



## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW [craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk) and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://www.walsall.gov.uk). The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change. Please contact the above addressee if you wish to check the date for a particular item.

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet on the Council’s website. Background papers are listed on each report submitted to the Cabinet and members of the public are entitled to see these documents unless they are confidential. The report also contains the name and telephone number of a contact officer. These details can also be found in the forward plan.

Meetings of the Cabinet are open to the public. Occasionally there are items included on the agenda which are confidential and for those items the public will be asked to leave the meeting. The forward plan will show where this is intended and the reason why the reports are confidential. Enquiries regarding these reasons should be directed to Democratic Services ([craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk)).

“Key decisions” are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) A key decision is:
  - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
  - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £500,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

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APRIL 2023 TO JULY 2023 (06.03.23)**

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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
152/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Renewal of the Council's Oracle Cloud Licenses:</b></p> <p>To renew the Council's Oracle cloud Licenses required for the operation of the Council's One Source system for HR, Payroll, Finance and Procurement from May 2023</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Ian Tuft  <a href="mailto:Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird  Cllr Ferguson	22 March 2023
162/22 (5.12.22)	<p><b>Approval of the Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement:</b></p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation to enter into legal agreements with WMCA relating to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Legacy funds.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Kelly Valente  <a href="mailto:Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk">Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Bird	22 March 2023
10/23 (6.2.23)	<p><b>LGA Corporate Peer Challenge – Action Plan:</b></p> <p>To approve the Action Plan produced in response to the report by the Local Government Association following the January 2023 Corporate Peer Challenge.</p>	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Karen Griffiths  ( <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a> )  Elizabeth Connolly  ( <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a> )	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 March 2023

145/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Town Centre Theatre Project:</b></p> <p>To agree next steps for the Town Deal Theatre project, setting out funding implications and options.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	22 March 2023
4/23 (9.1.23)	<p><b>West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2023/24:</b></p> <p>To approve West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2023/24.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Matt Crowton  <a href="mailto:Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk">Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 March 2023
5/23 (9.1.23)	<p><b>Sandwell Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation:</b></p> <p>To approve Walsall’s response to the Sandwell Local Plan consultation.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Neville Ball  <a href="mailto:neville.ball@walsall.gov.uk">neville.ball@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 March 2023
153/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Walsall’s Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2022 to 2027:</b></p> <p>To approve Walsall’s Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, 2022 to 2027.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead  <a href="mailto:Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, service users, external stakeholders	Cllr Ali	22 March 2023
11/23 (6.2.23)	<p><b>Walsall Civic Centre and Council House improvement works</b></p> <p>To approve Council House improvement works including heating and ventilation replacement; fire alarm replacement;</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Ian Lister  <a href="mailto:Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	22 March 2023

	Civic Centre window replacement; Civic Centre ground floor refurbishment.					
12/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Street Scene Strategy:</b> To approve the councils 5-year plan for residential streets	Cabinet  Key decision	Kathryn Moreton  <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Murphy	22 March 2023
13/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Trading Standards Letting Agents Enforcement Policy</b> To approve Walsall Council's Trading Standards policy on the enforcement and determination of financial penalties in circumstances where persons engaged in letting agency work and property management business fail to comply with legislative requirements.	Cabinet  Key decision	David Elrington  <a href="mailto:David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk">David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	22 March 2023
140/22 (10.10.22)	<b>High Needs Funding Formula:</b> To approve changes to the High Needs Funding Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant – High Needs Block to schools in Walsall for the 2023/24 financial year	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	22 March 2023
154/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Early Years Funding Formula:</b> That Cabinet approves the Early Years Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	22 March 2023

14/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Growth Funding for Schools:</b> To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to secure sufficient primary and secondary school places, through the adoption of a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Alex Groom  <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Schools Forum	Cllr Statham	22 March 2023
155/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Council Plan: Review of Achievements 2021/22:</b> To note the Review of Achievements for 2021/22, highlighting successes and progress towards achieving our Council priorities.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Karen Griffiths  <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 April 2023
15/23 (6.3.23)	<b>Council Plan Markers of Success Q3:</b> To note the Quarter 3 2022/23 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Karen Griffiths  <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 April 2023
6/23 (9.1.23)	<b>Borough Playing Pitch Strategy:</b> To adopt and publish the Walsall Playing pitches strategy and the Black Country strategic framework	Cabinet  Key Decision	Liz Stuffins  <a href="mailto:Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk">Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	19 April 2023
129/22 (5.9.22)	<b>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme:</b> To report back on Safer Streets activity and recommend any adjustments/additions to the programme.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Paul Gordon  <a href="mailto:Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	19 April 2023