



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 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.

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JULY 2024 TO OCTOBER 2024
(04.06.2024)

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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
36/24 (4.6.24)	Council Plan 2022/25 – Q4 23/24: To note the Quarter 4 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Sam Oliver Sam.Oliver@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	17 July 2024
25/24 (8.5.24)	Productivity Plan: To agree the publication of the Council's DLUHC Productivity Plan response document.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Karen Griffiths Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	17 July 2024
23/24 (18.3.24)	Commercial Strategy: To agree the strategic approach to generating income, reducing costs, fostering an entrepreneurial culture, forming partnerships, and investing in businesses to support local economies and social objectives	Cabinet Key Decision	Michele McPherson Michele.McPherson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	17 July 2024

26/24 (8.5.24)	Pre-Audit Outturn 2023/24: To receive the pre-audit revenue and capital financial outturn position for 2023/24 and approve recommended carry forwards, and financial indicators for 2023/24.	Cabinet Key decision	Ross Hutchinson Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	17 July 2024
27/24 (8.5.24)	Treasury Management Annual Report 2023/24: 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 annual report for treasury management activities 2023/24 including prudential and local indicators.	Cabinet Council Non-key decision	Richard Walley Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	17 July 2024
28/24 (8.5.24)	Corporate Financial Performance 2024/25 and approach to Budget Setting for 2025/26: To report the financial position based on 3 months to June 2024, and to set out our approach and timeline for the 2025/26 budget process and amendments to the Medium-Term Financial Framework	Cabinet Non-key decision	Ross Hutchinson Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	17 July 2024
24/24 (8.4.24)	Interim provision of street lighting services: To ensure the provision of street lighting between the end of the PFI and the start of the next term contract.	Cabinet Key Decision	Katie Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	17 July 2024

32/24 (4.6.24)	Appointment of Contractor for Civic Centre and Council House Decarbonisation Works: To appoint a contractor for decarbonisation works at the Civic Centre and Council House. <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	17 July 2024
66/23 (4.12.23)	Waste Management Strategy Update - Fryers Road Household Waste Recycling Centre redevelopment (HWRC): That Cabinet approve the pre-tender budget for the redevelopment of a larger Fryers Road HWRC and agree to use the Pagabo framework (design and build stages) for the procurement of Fryers Road HWRC.	Cabinet Key Decision	Katie Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk Stephen Johnson Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew Cllr Murphy	17 July 2024
29/24 (8.5.24)	Addressing Ethnic Disparity Pathfinder bid: To approve the project delivery plan and accountable body status for the West Midlands Ethnic Disparity Pathfinder grant.	Cabinet Key Decision	Phil Rutherford Philip.Rutherford@walsall.gov.uk Rachael Phillips Rachael.Phillips@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Elson	17 July 2024

30/24 (4.6.24)	West Midlands Fostering Agency Framework: To agree call off contracts with Independent Foster Care Agencies under a new framework arrangement.	Cabinet Key Decision	Paula Wilman Paula.Wilman@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Regional stakeholders (during tender development)	Cllr Elson	17 July 2024
31/24 (4.6.24)	Families First for Children – Pathfinder To agree receipt of a grant and to set out financial risks.	Cabinet Key Decision	Rita Homer Rita.Homer@walsall.gov.uk	Internal/Cabinet	Cllr Elson	17 July 2024
57/23 (6.11.23)	Draft Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Climate Strategy: To approve for public consultation the draft Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Katie Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	17 July 2024
33/24 (4.6.24)	West Midlands Childrens Residential Homes Framework: To agree call off contracts with Residential Children’s Homes providers under the West Midlands Regional Framework.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sally Gamston Sally.Gamston@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Regional stakeholders (during tender development)	Cllr Elson	4 September 24
34/24 (4.6.24)	Temporary Accommodation Regulator Registration: To approve registration with the Regulator of Social Housing for the purpose of providing additional Temporary Accommodation for homeless people.	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Garcha	4 September 2024

35/24 (4.6.24)	Walsall Housing Allocations Policy: To approve Walsall's Housing Allocations Policy which details how the Council will prioritise applicants for nomination to housing association properties.	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Public Consultation Internal Services Housing Associations	Cllr Garcha	16 October 2024
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