



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
MARCH 2022 TO JUNE 2022 (6.2.22)**

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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
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
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	16 March 2022
3/22 (10.1.22)	Walsall Council's Digital Strategy 2022-2025 To approve a three-year strategic strategy for the Digital ambitions and vision for Walsall Council.	Cabinet Key decision	Luke Morgan Luke.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk 01922 658305	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	16 March 2022
89/22 (6.2.22)	Walsall Proud Programme – Next Steps: Moving Forward with Transformation and Change: To note the achievements of the Proud Programme to date; agree the benefits and milestones for the next phase; and agree to extend the strategic partnership core contract for one year until March 2023	Cabinet Key decision	Cabinet report 24 October 2018 Caroline Brom Caroline.brom@walsall.gov.uk	Corporate Management Team and Internal Services	Councillor Bird	16 March 2022

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>Report in two parts. Private report contains commercially sensitive information</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private session	David Lockwood David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk Bill Weston William.weston@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	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
90/22 (6.2.22)	West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2022/23: To approve the WM Strategic Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme.	Cabinet Key decision	Matt Crowton Strategic Transportation Manager 07944 783 934 Matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	16 March 2022
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	16 March 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	16 March 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 being developed	Councillor Butler	16 March 2022
91/22 (6.2.22)	Walsall Borough Bonfire Night - Future Proposals Decision to be made on the future provision and location(s) of Walsall Bonfire Night celebrations	Cabinet Non-key	Jaki Brunton-Douglas Jaki.brunton-douglas@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Councillor Butler	16 March 2022
4/22 (10.1.22)	Early years funding formula: To approve the Early years Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall	Cabinet	Neil Millward Neil.millward@walsall.gov.uk Cabinet report 8 February 2017 & 17 March 2021; Walsall Schools Forum report 20 September 2016 & 9 March 2021; Government's response to the early years consultation and fact sheet	Internal Services Schools Forum	Councillor Towe	16 March 2022
92/22 (6.2.22)	Revenue and Benefit Processing System: Consolidation of agreements relating to Council Tax, Business Rates Housing Benefits, Council Tax Reduction and Discretionary Housing Payments.	Cabinet Key decision	Mark Fearn	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	20 April 2022

93/22 (6.2.22)	Safer Streets Programme – delivery of pilot areas To update Cabinet on progress of the programme and seek approval for the direction of travel and next steps	Cabinet Non-key decision	Paul Gordon	Internal Services	Councillor Perry	20 April 2022
94/22 (6.2.22)	Adult Social Care Charging Policy: To consider and approve the revised Charging Policy, within ASC, following completion of the Public Consultation.	Cabinet Key decision	Karen Jackson	Internal Services	Councillor Pedley	20 April 2022