and the links to quality across Adult Social Care services	Cabinet  Key Decision	Andrew Osborn  <a href="mailto:Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk">Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	7 February 2024
53/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Determination of the Scheme for coordinated admissions, and the Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools for the 2025/26 academic year:</b>  To determine the scheme of admissions and admission arrangements for community and voluntary-controlled primary schools for 2025-26.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Alex Groom  <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Neighbouring Local Authorities, Schools, Faith Groups	Cllr M. Statham	7 February 2024
14/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Growth Funding for Schools:</b>  To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to secure sufficient primary and secondary school places, through the adoption of a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Alex Groom  <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	7 February 2024
6/24 (8.1.24)	<b>Alternative Provision Contract:</b>  To approve the award contracts for the provision of Alternative Education.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Laura Wood  <a href="mailto:Laura.Wood@walsall.gov.uk">Laura.Wood@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	20 March 2024

58/23 (6.11.23)	<b>High Needs Funding Formula 2024/25:</b>  To approve changes to the High Needs Funding Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant – High Needs Block to schools in Walsall for the 2024/25 financial year.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum, Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	20 March 2024
59/23 (6.11.23)	<b>Early Years Funding Formula 2024/25:</b>  To Cabinet approve the Early Years Funding Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used as the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum, Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	20 March 2024
46/23 (4.9.23)	<b>SEN Place Requirement:</b>  To approve finance for additional special educational needs school places.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Alex Groom  <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	20 March 2024
66/23 (4.12.23)	<b>Waste Management Strategy Update - Fryers Road Household Waste Recycling Centre redevelopment (HWRC):</b>  That Cabinet approve the pre-tender budget for the redevelopment of a larger Fryers Road HWRC and agree to use the Pagabo framework (design and build stages) for the procurement of Fryers Road HWRC.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Katie Moreton  <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Stephen Johnson  <a href="mailto:Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew  Cllr Murphy	17 April 2024

67/23 (4.12.23)	<b>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q3 23/24:</b> To note the Quarter 3 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25	Cabinet Non-key decision	Elizabeth Connolly <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	17 April 2024
57/23 (6.11.23)	<b>Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Climate Strategy:</b> To approve the Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Katie Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	July 2024