



**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  
OCTOBER 2023 TO JANUARY 2024 (04.09.2023)**

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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
31/23 (3.7.23)	<b>Deeper Devolution Deal</b>  Approval of the West Midlands Combined Authority West Midlands Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal and Action Plan.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Caroline Harper, Regeneration Officer  <a href="mailto:Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk">Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	20 September 2023
26/23 (5.6.23)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2027/28</b>  To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2024/25.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023
32/23 (3.7.23)	<b>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q1 23/24</b>  To note the Quarter 1 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	18 October 2023
27/23 (5.6.23)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24</b>	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023

	To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2023.	Non-key Decision	<a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>			
40/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)</b> To seek approval for the adoption and publication of guidance on BNG, the publication of the Black Country Local Nature Recovery Map and Strategy, and its use as a working document	Cabinet Key Decision	The Black Country Local Nature Recovery Map and Strategy Sammy Pritchard <a href="mailto:Sammy.Pritchard@walsall.gov.uk">Sammy.Pritchard@walsall.gov.uk</a> David Holloway <a href="mailto:David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk">David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023
41/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Developer Partner Procurement Outcome and Award</b> To provide an update on the outcome of the developer partner procurement <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Kauser Agha <a href="mailto:Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk">Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Legal (external)	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023
42/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Sale of the Former Allens Centre, Hilton Road, Willenhall</b> To seek approval for the sale of the former Allens Centre in Willenhall. <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023

36/23 (7.8.23)	<p><b>Healthy Eating for Children and Young People Programme</b></p> <p>To seek approval to procure a new healthy eating and weight management programme for children and young people in Walsall.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Esther Higdon</p> <p><a href="mailto:Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk">Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services  Walsall Healthcare Trust	Cllr Flint	18 October 2023
43/23 (4.9.23)	<p><b>Integrated sexual and reproductive health services and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19 Section 75 Agreement Extensions</b></p> <p>To seek approval for the extension of the Section 75 agreement for the delivery of integrated sexual and reproductive health services and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Esther Higdon</p> <p><a href="mailto:Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk">Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services  Walsall Healthcare Trust	Cllr Flint	18 October 2023
33/23 (3.7.23)	<p><b>Winter Service Operational Plan 2023- 2028</b></p> <p>To approve the winter service operational plan.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Paul Leighton</p> <p><a href="mailto:Paul.Leighton@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Leighton@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Graham Wallis</p> <p><a href="mailto:Graham.Wallis@walsall.gov.uk">Graham.Wallis@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	18 October 2023
44/23 (4.9.23)	<p><b>Street Lighting Post-PFI Arrangements</b></p> <p>To approve the service delivery model for the street lighting service from April 2028.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Katie Moreton</p> <p><a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	18 October 2023

<p>45/23 (4.9.23)</p>	<p><b>Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2023/24</b></p> <p>The Food Standards Agency (FSA) requires all local authorities to prepare an annual service delivery plan to reflect the work required of food authorities by the FSA, under the requirements of the Food Standards Act 1999 and the framework agreement on local authority enforcement. In accordance with this requirement a Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2023/24 has been prepared and a decision is required from members to obtain authority to approve this plan.</p>	<p>Cabinet Council Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Paul Rooney <a href="mailto:Paul.Rooney@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Rooney@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Perry</p>	<p>Cabinet 18 October 2023  Council 6 November 2023</p>
<p>34/23 (3.7.23)</p>	<p><b>Early Years Funding Formula 2023/24:</b></p> <p>That Cabinet approves changes to the Early Years Funding Formula for 2023/24 following notification of an increase in the hourly funding rates.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>ESFA – Early Years funding operational guide Richard Walley <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Schools Forum Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Statham</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>
<p>35/23 (3.7.23)</p>	<p><b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2024/25:</b></p> <p>That Cabinet approves the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide Richard Walley <a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Schools Forum Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Statham</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>
<p>46/23 (4.9.23)</p>	<p><b>SEN Place Requirement</b></p> <p>To approve finance for additional special educational needs school places.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Alex Groom <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Statham</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>

37/23 (7.8.23)	<p><b>Autumn Budget and Spending Review, and feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on draft revenue and capital budget proposals 2024/25 to 2027/28</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the impact of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review on the medium-term financial outlook, and to consider feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the draft revenue and capital budget.</p>	<p>Cabinet Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Vicky Buckley <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations.  Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>13 December 2023</p>
38/23 (7.8.23)	<p><b>Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2023/24</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 2023/24 including prudential and local indicators.</p>	<p>Council Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Treasury Management Code of Practice.  Richard Walley <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Ferguson</p>	<p>13 December 2023</p>
39/23 (7.8.23)	<p><b>Strategic Leisure Review</b></p> <p>To update on the performance and impact of the four leisure facilities. To approve recommendations around the current and future facility stock.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Stuart Webb <a href="mailto:Stuart.Webb@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.Webb@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Flint</p>	<p>13 December 2023</p>
14/23 (6.2.23)	<p><b>Growth Funding for Schools:</b></p> <p>To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to secure sufficient primary and secondary school places, through the</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Alex Groom <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal services, Schools Forum</p>	<p>Cllr Statham</p>	<p>13 December 2023</p>

	adoption of a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth.					
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