



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 helen.owen@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 (helen.owen@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 2021 TO MARCH 2022 (1.11.21)**

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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
89/21 (1.11.21)	Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update: To report the financial position and impact of Covid-19	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
90/21 (1.11.21)	Autumn Budget and Spending review: To provide an update on the impact of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review on the medium term financial outlook	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
63/21 (4.10.21)	Corporate Plan 2021/22: To note the Quarter 2 performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
78/21 (1.11.21)	Upgrade of education IT systems: Authority to procure software as a service (SaaS) cloud based education system via relevant procurement frameworks and associated costs	Cabinet Key decision	Helena Kucharczyk Helena.kucharczyk@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird Councillor Towe	15 December 2021
37/21 (7.6.21)	Sale of Council land in Blakenall: To seek approval to the freehold disposal of Council land in Blakenall <i>Contains commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private	Nick Ford, Team Leader – Asset Management Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021

47/21 (2.8.21)	Walsall's Customer Experience Strategy 2021 to 2026: To approve the Strategy which sets out the Council's service transformation to meet customers' priorities and needs.	Cabinet Key decision	Elise Hopkins elise.hopkins@walsall.gov.uk Rashida Hussain Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk	Public, partner organisations, elected members, internal staff	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
14/21 (8.3.21)	Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions: In-principle approval for the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers. <i>Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions. Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
48/21 (2.8.21)	Affordable Housing commuted sums spend scheme: To approve the use of affordable housing commuted sums (which are contributions secured through the planning process) to fund the provision of affordable housing to be used as temporary accommodation.	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
64/21 (4.10.21)	Housing Enforcement Policy: To approve an updated and consolidated enforcement policy (including financial penalties)	Cabinet Key decision	David Lockwood David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk Appollo Fonka Appollonaris.fonka@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
79/21 (1.11.21)	Riverpoint Estate: To consider options in response to recommendations of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee with regard to land between Riverpoint Estate and the former Willenhall Sewage Works.	Cabinet Key decision depends on options developed	Nick Ford Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021

73/21 (4.10.21)	Town Deal: To authorise officers to receive and allocate Town Deal funding through agreed business cases	Cabinet	Philippa Venables Philippa.venables@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Town Deal scheme leads and Town Deal Board Members	Councillor Andrew	15 December 2021
65/21 (4.10.21)	Waste Management Strategy: To agree to the submission of the planning application for Middlemore Lane site to accommodate a new household waste recycling centre and a waste transfer station facility and to approve that the existing site at Fryers Road to have an upgraded household waste recycling centre.	Cabinet Key decision	Cabinet Report - 19 May 2020 Dave Brown Director of Place and Environment Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk 01922 653478 Stephen Johnson Service Manager – Strategy Stephen.johnson@walsall.gov.uk 01922 654227	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
66/21 (4.10.21)	Walsall's Street Scene Strategy : To approve a strategy which sets out the Council's aspirations and service standards for the design and maintenance of the boroughs streets and associated assets.	Cabinet Key decision	Dave Brown Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk Kathryn Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
67/21 (4.10.21)	Green Space Strategy: To agree an updated Green Space Strategy including a programme to improve and update/upgrade our children's playgrounds and to consider new/improved outdoor gym facilities	Cabinet Key decision	Alan Bowley Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Ward Councillors	Councillor Butler	15 December 2021

68/21 (4.10.21)	Bulky and Garden Waste Service: To agree to the continuation of the current bulky waste charging arrangements 'Three for a Tenner' and brown bin collections free, fortnightly and extended to November.	Cabinet Key decision	Alan Bowley Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Butler	15 December 2021
44/21 5.7.21	Day care/day opportunities: To approve recommendations for the delivery of a menu of options for vulnerable people who require support to engage in meaningful community based activities as a result of ongoing needs around social care and inclusion,	Cabinet Key decision	Cabinet report and the lessons learned from COVID report Jeanette Knapper 07500028537	Existing end users of traditional day services in house; Existing users and carers/parents of people accessing building based day opportunities; Carers Hub; FACE; Frontline internal staff; External marketplace for day care/community based opportunities	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021
80/21 (1.11.21)	Adult Social Care Charging Policy: To consider and approve public consultation on a revised Charging Policy within Adult Social Care.	Cabinet Key decision	Karen Jackson, Director, Karen.jackson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021

81/21 (1.11.21)	Walsall Together (WT) Alliance Agreement: to approve the extension of the agreement.	Cabinet Key Decision	Cabinet report - WT Alliance: Integration of Health and Care Full Business Case.13.2.19 Kerrie.allward@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	15 December 2021
69/21 (4.10.21)	Future provision of the Appointeeship Service: To receive the outcome of formal consultation undertaken with regard to the future provision of the service and to approve the recommended changes identified as a result of the consultation.	Cabinet Key Decision	Council report 25 February 2021; Corporate Budget Plan 2021-22 & 2023-24; Cabinet Report 16 June 2021 – Pre-Audit Outturn 2020-21 Contact: Lloyd Haynes Lloyd.haynes@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Service users, their reps and other stakeholders, incl. advocacy organisations, internal social care professionals.	Councillor Martin Councillor Bird	15 December 2021
70/21 (4.10.21)	Food Law Enforcement Service Plan: To receive the annual service delivery plan required by the Food Standards Agency and recommend Council to approve the plan	Cabinet Non-key decision Council	Paul Rooney Paul.rooney@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Perry	Cabinet 15 December 2021 Council 10 January 2022
82/21 (1.11.21)	The Borough Plan ‘Our Walsall Story’: To agree to launch the concept and give a mandate to engage the Walsall community and partners to develop a long-term borough plan for Walsall which will be submitted to Cabinet/Council for approval in due course.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk Stephen Gunther Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Perry Councillor Craddock	15 December 2021

71/21 (4.10.21)	Fire Protection Service and Maintenance Contract: To approve the award of the contract <i>Note: Contains confidential information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	15 December 2021
72/21 (4.10.21)	Energy Supplies Contract: To approve the award of the contract for the provision of the Council's energy supplies	Cabinet Key decision	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	15 December 2021
61/21 (6.9.21)	Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2021 and impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Councillor Bird	9 February 2022
83/21 (1.11.21)	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2021: To note the refresh of the updated data by Council and partner officers and to assist with identification of priorities in the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25.	Cabinet Non key decision Council	Stephen Gunther Director of Public Health Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services & Council partners through the Health and Wellbeing Board.	Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022 Council 24 February 2022
84/21 (1.11.21)	Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25: To agree the 2022-25 Joint Health and wellbeing Strategy which outlines agreed priority areas and how the Council and NHS will work together to improve health and reduce health inequalities in the borough; and to recommend Council to approve.	Cabinet Non-key decision Council	Stephen Gunther, Director of Public Health Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, Integrated Care Partnership, Council partners through Health and Wellbeing Board.	Councillor Craddock Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022 Council 24 February 2022

85/21 (1.11.21)	Corporate Plan 2022-25: To agree the 2022-25 Corporate Plan which outlines the council's future priorities and objectives and recommend Council to approve.	Cabinet Non-key decision Council	Stephen Gunther, Director of Public Health	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022 Council 24 February 22
62/21 (6.9.21)	Corporate Budget Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25, incorporating the Capital Strategy; and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2022/23: To recommend the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet Key decision Council	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	Cabinet -9 February 2022 Council – 24 February 22
86/21 (1.11.21)	Award of new contract(s) for Disabled Facility building works and other Housing related Works and Services To approve the award of new contracts for the period 1 march 2022 to 22 February 2027 <i>Note: The report contains commercially sensitive information to be considered in private session.</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	David Lockwood David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk Bill Weston	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022
49/21 (2.8.21)	Domestic Abuse services contract award: To approve the contract awards for the provision of Domestic Abuse emergency accommodation and support; and support to Domestic Abuse victims and their children <i>Note: There may be commercially sensitive information to be considered in private session.</i>	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Isabel Vanderheeren Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Service users external stakeholders	Councillor Andrew Councillor Wilson	9 February 2022

74/21 (4.10.21)	COVID Memorial Garden: To consider options for a COVID Memorial Garden	Cabinet Key decision	Dave Brown Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services. Stakeholders dependent upon options	Councillor Perry	9 February 2022
87/21 (1.11.21)	Statutory Advocacy Services: To receive an update on the recommissioning of these services and delegate authority to accept and award a contract	Cabinet Key Decision	Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Martin	9 February 2022
46/21 (2.8.21)	Emotional Wellbeing and Therapeutic Support for Children and Young People in need: To approve entering into an appropriate agreement with the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide therapeutic services for children and young people in need, including those who are looked after.	Cabinet Key decision	David DeMay David.demay@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, Walsall CCG and Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Councillor Wilson	9 February 2022
75/21 (4.10.21)	General building Repair and Maintenance Contract: To award the contract for the Council's general building repair and maintenance. <i>Note: Contains confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February

76/21 (4.10.21)	Mechanical and Electrical Service and Maintenance Contract: To approve the award of the contract award the contract for the Council's mechanical and electrical service and maintenance contract. <i>Note: contains confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February 2021
77/21 (4.10.21)	Supported Housing Repair and Maintenance Contract: To approve the award of the contract.	Cabinet	Ian Lister ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February
88/21 (1.11.21)	Corporate Plan 2021/22: To note the Quarter 3 performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	16 March 2022
22/21 (8.3.21)	Walsall Council Housing Allocations Policy: To update the policy which sets the principles for the allocation of affordable housing	Cabinet Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	16 March 2022