



Walsall Council

Scrutiny Overview Committee

Meeting to be held on: **28 September 2023 at 6.00 P.M.**

Meeting to be held via: **Walsall Council House**

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MEMBERSHIP:

Chair: Councillor Murray

Vice Chair: Councillor Nawaz

Councillor P. Bott

Councillor Cooper

Councillor Ditta

Councillor Follows

Councillor Hicken

Councillor K. Hussain

Councillor Sears

Councillor Singh-Sohal

Councillor Waters

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:

Councillor Bird

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

All

ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	<p>Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.</p>	
2.	<p>Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>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 (if applicable).</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2023 and the special meeting held on 12 July 2023.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
6.	<p>West Midlands Police – Update on Policing within Walsall Chief Superintendent Phil Dolby will attend the meeting to discuss policing within the Borough.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
7.	<p>Section 106 monitoring report To receive a Section 106 monitoring report.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
8.	<p>Recommendation Tracker To consider progress on recommendations from the previous meeting. Completed recommendations from the previous municipal year have been removed and outstanding recommendations requiring action have been retained.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
9.	<p>Areas of Focus 2022-23 To review the Committees Work Programme and the Forward Plans for Walsall Council and the Black Country Executive Committee.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
10.	<p>Co-ordination of Scrutiny Working Groups To discuss the coordination of a scrutiny working group.</p>	<u>Enclosed</u>
11.	<p>Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting will be 9 November 2023.</p>	

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

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>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
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 hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

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 an Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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.

Scrutiny Overview Committee

Thursday 15 June 2023, 6:00pm

In the Council Chamber at the Council House, Walsall

Committee Members present:

Councillor Murray (Chair)
Councillor Nawaz (Vice Chair)
Councillor Bains
Councillor Cooper
Councillor Bott
Councillor Ditta
Councillor Follows
Councillor Hicken
Councillor K. Hussain
Councillor Sears
Councillor Singh-Sohal

Portfolio Holders present:

Councillor Bird
Councillor Ali
Councillor Ferguson
Councillor Perry

Officers present:

Kerrie Allward	Executive Director, Adult Social Care
Dave Brown	Interim Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Communities
Judith Greenhalgh	Interim Executive Director (Resources)
Sally Rowe	Executive Director, Children's Services
Shaun Darcy	Director - Finance Corporate Performance & Corporate Landlord
Elise Hopkins	Director – Customer Engagement
Nikki Gough	Democratic Services Officer
Edward Cook	Democratic Services Officer

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Substitutions

There were no substitutions.

3 Declarations of interest and party whip

No declarations of interest or party whip were received.

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

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

5 **Minutes**

A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2023 was submitted.

[Annexed]

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2023, a copy having previously been circulated, be approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

6 **Areas of Focus 2023-24**

The Committee received presentations from Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Officers on services within the remit of the Committee. This included the Executive Director - Adult Social Care, the Interim Executive Director – Resources, the Interim Executive Director - Economy, Environment and Communities and Director - Customer Engagement.

[Annexed].

The presentations outlined the key services within directorates which fall under the remit of the Committee, the structure of directorates, priority focuses within service areas, and suggested areas of focus for the Committee.

The Leader of the Council highlighted the delivery of a balanced budget, staff retention (especially within legal and financial services areas), spending the Walsall pound in Walsall to support local businesses, and continued digitisation of services coupled with taking services out to residents as priorities for the forthcoming year. Members were informed that, priorities for the Hub included the 'We Are Walsall 2040' strategy, brand management, continued revenue-generation opportunities through digital advertising, contract management, and supporting children and families throughout the Borough.

The Deputy Leader highlighted priorities for his service areas as tackling violent crime by working with the local police team and other partner organisations but also to consider issues surrounding the night-time economy and licensing arrangements. Members were advised that deepening and strengthening partnerships with voluntary and community organisations continued to be a priority, as did the continued strengthening of enforcement. A review into temporary accommodation was expected to ensure it was fit for purpose which included the private sector. It was stated that the housing waiting list would be managed by the Council in the near future, and appropriate central government funding would be sought to help migrants and asylum seekers arriving in the Borough.

The Portfolio Holder for Customer highlighted the digitisation of services and rollout of the Walsall Connected programme as key areas for the year, recognising the need for

digitisation whilst also teaching and engaging residents. This included continued efforts to reset the relationship with Citizens Advice to support residents with benefits would also be undertaken.

The Portfolio Holder for Internal Services described priorities for the service as ensuring that the Civic Centre was fit for purpose, both for the Council and also to facilitate revenue generation by renting space to external partners such as the police.

The Democratic Services Officer provided an overview of the outstanding items identified in the previous municipal year and it was suggested that the Committee engage with budget scrutiny and Council Plan performance review through periodic updates. The Democratic Services Officer explained that due to staffing challenges Democratic Services would be able to support one working group at a time for the 2023-24 Municipal Year (across all scrutiny committees). The Committee discussed the approach to be taken regarding working groups and suggested housing strategy as a possible area for scrutiny. It was agreed that this would be discussed at all overview and scrutiny committees with feedback to be taken to the next meeting of Scrutiny Overview Committee.

The Committee considered the Forward Plans of Walsall Council and the Black Country Joint Executive Committee. There then followed a period of extensive discussion regarding proposed areas of focus and priorities for scrutiny during the 2023/24 Municipal Year, including those raised by members earlier in the meeting.

Resolved:

- 1. That Overview and Scrutiny Committees discuss working group topics at their next round of meetings and feedback be considered by the Scrutiny Overview Committee at its next meeting.**
- 2. That the following items be included as areas of focus for the Committee in the 2023-24 Municipal Year:**
 - a. Housing strategy and housing waiting list**
 - b. Walsall Local Plan**
 - c. Recruitment and employee retention**
 - d. Section 106/Infrastructure Levy monitoring**
 - e. Violent crime (extending an invitation to West Midlands Police for this item)**
 - f. West Midlands Combined Authority and the West Midlands Mayor**
 - g. Enforcement (all-encompassing)**
 - h. Marketing and advertising (money spent and outcomes achieved)**
 - i. Social housing providers**
 - j. Budget monitoring**
 - k. School Gate Parking Working Group update**
- 3. That the climate change and electric vehicles (including refuse vehicles) be referred to the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

4. That school admissions be referred to the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5. That officer presentations be shared to members in advance of meetings

7 **Recommendation Tracker**

The Committee received the tracker of recommendations from previous meetings, including progress made and outstanding items.

[Annexed]

Resolved:

That the recommendation tracker be noted.

8 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be 28 September 2023.

There being no further business this meeting was terminated at 7:41pm.

Signed:

Date:

SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 12 JULY 2023, 6:00pm

In the Council Chamber at the Council House, Walsall

Committee Members present:

Councillor Murray (Chair)
Councillor Nawaz (Vice Chair)
Councillor Bott
Councillor Ditta
Councillor Hicken
Councillor Sears
Councillor Singh-Sohal

Portfolio Holders present:

Councillor Bird
Councillor Ali
Councillor Ferguson
Councillor Perry

Officers present:

Shaun Darcy	Director - Finance Corporate Performance & Corporate Landlord
Michele Leith	Director – HR, OD and Administration
Nikki Gough	Democratic Services Officer
Edward Cook	Democratic Services Officer
Sian Lloyd	Democratic Services Officer

In attendance (for part of the meeting, as described in the minutes):

Starting Point

Prof. Paul Cadman – Chief Executive Officer, Starting Point.

Ayesha Rees – Chief Operating Officer, Starting Point.

Dr Wray Irwin – Consultant.

Steve Stuart – Consultant.

West Midlands Employers

Rebecca Davis – Chief Executive, West Midlands Employers.

Sharon Phillips – Director of Finance & Governance, West Midlands Employers.

Brad Sinclair – Managing Director, Opus People Solutions.

9 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Follows.

10 Substitutions

There were no substitutions.

11 **Declarations of interest and party whip**

There were no declarations of interest or party whip.

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

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items set out in the private part of the agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

13 **Exclusion of public**

Resolved

That during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, the Committee considers that the items for consideration are exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and accordingly resolves to consider the items in private.

14 **Call-in of Cabinet decision – Temporary Workers (Agency) Provision**

The decision taken by Cabinet on 21 June 2023 relating to Temporary Workers (Agency) Provision was called in by five Members of the Committee on 30 June 2023.

The Chair outlined the order of business and invited one of the call-in Members to explain the reasons for the call-in. The Member outlined the reasons as set out in the call-in notice. These included how the decision was arrived at; the consultation process prior to the decision being taken; the basis of why a company carrying out work for Walsall Council for over 20 years needed to be changed; the level of social engagement of the new contractor; whether there had been a fair and transparent tendering process; and whether this was the best direction for Walsall.

The Committee was addressed by representatives from two temporary worker providers, Starting Point and West Midlands (WM) Employers. The Chairman reminded Members that Starting Point and West Midlands Employers did not have a copy of the full Cabinet report as it contained exempt information and as such information contained within this report should not be discussed with either party and it was stressed that Members should not disclose any information that either party disclosed during presentations. Starting Point and West Midlands Employers were in attendance by invitation to assist the committee in their deliberations. Members posed questions and were provided with points of clarification to enable them to gain an insight into the challenges and opportunities within the sector. Starting Point and West Midlands Employers were advised that presentations could last up to 15 minutes, followed by questions from Members.

Starting Point addressed the Committee first, including the delivery of a presentation, and questions. At the conclusion of questions, the representatives of Starting Point left the meeting.

The representatives of West Midlands Employers then entered the meeting, addressed the Committee – this included a presentation and questions, before leaving the meeting.

The Portfolio Holder (Internal Services) responded to the call-in outlining that recruitment and retention of staff was a critical issue for local government in general and this had also affected Walsall Council. He explained that it was vital that the Council had access to good quality and cost-effective agency staff in all areas and at all levels of the Council. He noted that the agreed contract would provide this access with an offer that included specialist agencies and executive recruitment. Assurance was provided that the report presented to Cabinet detailed the rigorous process that officers had undertaken to arrive at the options considered by Cabinet, and these were described to the Committee. Assurance was provided to the Committee in relation to the procurement process.

The Chair opened the meeting with questions to Portfolio Holder and Officers, - questions were received in relation to the following:

- The assurances sought by Cabinet in relation to the impact on each service.
- How Cabinet had arrived at their decision.
- For further detail regarding consultation and the opportunities provided to providers to engage with tender processes.
- Whether there had been a fair and transparent process in selecting a provider for the contract of temporary workers.
- How quickly a response could be provided (to supply temporary workers) in the event of a crisis.
- The social impact that the contract would have and how much influence Walsall Council would have in shaping this.
- How Council contracts were managed.
- Level of confidence on the projected figures.

Committee Members debated the information provided and concluded that it was satisfied with the responses given and the subsequent decision made by Cabinet. Further to this the Committee considered it to be of importance that Walsall residents were given every opportunity to access employment, upskilling and access training. Members also wished to ensure that there was a robust process (within the Council) for managing current and future contracts to ensure they were providing value for money and having a beneficial social impact in Walsall.

Resolved:

That the Scrutiny Overview Committee was satisfied with the decision, and the process used to arrive at it, made by Cabinet.

However, the Committee recommended that Cabinet considers that:

- a. **The provider of the temporary (agency) worker contract should be set a target in their agreement with the Council regarding the use of employees from the Walsall borough.**
- b. **Upskilling of workers for employment in Walsall is a priority - the provider of the temporary (agency) worker contract should work with the council to support residents into employment (with the possibility of this taking place in local community hubs).**
- c. **All Council contracts should be reviewed in a timely manner to ensure value for money and a benefit to the community in the Walsall Borough.**

15 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be 28 September 2023

There being no further business this meeting was terminated at 8:40pm.

Signed:

Date:

Scrutiny Overview Committee

**Agenda
Item No.**

28 September 2023

6

West Midlands Police – update on Policing within Walsall

Ward(s):All

Portfolios: Councillor Garry Perry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resilient Communities

1. Aim

The report and presentation will give an overview of current police issues and will allow for questions from scrutiny members.

2. Recommendations

The Scrutiny Overview Committee are asked to note the presentation and verbal update from the borough commander and consider any recommendations they feel appropriate.

3. Report detail – know

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave local authorities and the police a duty to work together to develop crime and disorder audits and implement reduction strategies.

Section 5 of the Act sets out that the council and the police have joint responsibility for preventing and reducing crime and disorder in the area. They are 'responsible authorities' and have a duty to co-operate through a Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Police and Justice Act 2006 further expanded CSP's to include Probation, Health and Fire.

The 'responsible authorities' have responsibility, under Section 6 of the Act, for formulating and implementing 'a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area'. The strategy takes into account the knowledge and experience of persons in the area, a review of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder in the area and of the level and patterns of the misuse of drugs in the area.' This is known as the Strategic Assessment.

In order to provide an update on policing matters within Walsall the borough commander and chair of the Safer Walsall Partnership Board, Chief Superintendent Phil Dolby will present to the Overview and Scrutiny committee an update on certain key issues including:

- New policing model and its early success
- Bloxwich / Blakenall current challenges
- Illegal off-road bikes
- Response to issues around the town centre night-time economy
- Road harm
- Response to high profile incidents
- The role of the Community Safety Partnership including CONTEST.

4. *Financial information*

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

5. *Reducing Inequalities*

Crime and anti-social behaviour have a direct impact on communities and places so the partnership work to reduce crime plays a key role. However, crime has wider impacts on mental health, employment and ill-health prevention and can have a greater adverse effect on deprived communities and minority groups.

6. *Decide*

The Scrutiny Overview Committee may wish to consider specific areas of focus or ask for a further general update in twelve months.

7. *Respond*

The report and presentation does not need to be taken to any other local authority forum for discussion or debate however if specific items raise themselves during the discussion a further paper could be considered for future meetings of the committee.

8. *Review*

The way in which policing is conducted within Walsall including priorities and resourcing are primarily the responsibility of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner who has in place a mature governance system for scrutiny and accountability. On a more local level the council's Scrutiny Overview Committee receive an annual presentation from the borough commander and governance of key policing and community safety issues also occur via statutory partnership boards such as the Safer Walsall Partnership Board, Safeguarding Partnership Board and the Youth Justice Board.

Background papers

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Section 106 Planning Obligations Update Report

Ward(s): All affected

Portfolios:

Councillor A Andrew – Deputy Leader of the Council, Regeneration

Councillor M Statham – Education & Skills

Councillor G Flint – Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces

1 Aim

- 1.1 Section 106 (S106) planning obligations are legal agreements between the council (as the local planning authority (LPA)) and developers. The purpose of S106 agreements is to make acceptable development which would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms.
- 1.2 Planning obligations may only constitute a reason for granting planning permission if they are:
 - necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
 - directly related to the development; and
 - fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.
- 1.3 S106 agreements seek to secure contributions from developers to offset the impact that their scheme may have on a local community. These contributions can ensure essential infrastructure is provided by developers at the time that their development is brought forward rather than place a reliance on the local authority to fund the improvements or to leave the communities without the necessary infrastructure to cater for the need generated by the development.
- 1.4 This report seeks to deliver the following information:
 - i) To advise members of the completed planning obligations (section 106 agreements/unilateral undertakings/ supplemental deeds of variation) that have been negotiated with planning permissions during the period specified.
 - ii) To show a breakdown of the number of affordable houses negotiated and the level of contributions collected and due to be collected subject to the commencement of developments related to education, open space, health and other requirements.

- iii) To confirm to members how the planning obligations are negotiated, and contributions allocated and members role in this process.
- iv) To advise members of the role and purpose of the S106 Board.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the committee notes the infrastructure funding secured through S106 planning obligations during the financial period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 including details of committed/spent funding and infrastructure secured.
- 2.2 That the committee notes the approved procedure for securing necessary infrastructure through S106 planning obligations and the role of members in the process.

3 Report detail – know

- 3.1 Planning obligations are primarily negotiated as part of the determination of planning applications in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2023 (NPPF), Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (Regulation 122) (as amended), policy DEL1 of the Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS), policy GP3 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and adopted supplementary planning documents.
- 3.2 Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 enables developers to submit unilateral undertakings, or local authorities to reach agreements with developers, for certain works to be carried out in association with a development. The CIL Regulations 2010 (Regulation 122) sets out a statutory requirement that planning obligations must be necessary to make the proposed development acceptable in planning terms; relevant to planning; and directly related in scale and kind to the proposed development. They must also be reasonable in all other respects.
- 3.3 The council is required to comply with the NPPF, CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended), policy DEL1 of the BCCS and policy GP3 of the UDP when seeking developer contributions.
- 3.4 Under the CIL regulations any authority that receives a contribution from development through the levy or section 106 planning obligations must prepare an infrastructure funding statement at least annually. For the financial year 2019/2020 onwards, any local authority that has received developer contributions (section 106 planning obligations or CIL) must publish online an infrastructure funding statement by 31 December 2020 and by the 31 December each year thereafter. Infrastructure funding statements must cover the previous financial year from 1 April to 31 March.

3.5 Updates on the completion and processing of S106 agreements are provided to the planning committee. The latest report was presented to the planning committee on the 22 June 2023 and covered the financial year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. It provided a summary of all planning obligations that have been secured as part of the determination of planning applications during this period in accordance with adopted policies of the council. These details are set and published as the infrastructure funding statement also set out in the attached **Appendix 1**.

3.6 Table 1 below sets out the total contributions received up to June 2023 (£4,186,620). Of these contributions £2,120,578 has been expended or allocated. The majority of the remaining balance comprises of a series of contributions for development that has either recently been approved, the target dates for expenditure are yet to be reached, or formal allocations of monies are yet to be confirmed. This also reflects the on-going collaborative work stream with service areas to update the council’s S106 records, and ensuring records are updated.

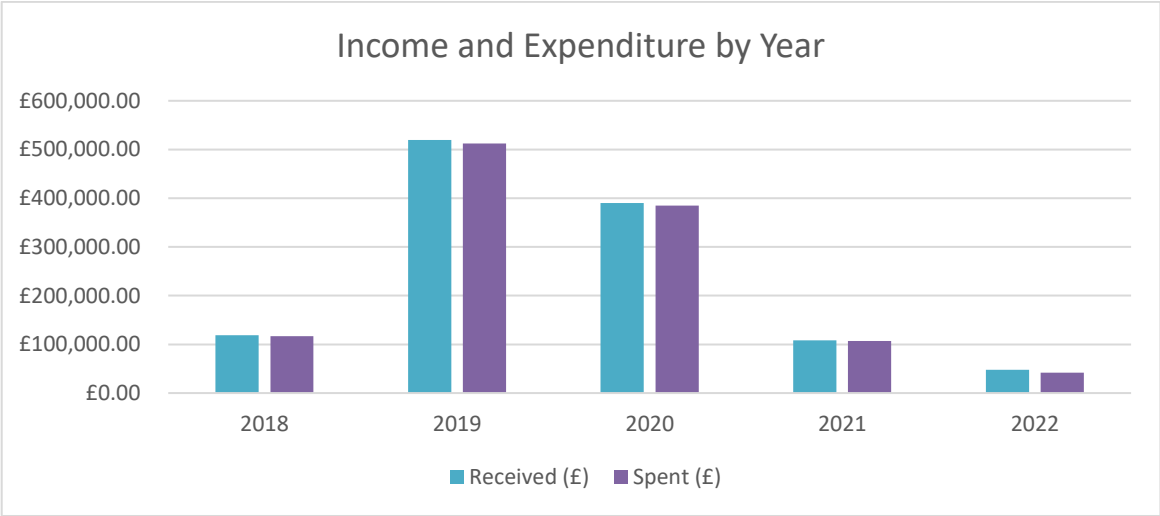
Table 1: Summary of all total S106 income, allocation and expenditure as at June 2023:

Service Area	S106 Contribution received to date	Spent to date	Committed / Allocated	Balance Remaining
Affordable Housing	£1,538,104	£150,245	£124,748	£1,263,110
Children’s Services	£534,931	£534,931	£0.00	£0.00
Clean & Green	£2,113,585	£1,310,653	£0.00	£803,892
TOTAL	£4,186,620	£1,995,829	£124,748	£2,067,003

3.7 The development monitoring officer records and updates S106 planning obligation records. There is an ongoing workstream for this role to review all planning obligations secured, record and receipt them, and ensure all expenditure and obligations are allocated, utilised and complied with in accordance with the planning obligations. This applies to financial and non-financial planning obligations. The role relies on other specific service areas to support the monitoring. The figures provided in this report show a snapshot in time as figures are continuously updated to reflect contributions received, allocated and spent. The current infrastructure funding statement as required to be published annually is shown at **Appendix 1**.

3.8 The table attached at **Appendix 2** shows all contributions received where there is a balance remaining as at September 2023, sorted by ward. It identifies the application the obligations were secured under and highlights the terms of the obligation i.e. how the funding is to be utilised.

3.9 The following chart indicates income/expenditure over the last five years and demonstrates how income received is almost equal to that expended.



3.10 Current policy seeks a 25% affordable housing contribution to be provided on site on developments of 15 units or over. Alternatively, a commuted sum contribution is sought where it is not feasible or practical to provide the affordable housing on site. These commuted sums are secured through S106 agreements. These S106 agreement conditions usually allow for the affordable housing contributions to be spent anywhere in Walsall. This reflects the nature of development, and/or long-term empty property purchase, that this is based on availability, which is unable to be constrained to a single area. Due to the flexibility of these S106 conditions we are able to pool the affordable housing commuted sums, which makes it more practical and efficient to use them. The funds must be spent on increasing affordable housing stock, which can be through purchase and or refurbishment of existing homes, or development of new homes.

3.11 In 2018/19, S106 affordable housing funds were used to purchase two former long term empty properties secured by compulsory purchase order (CPO), to be used as affordable temporary accommodation for homeless households. Following this successful pilot, in December 2021 cabinet approved “the use of current and future affordable housing commuted sums to purchase and refurbish dwellings, or renovate existing surplus residential council assets, for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation to homeless households”.

3.12 Table 2 below shows that total affordable housing S106 contributions received are £1,538,103. Of these, £274,993 has been spent (or ringfenced in a specific account) on 2 temporary accommodation properties, and a further £1,054,160 has been committed to 12 temporary accommodation properties (which are match funded from local authority housing fund grant), leaving an uncommitted balance of £208,950 which it is anticipated will be committed by 31 March 2024.

Table 2: Affordable Housing S106 contributions*
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Total Affordable Housing contributions	Spent	Number homeless temporary accommodation properties in use	Committed	Number homeless temporary accommodation properties committed	Balance remaining
£1,538,103	£274,993	2	£1,054,160	12	£208,950

**Note figures differ from table 1 as this is current to September 2023*

3.13 The process of negotiating planning obligations and consultation with members was highlighted in the report to this committee in April 2021 available [here](#). This identifies that once planning committee has agreed an obligation is necessary engagement with members follows. Constitution amendments approved in November 2022 allow for policy compliant applications that require a S106 planning obligation for infrastructure provision to be delegated to the Head of Planning & Building Control but the process for negotiations with members remains the same. A training session for all members on S106 obligations is planned for 12 October 2023.

3.14 The Interim Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Communities continues to chair S106 board meetings. The purpose of the board is to provide strategic direction and leadership to ensure the fair, inclusive efficient and effective collection, administration and disbursement of S106 monies. The relevant portfolio holders and officers from various service areas attend these meetings. The board gives further scrutiny to the process of monitoring planning obligations including assurance and spending that will help support members understanding and give greater transparency of the process. The board receives reports on new contributions received, process and general monitoring issues.

Financial information

3.15 The briefing of members as to the outcome of individual planning obligations together with the total sums collected within the year will help inform and assure members of the accounting probity and monitoring that is being followed by officers.

Reducing Inequalities

3.16 Through the careful use of S106 monies and the policies which lead to contributions being made, the council can seek to ensure that new development can support individuals, families and communities and reduce health inequalities primarily through the delivery of affordable housing, new education provision and new open space facilities for children and adults. These outcomes accord with the aims of the Marmot Review.

4 Decide

4.1 Whilst the level of infrastructure provision/contributions collected is determined in accordance with national and local policy there is an important role for members in helping to determine where such resources should be prioritised.

4.2 At present, officers from the various service areas advise the local planning authority on where provision is required and where contributions ought to be spent in line with existing council priorities. It is considered that consultation with ward members once it has been determined that a contribution is necessary, will enable consistency of approach to ensure that policy and legislation is followed, and the needs of the affected community are addressed.

4.3 Planning committee has more recently resolved to accept partial contributions on the basis of development viability but to require a review mechanism within the S106 planning obligation in the event that viability improves over the course of the build. This approach has now been adopted to all schemes where a viability review has been carried out at the time of application to ensure consistency and more certainty for developers and secure infrastructure if a scheme becomes viable.

5 Respond

5.1 On a case-by-case basis, officers will continue to engage with ward members about new developments where there is a requirement to secure a S106 planning obligation to determine where any contributions will be utilised to ensure greater transparency.

5.2 Service areas responsible for the spend of funding secured through S106 planning obligations will continue to provide evidence to include when reporting on such matters to S106 Board and planning committee.

6 Review

6.1 Twice yearly reports continue to be provided to planning committee to update members on what monies have been secured through S106 planning obligations, how that has been invested to date and what monies, if any, remain outstanding.

6.2 Through this process, officers, members, the public and developers should be able to understand the value of the S106 process and how any contributions have been used to offset the impact of new developments.

Background papers

Section 106 Planning Obligations Update Report to Planning Committee of 22 June 2023 available [here](#).

Appendices

Appendix 1: Infrastructure funding statement

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Infrastructure Funding Reporting Period	Update	Planning Ref No.	Planning	Agreement Start Date	Contribution	Council Obligations (Conditions / Clauses)	(£) Contribution Due	(£) Contribution Received	Date Contribution Paid	Service Area	Total Transferred	Update from Service Lead on	(£) Actual Spend to Date	Balance Remaining (£)	
			Site Address												
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Q4 (Jan - Mar) 2023	New Agreement Signed	19/0295	LAND ADJACENT 48, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, WALSALL	09/02/2023	Initial Open Space Contribution The Clawback Affordable Housing Contribution The Clawback Open Space Contribution		£31,500.00								
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2022	New Agreement Signed	21/1781	LAND BETWEEN CANALSIDE CLOSE AND CANAL, CANALSIDE CLOSE, WALSALL	17/11/2022	Affordable Housing Contribution	To utilise the Affordable Housing Contribution for the provision of Affordable Housing in Walsall	£2,500.00			Housing					
		21/1781	LAND BETWEEN CANALSIDE CLOSE AND CANAL, CANALSIDE CLOSE, WALSALL	17/11/2022	Cannock Chase SAC Contribution	To utilise the Cannock Chase SAC Contribution for the purpose of mitigating the adverse impact of recreational activities on the integrity of the Cannock Chase SAC and/or interpretation and way marking to the Cannock Chase SAC	£9,589.14			Cannock Chase SAC Partnership					
		21/1781	LAND BETWEEN CANALSIDE CLOSE AND CANAL, CANALSIDE CLOSE, WALSALL	17/11/2022	Towpath Contribution	To utilise the Tow Path Contribution for the access improvements and wayfinding to the Wyrley & Essington Canal towpath	£2,500.00			Canal & River Trust					
		21/1781	LAND BETWEEN CANALSIDE CLOSE AND CANAL, CANALSIDE CLOSE, WALSALL	17/11/2022	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading or maintenance of Open Space within the locality	£47,265.00			Clean & Green				£0.00	
Q2 (Jul - Sept) 2022	New Agreement Signed	21/0564	THREE CROWNS INN, SUTTON ROAD, WALSALL, WSS 3AX	03/07/2022	Non-monetary contributions	The definition of "Development" at Clause 1.1 of the Original Deed shall be deleted and replaced. The definition of "Planning Applications" at Clause 1.1 of the Original Deed shall be deleted and replaced. The definition of "Planning Permissions" at Clause 1.1 of the Original Deed shall be deleted and replaced. Paragraph 3 of Schedule 3, Part 2 shall be deleted and replaced Paragraph 4 of Schedule 3, Part 2 shall be deleted and replaced The form of draft Third Planning Permission attached to this Deed at Schedule 1 shall be inserted into Schedule 1 of the Original Deed.	£0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Q1 (Apr - Jun) 2022	New Agreement Signed	21/0272	3, BRADFORD PLACE, WALSALL, WS1 1PL	06/06/2022	Urban Space Contribution	The Council covenants with the Owner that the Urban Space Contribution shall not be spent otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Deed (i.e. to be applied by the Council towards the provision of Urban Space) To pay the Urban Space Contribution into a separately identified interest bearing section of the Council's combined accounts as soon as reasonably practicable.	£24,535.00								
Q1 (Apr - Jun) 2022	New Agreement Signed	20/0746	FORMER A B WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD, CEMETERY ROAD, DARLASTON, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8NA	26/05/2022	Canal Contribution	To spend to Canal Improvement Works Contribution for the provision of a new stepped towpath to Forsters Bridge and the installation of a wheelie cycling ramp in accordance with Schedule 2.	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	12/04/2023	Canal & River Trust					
		19/0245	FORMER METAFIN SITE, GREEN LANE, WALSALL	29/04/2022	Affordable Housing Contribution	For the provision of Affordable Housing in the Walsall area.	£14,412.85			Housing					
		19/0245	FORMER METAFIN SITE, GREEN LANE, WALSALL	29/04/2022	Clawback Affordable Housing Contribution	Means the sum to be calculated in accordance with the formula specified in Schedule 2 Part 3 to be paid towards the provision of Affordable Housing within Walsall in the Wards specified in Schedule 3				Housing					

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		19/0245	FORMER METAFIN SITE, GREEN LANE, WALSALL	29/04/2022	Clawback Urban Open Space Contribution	Means the sum to be calculated in accordance with the formula specified in Schedule 2 to be paid towards the provision of open space in the location specified in Schedule 3					Clean & Green						£0.00	
		19/0245	FORMER METAFIN SITE, GREEN LANE, WALSALL	29/04/2022	Urban Open Space Contribution	For improvements to and maintenance of the access to Reedswood Park	£2,454.15				Clean & Green						£0.00	
Q1 (Apr - Jun) 2022	New Agreement Signed	21/0236	LAND ADJACENT 346 SOUTH OF, HARDEN ROAD, BLOXWICH, WALSALL	14/04/2022	Non-monetary contributions	Social Rented Units as set out in the deed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
		21/0236	LAND ADJACENT 346 SOUTH OF, HARDEN ROAD, BLOXWICH, WALSALL	14/04/2022	Non-monetary contributions	Social Ownership Units as set out in the deed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		21/0236	LAND ADJACENT 346 SOUTH OF, HARDEN ROAD, BLOXWICH, WALSALL	14/04/2022	Non-monetary contributions	Highways Obligation as set out in the deed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		21/0236	LAND ADJACENT 346 SOUTH OF, HARDEN ROAD, BLOXWICH, WALSALL	14/04/2022	Urban Open Space Contribution	to be used by the Council towards parks, amenities and green space	??					Clean & Green						£0.00
Q4 (Jan - Mar) 2023	New Contribution Received	20/0746	FORMER A B WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD, CEMETERY ROAD, DARLSTON, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8NA	26/05/2022	Canal Contribution	To spend to Canal Improvement Works Contribution for the provision of a new stepped towpath to Forsters Bridge and the installation of a wheelie cycling ramp in accordance with Schedule 2.	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	12/04/2023	Canal & River Trust								
Q4 (Jan - Mar) 2023	New Contribution Received	21/0006	BROADWAY NORTH RESOURCE CENTRE, BROADWAY NORTH, WALSALL, WS1 2QA	09/08/2021	Urban Open Space Contribution	To utilise the Open Space Contribution which is payable pursuant to the obligations contained in this Deed for improvements to and maintenance of the Open Space at Walsall Arboretum Park	£64,789.00	£64,789.00	05/01/2023	Clean & Green	£63,817.16				£0.00		£63,817.16	
Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2022	New Contribution Received	18/1267	Beacon Dairy Farm, Doe Bank Lane.	04/11/2019	Urban Open Space Contribution	Improvement of the play area and playing fields at Doe Bank Park, Doe Bank Lane	£42,548.00	£42,548.00	02/11/2022	Clean & Green	£41,909.78				£0.00		£41,909.78	

Appendix 2 - S106 Contributions by ward with balance outstanding at September 2023

Planning Ref No.	Planning Site Address	Ward	Planning Proposal	Developer	Agreement Start Date	Re-payment Date	Council Obligations (Conditions / Clauses)	(£) Contribution Due	(£) Contribution Received	(£) Committed/ Allocated	Balance Remaining (£)
10/1706/FL	FORMER REDHOUSE SCHOOL (JMI), GORSEY WAY, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WS9 0EQ	Aldridge Central & South	Proposed residential development and community building - Section 73 to vary condition 22 of 07/2074/OL/E11 to build community centre after occupation of houses.	Mar City Developments	01/06/12	13/11/2020	To use the Compensatory Sports Pitch Provision Contribution ('the Contribution') in accordance with the policies specified in Schedule 2 in order to achieve any or all of the following: (a) the provision of new sports pitches; (b) the improvement of existing sports pitches; (c) the fullest use of existing sports pitches; within the vicinity of the Site.	£80,000.00	£80,000.00		£66,945.84
15/0612/FL	Brico, Stubbers Green Road, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8BJ	Aldridge Central & South	Demolition of former accident and repair facility and erection of 10 two bedroom apartments.	Dr M Clancy	02/02/16	n/a	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the vicinity of the Development.	£23,060.00	£23,060.00	£0.00	£19,306.98
15/1268	41 LEIGHSWOOD ROAD, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WS9 8AL	Aldridge Central & South	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a three storey building for Retirement Living Housing (35 flats and ancillary accommodation) with landscaping and car parking.	McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles	31/03/16	27/11/2024	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the locality which may include, but shall not be limited to: Leigh's Wood open space: (Green space Strategy reference 1001) - Play area refurbishment - Skate park refurbishment - Access improvements - Habitat management The Croft open space: (Green space Strategy reference 1003) - Play area refurbishment - Skate park refurbishment - Access improvements - Habitat management	£57,650.00	£59,022.04	£0.00	£39,519.09
15/1268	41 LEIGHSWOOD ROAD, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WS9 8AL	Aldridge Central & South	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a three storey building for Retirement Living Housing (35 flats and ancillary accommodation) with landscaping and car parking.	McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles	31/03/16	27/11/2024	To utilise the Highways Contribution for the installation of a Puffin crossing on Leighswood Road at a point to be agreed with the Highway Authority	£60,000.00	£61,428.90	£0.00	£60,507.47

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15/1268	41 LEIGHSWOOD ROAD, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WS9 8AL	Aldridge Central & South	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a three storey building for Retirement Living Housing (35 flats and ancillary accommodation) with landscaping and car parking.	McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles	31/03/16	27/11/2024	To utilise the Affordable Housing Contribution for the provision of Affordable Housing in the locality	£144,850.00	£148,299.61	£0.00	£146,075.12
17/0195	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL. WS9 8	Aldridge Central & South	Redevelopment to form 2 retail units and 37 retirement living apartments including communal facilities, access, car parking (private and public) and landscaping.	Churchill Retirement Living	22/06/17	27/10/2022	Contribution towards upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space in the locality.	£62,456.00	£62,456.00	£0.00	£52,291.29
17/1447	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL. WS9	Aldridge Central & South	Change of use of 2 no. retail units to form 2 no. retirement living apartments	Churchill Retirement Living	12/04/18	12/04/2025	Contribution towards ongoing maintenance and improvement of open space 'Anchor Meadow'.	£959.00	£959.00	£0.00	£802.93
17/1447	LAND ADJACENT 16 AND CAR PARK R/O 16-22 HIGH STREET, ALDRIDGE	Aldridge Central & South	Change of use of 2 no. retail units to form 2 no. retirement living apartments	Churchill Retirement Living	12/04/18	12/04/2025	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in Walsall.	£11,890.00	£11,890.00	£0.00	£11,711.65
06/2209/OL/E9	SHIRE OAK RESERVOIR, C/O CHESTER ROAD, LICHFIELD ROAD, BROWNHILLS, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	Aldridge North & Walsall Wood	Outline: Residential development, access only to be considered.	South Staffordshire Water PLC	22/06/10			£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£4,925.00
06/2209/OL/E9	SHIRE OAK RESERVOIR, C/O CHESTER ROAD, LICHFIELD ROAD, BROWNHILLS, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS	Aldridge North & Walsall Wood	Outline: Residential development, access only to be considered.	South Staffordshire Water PLC	22/06/10		Towards healthcare facilities shall be contribution towards healthcare facilities shall be provided in accordance with Supplementary provided in accordance with Supplementary Planning Document: Healthcare (Jan 2007)	£28,000.00	£28,000.00	£0.00	£27,580.00
12/0736/FL	FORMER ST JOHN'S SCHOOL & 11 LICHFIELD ROAD, WALSALL WOOD, WALSALL	Aldridge North & Walsall Wood	Demolition of the Former St. John's school and No.11 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood and construction of 12 houses with associated car parking and site works.	Mr David Cox	05/03/14	10/06/2021	Not to use the Open Space Contribution otherwise than for the purposes of providing servicing and maintaining public open space within the vicinity of the Development.	£30,168.00	£30,168.00		£1,048.16

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15/1744	Land between Park Lane/Wood Street, WS10 9RS	Bentley & Darlaston North	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 42 dwellings with new vehicular access, landscaping and other associated works.	Westleigh Partnerships Ltd	30/03/16	n/a	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of the Park Lane/Cook Street Urban Open Space (Green Space Strategy site identification code 4013) which may include, but shall not be limited to: a. Pedestrian access improvements: i. Vehicle & motorcycle barriers ii. Hard-surfaced footpaths b. Boundary improvements: i. Tree planting schemes; ii. Hedge planting; iii. Screening c. Habitat creation -- wildflower meadows d. Mown areas for informal recreation e. Furniture - bins & benches f. Lighting - linking pathway between Cook Street & Park Lane g. Signage - interpretation, directional, Council information h. Notice boards for entrance points	£61,677.00	£ 61,677.00	£0.00	£37,088.88
18/1561	1-17, HEATH VIEW, WILKES AVENUE, BENTLEY, WALSALL, WS2 0JF	Bentley & Darlaston North	Internal alterations and extensions to former residential care home to provide 10 no. studio apartments, 2 no. split level studio apartments and 1 no. 3 bedroom apartment.	NIHAL DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED	23/11/21	n/a	To use the Urban Open Space Contribution for the maintenance and improvement of Wilkes Avenue urban open space, and not to use the Urban Open Space Contribution otherwise than for the maintenance and improvement of Wilkes Avenue urban open space.	£10,395.00	£ 10,395.00	£0.00	£10,239.00
19/0768	The Armstrong Building, C/o The Green and Booth Street, DARLASTON, WS10 8JP	Bentley & Darlaston North	Demolition of existing building and erection of 24 new affordable residential units, access, landscaping and associated works.	Village Partnerships Limited	18/03/21	n/a	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for improvements to and maintenance of Owen Park	£31,185.00	£ 31,185.00	£0.00	£30,717.22
19/1514	LAND BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD, SLATER STREET, DARLASTON. WS10 8EE	Bentley & Darlaston North	Erection of 30 dwellings and associated works. Adjacent to Public Footpath (Dar19). Deed of Variation to S106 regarding Affordable Housing.	Aurora Living Ltd	11/03/20	10 years from date of payment of the last contribution	To utilise the Affordable Housing contribution for the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	£283,500.00	£283,500.00	£0.00	£279,248.00
02/1983/FL/W3	CAR PARK, PROVIDENCE CLOSE/LEAMORE LANE, LEAMORE, WALSALL	Birchills Leamore	Erection of 6 Bungalows	Caldmore Area Housing Association Ltd	10/09/03	TBC	provision of public open space facilities within the Site and to be used in improving public open space facilities in the wider area in accordance with Policy 8.4 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan 1995.	£1,200.00	£1,480.35	£0.00	£1,243.00

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11/1364/FL	WALSALL DEPOT,NORFOLK PLACE,BLOWICH ROAD,WALSALL	Birchills Leamore	Amendments to planning permission 10/0763/FL relating to the erection of 267 dwellings reducing the amount to 251 dwellings, amending details of phasing and location of affordable housing, drainage detail, landscaping, house types, and associated works.	Marcity Developments Ltd	17/05/12	03/10/2017	To use the Urban Open Space solely for the uses specified	£188,100.00	£188,100.00	£0.00	£697.68
20/0004	BEECHDALE COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION, CHILTON HOUSE, STEPHENSON AVENUE, WALSALL, WS2 7EU	Birchills Leamore	The proposal consists of the demolition of the vacant Former Beechdale Community Housing Association building and the erection of 12 affordable homes with associated parking and rear gardens	Taylor French Developments Ltd and Keystone Developments (LG) Limited	25/11/20	04/01/2028	To utilise the Open Space Contribution which is payable pursuant to the obligations contained in this Deed for improvements to and maintenance of Beechdale Fishing Pool Beechdale Walsall West Midlands	£16,824.00	£ 16,824.00	£0.00	£16,572.00
03/1853/FL/E6	THE WELCOME STRANGER P.H.,HAWBUSH ROAD,LEAMORE, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WS3 1AG	Blakenhall	Demolition of existing public house and erection of 20 one and two bedroom flats	Red Brick Consultants	30/04/04	n/a	Towards the provision of off site recreational facilities pursuant to policy 8.4 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£3,603.06	£ 3,603.06	£0.00	£413.66
11/1584/FL	UNIT 13,CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK,WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,WALSALL, WS2 8LL	Blakenhall	Creation of 460sqm of additional retail floorspace (Class A1) at mezzanine level.	Hercules Unit Trust	27/06/12	n/a	improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing on Town End Street in the vicinity of the Land which shall comprise adjustments to the existing guard railing, signing and tactile paving and/or such other improvements to the said pedestrian crossing as the Council shall in its discretion decide upon.	£15,000.00	£ 15,000.00	£0.00	£14,775.00
12/0036/OL	Goscote Lane Regeneration Corridor incorporating sites in Shakespeare Crescent,Keats Road,Tennyson Road,Chaucer Road,Wordsworth Road,Dryden Road,Harden Road and Well Lane.	Blakenhall	Outline permission for residential development on sites A, D and J (access only to be considered) as follows: Site A – Approximately 243 dwellings (including 56 affordable units) Site D – Approximately 134 dwellings (including 121 affordable units) Site J – Approximately 25 dwellings (all affordable) All sites incorporating means of access (not reserved), car parking, landscaping, infrastructure and servicing.	WHG	13/08/14	n/a	For the purposes of implementing road safety measures along Harden Road, between its junction with Bloxwich Road to its junction with Coal Pool Lane, which may include build-outs; signing and lining improvements; and junction improvements at Harden Road/Broadstone Avenue.	£139,000.00	£136,915.00	£0.00	£136,915.00

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14/1345/FL	SITE OF FORMER COALPOOL CLINIC,ROSS ROAD,RYECROFT ,WALSALL	Blakenhall	Erection of 12 no. 1 bedroom apartments in a three storey block	G C Rickards Ltd	06/03/15	n/a		£8,220.00	£8,220.00		£3,582.19
15/1606	BULLS HEAD, 79, Park Road, BLOXWICH, WALSALL, Walsall, WS3 3SW	Bloxwich East	Demolition of the former Bulls Head public house and erection of 14 supported living units and associated communal hub.	Bromford Developments Ltd	17/03/16	n/a	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of the King George V Playing Fields Urban Open Space which may include, but shall not be limited to: a. Horticultural planting schemes b. Car parking	£9,590.00	£ 9,590.00	£0.00	£6,429.23
09/1695/FL	FORMER BLOXWICH ENGINEERING LTD,BELL LANE,WALSALL	Bloxwich West	Proposed erection of 108 dwellings, garages and associated parking, construction of access roads, landscaping and associated works	Barratt West Midlands	10/03/10	16/08/2017	In accordance with policy DW9 SPD Designing Walsall of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£19,800.00	£ 19,800.00	£0.00	£19,503.00
09/1695/FL	FORMER BLOXWICH ENGINEERING LTD,BELL LANE,WALSALL	Bloxwich West	Proposed erection of 108 dwellings, garages and associated parking, construction of access roads, landscaping and associated works	Barratt West Midlands	10/03/10	10/07/2017	For healthcare in accordance with policies GP3, 8.9 and SPD of the Walsall Development Plan.	£64,800.00	£ 64,800.00	£0.00	£63,828.00
11/0516/FL	45 Victoria Avenue and Land to Rear of 39-51 Victoria Avenue; 39-47 and 66 Drake Road; and 125-139 Field Road,Bloxwich,WS 3 2XU	Bloxwich West	Erection of 43 houses and 1 flat (total 44 dwellings) together with associated parking, garages, landscaping and access.	Kendrick Homes	27/03/12	16/05/2018	To use the contributions payable under Schedule 2 only towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the wider area of the Site in accordance with Policy DEL2 of the Black Country Joint Core Strategy and policies GP3 and LC1 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan.	£83,570.00	£82,316.00		£230.75
11/0516/FL	45 Victoria Avenue and Land to Rear of 39-51 Victoria Avenue; 39-47 and 66 Drake Road; and 125-139 Field Road,Bloxwich,WS 3 2XU	Bloxwich West	Erection of 43 houses and 1 flat (total 44 dwellings) together with associated parking, garages, landscaping and access.	Kendrick Homes	24/07/13	n/a	To use the Affordable Housing Contribution only towards the provision of affordable housing within the Council's administrative area.	£250,000.00	£246,250.00		£246,250.00
10/1593/FL	LAND OFF WATERMEAD GRANGE/SILVER STREET,BROWN HILLS,WALSALL. WS8	Brownhills	Residential development consisting of 2,3 and 4 bedroom, 2 and 2.5 storey mews and detached dwellings, 36 no. in total.	Morris Homes Ltd	05/07/11	29/12/2018	To be used towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the vicinity of the wider area of the Development in accordance with saved policies GP3 and LC1 (d) of Walsall Unitary Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document: Urban Open Space.	£102,236.00	£100,702.00	-	£2,118.32

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10/1593/FL	LAND OFF WATERMEAD GRANGE/SILVER STREET,BROWN HILLS,WALSALL. WS8	Brownhills	Residential development consisting of 2,3 and 4 bedroom, 2 and 2.5 storey mews and detached dwellings, 36 no. in total.	Morris Homes Ltd	05/07/11	02/10/2019	To be used towards the provision of accessible healthcare facilities to serve the development in accordance with saved policies GP3 and 8.9 of Walsall Unitary Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document: Healthcare.	£46,884.60	£46181.33 £4301.34	£0.00	£50,482.67
18/0072	Land at Heathfield Lane West, Darlaston, Wednesbury, West Midlands. WS10 8QR	Darlaston South	Proposed erection of 207 dwellings, engineering works, landscaping, provision of open space and associated works and re-routing of public right of way Dar1	Countryside Properties PLC	26/09/18	n/a	Utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the following: 1. The provision of healthy walking / trim-trail around the perimeter, landscaping and enhancement works to Darlaston Recreation Centre, Hall Street 2. Enhancement of facilities including construction of the fishing platforms at Heathfield Land Fishing Pool 3. Public information boards directional signage to and from the following recreation areas: a. George Rose Park b. Darlaston Recreation Centre c. King Hill Park d. Victoria Park e. Walsall canal 4. Public access improvements hedgerow and tree planting alongside access routes and measures to combat anti-social behaviour at: a. George Rose Park b. Kings Hill Park c. Victoria Park	£193,310.67	£195,674.00		£74,242.81
18/0072	Land at Heathfield Lane West, Darlaston, Wednesbury, West Midlands. WS10 8QR	Darlaston South	Proposed erection of 207 dwellings, engineering works, landscaping, provision of open space and associated works and re-routing of public right of way Dar1	Countryside Properties PLC	26/09/18	n/a	To utilise the Affordable Housing contribution in the locality.	£96,655.33	£ 96,655.00	£0.00	£95,205.51
21/0006	BROADWAY NORTH RESOURCE CENTRE, BROADWAY NORTH, WALSALL, WS1 2QA	Paddock	Erection of 14 no. dwellings, alterations to existing access and associated works.	CAMERON HOMES LIMITED	09/08/21	05/01/2030	To utilise the Open Space Contribution which is payable pursuant to the obligations contained in this Deed for improvements to and maintenance of the Open Space at Walsall Arboretum Park	£64,789.00	£ 64,789.00	£0.00	£63,817.16

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14/1554/FL	PELSALL LABOUR CLUB, CHURCH ROAD, WALSALL, WS3 4QW	Pelsall	Proposed demolition of Labour Club. Residential and commercial development of a new Labour club, 24 dwellings total (23 for private sale and 1 flat above club for manager only). New access road, ancillary garages/car parking, external store and smoking shelter. Affecting the setting of a public rights of way (no. Ald15).	Dunedin Homes and Developments Limited	05/05/15	n/a	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the provision, upgrading and or maintenance of Urban Open Space In the vicinity of the Development.	£53,070.00	£60,000.00	£0.00	£33,479.30
BC64477P	Land Adj, Brewers Drive, Walsall	Pelsall	Creation of public open space	Gallagher Estates Ltd	10/06/03	n/a	Maintenance costs for open space transferred to the Council. Boundary of open space detailed on plan 1025/111 Rev C in relation to supplemental agreement dated 21/12/06.	£60,000.00	£ -	£0.00	£34,000.00
BC64477P	Land Adj, Brewers Drive, Walsall	Pelsall	Creation of public open space	Gallagher Estates Ltd	10/06/03	n/a	Maintenance of open space at Windrush Close. Banked by Legal.	£40,000.00		£0.00	£40,000.00
12/1486/FL	FORMER ST. MARGARETS HOSPITAL, QUESLETT ROAD, WALSALL, B43 7EZ	Pheasey Park Farm	Minor material amendment to permission 09/0753/RM to vary condition 2 allowing substitution of house types for plots 378-415 (phase 3) of residential development of 141 dwellings.	Bovis Homes Central Region	19/06/13	n/a	To provide affordable housing units (as defined in the principal deed (as amended)) on that part of the Site shown edged in red on Plan A.	£199,500.00	£199,500.00	£0.00	£196,507.50
18/1267	Beacon Dairy Farm, Doe Bank Lane.	Pheasey Park Farm	Demolition of existing farm, commercial and farmhouse buildings and the erection of 14 dwelling houses.	BEACON DAIRY FARM	04/11/19	n/a	Improvement of the play area and playing fields at Doe Bank Park, Doe Bank Lane	£42,548.00	£42,548.00	£0.00	£41,909.78
04/0845/OL/W3	FORMER DERBY ARMS PH, RALEIGH STREET, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WS2 8QY	Pleck	Outline: Erection of 10 flats.	Spire Valley Ltd	10/01/05	n/a	Towards the cost of the Council carrying out improvements to open space facilities in the wider area	£2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£0.00	£839.81
19/0945	SITE OF FORMER HARVESTIME BAKERY, RALEIGH STREET, WALSALL	Pleck	Proposed residential development of 88 residential units comprising 18 x 1 bed flats, 25 x 2 bedroom houses, 41 x 3 bedroom houses, 4 x 4 bedroom houses with associated access, landscaping and 164 car parking spaces	Vistry Partnerships Limited	20/11/20	n/a	To utilise the Initial Open Space Contribution and the Clawback Open Space Contribution towards the upgrade and maintenance of the urban open space in the locality which shall include Sydenham playing fields and which may also include highway mitigation measures on Raleigh Street and or Jessel Road	£50,000	£ 50,000.00	£0.00	£49,250.00

Planning Ref No.	Planning Site Address	Ward	Planning Proposal	Developer	Agreement Start Date	Re-payment Date	Council Obligations (Conditions / Clauses)	(£) Contribution Due	(£) Contribution Received	(£) Committed/Allocated	Balance Remaining (£)
07/2731/FL/E11	LAND TO THE REAR OF 201-217 LICHFIELD ROAD, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1EA	Rushall-Shelfield	Demolition of Nos. 215 and 217 Lichfield Road and Erection of 21 New Dwellings Including Access Road and Associated Works	Bentley Homes	09/03/11	17/12/2025	Towards the provision of secondary school places within the area in accordance with The Walsall Unitary Development Plan 200	£57,420.00	£ 57,420.00	£0.00	£25,828.93
16/1233	LAND AT DAW END SCHOOL, FLOYDS LANE, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1LF	Rushall-Shelfield	Erection of 63 dwellings, revised access and associated infrastructure.	Seddon Construction Ltd / Accord Housing Association	27/02/17	n/a	Enhancement or maintenance of urban open space	£107,880.00	£107,880.00		£41,699.33
16/1669	RUSHALL MEWS, NEW STREET, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JQ	Rushall-Shelfield	Demolition of existing care home and erection of 26 dwellings (19 x 3 bed & 7 x 4 bed) with associated access and parking arrangements.	Cameron Homes Ltd	04/07/17	n/a	To utilise the Urban Open Space contribution for the following: - Cartbridge Lane Allotments (East Walsall Allotment Association) Rushall. Delivery of action plan as per findings of a condition survey - £15,000. - Radley Play Area, Bickley Road, Rushall. Contribution to play area improvements - £29,475. - Park Lime Pits, Park Road, Rushall. Footpath improvements - £29,475.	£73,950.00	£ 73,950.00	£0.00	£13,641.36
16/1669	RUSHALL MEWS, NEW STREET, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JQ	Rushall-Shelfield	Demolition of existing care home and erection of 26 dwellings (19 x 3 bed & 7 x 4 bed) with associated access and parking arrangements.	Cameron Homes Ltd	04/07/17	n/a	Contribution towards the planting of new trees at Rushall Skate Park.	£12,000.00	£ 12,000.00	£0.00	£9,212.51
16/1669	RUSHALL MEWS, NEW STREET, RUSHALL, WALSALL, WS4 1JQ	Rushall-Shelfield	Demolition of existing care home and erection of 26 dwellings (19 x 3 bed & 7 x 4 bed) with associated access and parking arrangements.	Cameron Homes Ltd	04/07/17	n/a	Contribution towards the provision of affordable housing in the locality.	£227,500.00	£227,500.00	£0.00	£224,088.00

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13/0440/FL	LAND SOUTH OF WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WALSALL, WS2 8LR	St Matthews	Hybrid Application - Full Planning Application for Multi-Screen Cinema (Use Class D2) at first and second floor with Retail, Restaurants and Cafes, Drinking establishments (Use Classes A1/A3/A4) at ground floor level and two separate units for Restaurants and Cafes and Drinking Establishments (Use Class A3/A4), car parking, external seating area, landscape works, additional temporary surface car parking, canal footbridge, associated works and access arrangements. Outline Application (all matters reserved) for Leisure, Retail, Restaurants and Cafes and Drinking Establishments (Use Classes A1, A3, A4 and D2)	Kier Property Developments Limited		n/a	Towards feasibility assessment and traffic and pedestrian monitoring.	£75,000.00	£ 75,000.00	£0.00	£73,875.00
13/1529/FL	FORMER PARK TAVERN, 43 BROADWAY NORTH, WALSALL, WS1 2QG	St Matthews	Demolition of existing building and erection of 28 No later living retirement housing (category II type accommodation) including provision of communal facilities, landscaping and car parking.	McCarthy and Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd & Commercial Development Projects Ltd	16/04/14	21/04/2022	Towards the provision of Urban Open Space within the locality of Walsall	£29,442.00	£ 29,938.08	£0.00	£3,399.38
16/1241	LAND TO THE WEST OF TEDDESLEY STREET, WALSALL, WS4 2AH	St Matthews	33 no. two, three and four bedroom dwellings for affordable rent and shared ownership with associated landscaping and parking.	Walsall Housing Group	13/07/18	26/09/2022		£56,080.00	£56,080.00	£0.00	£37,952.98
16/1675	145-147, LICHFIELD STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1SE	St Matthews	Proposed conversion of first, second and third floors to create 12 apartments.	Mr S Singh	22/09/17	n/a	To utilise the Urban Open Space Contribution for the enhancement and or maintenance of open spaces in the locality	£8,412.00	£ -	£0.00	-£960.74

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17/0155	STENCILS FARM, ALDRIDGE ROAD, WALSALL, WS4 2JW	St Matthews	Outline Application: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 12 dwellings. Access only, all other matters reserved.	Mr M Fetherston-Dilke	21/03/18	30/11/2025	To utilise the Open Space Contribution for public access improvements and habitat management at Aldridge Airport and Hay Head Wood.	£34,650.00	£ 33,957.00	£0.00	£33,957.00
05/1566/OL/W3	NEPTUNE PUBLIC HOUSE, BILSTON LANE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WV13 2LF	Willenhall South	OUTLINE : Demolition of Existing Public House and Erection of 43 No. 1 and 2 Bed Flats, Underground Parking and Associated Vehicular Access	Aquarius Land		n/a	13/0440/FL	£65,000.00	£ 65,000.00	£0.00	£64,025.00
16/1048	FORMER CENTRAL PATTERNMAKING COMPANY LIMITED, 44, STRINGES LANE, WILLENHALL, WV13 1LU	Willenhall South	Change of use of light industrial unit (B1) to 12 Flats (C3) and associated parking and amenity space.	Sunrise Properties Wolverhampton Ltd	20/06/17	n/a	Upgrading, enhancing and or maintenance of Urban Open Space located at Willenhall Memorial Park, Pinson Road, Willenhall	£8,316.00	£ 8,316.00	£0.00	£6,491.15

Scrutiny Overview Committee – Recommendation Tracker (23/24)

Committee Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer responsible	Status	Target Completion Date	Notes
12 December 2022	Customer Engagement	That data be shared with Members regarding: a. A detailed breakdown on the time it takes calls to be answered across the Council.	Elise Hopkins	In Progress	16 March 2023	
15 th June 2023	Areas of Focus	That Overview and Scrutiny Committees discuss working group topics at their next round of meetings and feedback be considered by the Scrutiny Overview Committee at its meeting due to be held on 28 th September 2023.	Clerk/Chair	In Progress	28 th September 2023	To be considered at SOC on 28 th September 2023.
		A work programme for the municipal year be produced and be circulated to members of the Committee.	Clerk	Complete	28 th September 2023	Work programme drafted.

12 th July 2023	Call-in of Cabinet decision – Temporary Workers (Agency) Provision	That a report containing the Scrutiny Overview Committees recommendations be submitted to Cabinet on 19 th July 2023.	Clerk	Complete	19 th July 2023	Cabinet accepted the recommendations of the Committee on 19 th July 2023.
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Scrutiny Overview Committee – Area of Focus – 2023-24

	28 th September 2023	9 th November 2023	11 th December 2023	6 th February 2024	14 th March 2024	18 th April 2024
<p>Economic Growth, Enable greater local opportunities for all people, communities and businesses.</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Economy & Environment</i></p>				Walsall Borough Local Plan		WMCA
<p>People Encourage our residents to lead more active fulfilling and independent lives. People maintain or improve their health and wellbeing.</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Social Care & Health</i></p>						
<p>Internal focus, all Council services are customer focused, effective efficient and fair.</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Scrutiny Overview Committee</i></p>	S106 monitoring	Recruitment and retention	Q2 financial monitoring Draft Budget & Capital Programme		S106 monitoring	Marketing and advertising
<p>Children have the best possible start and are safe from harm, happy, healthy and learning well</p> <p><i>Lead OSCs: Children's & Education</i></p>				School Gate Working Group recommendation monitoring.		
<p>Communities are empowered so that they feel connected and that they belong in Walsall. Create safe and healthy places whilst building a strong sense of community.</p> <p><i>Lead OSC: Scrutiny Overview Committee</i></p>	Violent crime – WM Police	Housing waiting list		Enforcement	Social Housing providers	



Walsall Council

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

**Council House,
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4 September 2023

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 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 (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)	Deeper Devolution Deal Approval of the West Midlands Combined Authority West Midlands Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal and Action Plan.	Cabinet Key Decision	Caroline Harper, Regeneration Officer Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	20 September 2023
26/23 (5.6.23)	Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2027/28 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 Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023
32/23 (3.7.23)	Council Plan 2022/25 – Q1 23/24 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 Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023
27/23 (5.6.23)	Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley Page 39 of 47	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023

	To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2023.	Non-key Decision	Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk			
40/23 (4.9.23)	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) 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 Sammy.Pritchard@walsall.gov.uk David Holloway David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023
41/23 (4.9.23)	Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Developer Partner Procurement Outcome and Award 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 Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, Legal (external)	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023
42/23 (4.9.23)	Sale of the Former Allens Centre, Hilton Road, Willenhall 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 Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023

36/23 (7.8.23)	<p>Healthy Eating for Children and Young People Programme</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	Esther Higdon Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Walsall Healthcare Trust	Cllr Flint	18 October 2023
43/23 (4.9.23)	<p>Integrated sexual and reproductive health services and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19 Section 75 Agreement Extensions</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	Esther Higdon Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Walsall Healthcare Trust	Cllr Flint	18 October 2023
33/23 (3.7.23)	<p>Winter Service Operational Plan 2023- 2028</p> <p>To approve the winter service operational plan.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Paul Leighton Paul.Leighton@walsall.gov.uk Graham Wallis Graham.Wallis@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	18 October 2023
44/23 (4.9.23)	<p>Street Lighting Post-PFI Arrangements</p> <p>To approve the service delivery model for the street lighting service from April 2028.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Katie Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	18 October 2023

45/23 (4.9.23)	<p>Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2023/24</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>	Cabinet Council Non-key Decision	Paul Rooney Paul.Rooney@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	Cabinet 18 October 2023 Council 6 November 2023
34/23 (3.7.23)	<p>Early Years Funding Formula 2023/24:</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>	Cabinet Key Decision	ESFA – Early Years funding operational guide Richard Walley Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk	Schools Forum Internal Services	Cllr Statham	18 October 2023
35/23 (3.7.23)	<p>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2024/25:</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide Richard Walley Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk	Schools Forum Internal Services	Cllr Statham	18 October 2023
46/23 (4.9.23)	<p>SEN Place Requirement</p> <p>To approve finance for additional special educational needs school places.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Alex Groom Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Statham	18 October 2023

37/23 (7.8.23)	<p>Autumn Budget and Spending Review, and feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on draft revenue and capital budget proposals 2024/25 to 2027/28</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 Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</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>Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2023/24</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 Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Ferguson</p>	<p>13 December 2023</p>
39/23 (7.8.23)	<p>Strategic Leisure Review</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 Stuart.Webb@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Flint</p>	<p>13 December 2023</p>
14/23 (6.2.23)	<p>Growth Funding for Schools:</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 Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</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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Black Country Executive Joint Committee
Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Published up to January 2024

Date Created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main consultee	Date of meeting
	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Governance			
04/09/2023	Change Control and Delegated Authority Approval of BCJC Delegated Authority to the Single Accountable Body Section 151 Officer and approval of the revised Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (BCLEP) Assurance Framework Change Control and Delegated Authority delegations, as detailed in the attachment of the report (BCLEP Assurance Framework Appendix 23).	David Moore david.moore@walsall.gov.uk Mark Lavender mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	01/11/2023

Scrutiny Overview Committee

28 September, 2023

**Agenda
Item No.**

10.

Co-ordination of Scrutiny Working Groups

Ward(s): All

Portfolios: All

1. Aim

To seek direction from the Committee on the scheduling of scrutiny working groups.

2. Recommendations

That the Scrutiny Overview Committee:

1. Identify the topic of the working group due to commence immediately.
2. Identify the topic of the working group due to commence in January 2024.

3. Report detail – know

A working group is an effective method for Members of Scrutiny Committees to consider a topic in depth over a number of months. The Working Group will produce a report and recommendations to be considered by the Cabinet and/or Council.

During the first round of Overview and Scrutiny meetings two working group topics were identified as follows:

1. Housing standards – suggested by the Scrutiny Overview Committee
2. Primary care access and GP Services – suggested by the Social Care and Health OSC

Due to ongoing resource issues in the Democratic Services team it is possible to support one working group immediately and the other from January 2024.

Delegations in the Constitution give the Committee the authority to lead on the planning and co-ordination of the programme of activities and in-depth studies of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

4. Financial information

None directly related to this report.

5. *Reducing Inequalities*

None directly related to this report.

6. **Decide**

The Committee can choose to schedule the working groups described or indeed any further topics that may have arisen in the interim.

7. **Respond**

Once established, membership and terms of reference for the working groups will be agreed and reported back to the relevant Committees.

8. **Review**

Upon conclusion the working groups will present final reports to their parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee for agreement. These reports will then be forwarded to Cabinet, Council or other decision makers for consideration.

Background papers

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