



**Walsall Council**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW [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.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS  
NOVEMBER 2022 TO FEBRUARY 2023 (10.10.22)**

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Reference No./ Date first entered in Plan	Decision to be considered (to provide adequate details for those both in and outside the Council)	Decision maker	Background papers (if any) and Contact Officer	Main consultees	Contact Member (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall)	Date item to be considered
111/22 (6.6.22)	<p><b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b></p> <p>To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.</p>	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public  Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2022
127/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Council Plan 2022/25:</b></p> <p>To note the Quarter 1 2022/23 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25</p>	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Elizabeth Connolly  <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Policy & Strategy Unit  <a href="mailto:policyandstrategy@walsall.gov.uk">policyandstrategy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2022
108/22 (6.6.22)	<p><b>Town Deal:</b></p> <p>To report for consideration business cases for the Town Deal.</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, Town Deal Board members	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2022

126/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Strategic acquisition of a freehold heritage building in Walsall Town Centre:</b></p> <p>To seek approval to the freehold acquisition of a heritage property in Walsall Town Centre to support the preservation of the property.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Nick Ford</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Bryte Legister – <a href="mailto:Bryte.Legister@walsall.gov.uk">Bryte.Legister@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2022
114/22 (4.7.22)	<p><b>West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme for Buses (Variation):</b></p> <p>To approve a revised scheme to improve bus travel in the West Midlands.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Matt Crowton</p> <p><a href="mailto:Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk">Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2022
133/22 (20.09.22)	<p><b>Waste Management Strategy – Waste Transfer Station (WTS) and Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC):</b></p> <p>To seek approval for the pre-tender budget and amendment of the Capital Programme, to provide a new waste transfer station (WTS) and household waste recycling centre (HWRC).</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Stephen Johnson</p> <p><a href="mailto:Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2022

116/22 (4.7.22)	<p><b>Young person homelessness accommodation and support contract awards:</b></p> <p>To approve the contract awards for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Dispersed temporary accommodation and intensive housing management</li> <li>2) Supported lodgings, and Night Stop and Day Stop facility</li> </ol>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Rashida Hussain</p> <p><a href="mailto:Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk">Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services, Service Users, External Stakeholders</p>	<p>Cllr Ali</p> <p>Cllr Wilson</p>	<p>18 October 2022</p>
139/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) Round 2</b></p> <p>To authorise that a bid to be made to The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for Home Upgrade Grant Round 2 (HUGs 2), by the first application deadline of 18 November 2022, in line with the Grants Manual.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services to enter into the relevant agreements with BEIS if HUGs 2 funding is subsequently approved.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p><a href="mailto:David.Lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.Lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p> <p>Residents</p>	<p>Cllr Ali</p>	<p>18 October 2022</p>
128/22 (5.9.22)	<p><b>Climate Change Action Plan:</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the Climate Change Action Plan and agree a new target.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Dave Brown</p> <p><a href="mailto:Dave.Brown@walsall.gov.uk">Dave.Brown@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Flint</p>	<p>18 October 2022</p>
113/22 (20.6.22)	<p><b>Adult Social Care – Extension of contractual arrangements:</b></p> <p>To approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the extension of the interim contracts for Residential and Nursing Care Services</li> </ol>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Grace Charles</p> <p><a href="mailto:Grace.Charles@walsall.gov.uk">Grace.Charles@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Pedley</p>	<p>18 October 2022</p>

	<p>for Older People, Complex Care and Mental Health Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24 with an option for a further 12 months should this be necessary.</p> <p>2) the extension of the current contractual arrangements for Community Based Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24 with an option for a further 12 months should this be necessary.</p>					
129/22 (5.9.22)	<p><b>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme:</b></p> <p>To report back on Safer Streets activity and will recommend any adjustments/additions to the programme.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Paul Gordon</p> <p><a href="mailto:Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	18 October 2022
109/22 (6.6.22)	<p><b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</b></p> <p>To approve a full consultation with all schools for the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Schools Forum</p> <p>ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide</p> <p>Richard Walley</p> <p><a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Schools Forum</p> <p>Internal Services</p>	Cllr M. Statham	18 October 2022
130/22 (6.9.22)	<p><b>Sexual Health and 0-19 Contracts:</b></p> <p>To approve the extension of the integrated sexual health service, contract delivered by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024; and</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Public Health</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Tony Meadows, Interim Director of Commissioning</p> <p><a href="mailto:Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk">Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	18 October 2022

	and Hub in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing to extend contracts on behalf of the Council and to subsequently authorise the variations to the contractual arrangements for the services should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Rules to 31 March 2024.					
131/22 (6.9.22)	<b>Community Based Services (Adult and Children's) and Complex Needs (Children's):</b>  To approve the extension of the two current framework agreements.	Cabinet  Key Decision	David DeMay  <a href="mailto:David.Demay@walsall.gov.uk">David.Demay@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley Cllr Wilson	18 October 2022
110/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2026/27:</b>  To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2023/24 to 2026/27, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2023/24.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public  Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
121/22 (8.8.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b>  To report the financial position based on 7 months to October 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022

122/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Autumn Budget and Spending Review, and feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on draft revenue and capital budget proposals, 2023/24 to 2026/27:</b></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>	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
123/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Treasury Management Mid-Year Position Statement 2022/23:</b></p> <p>The council is required through regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce a mid-year position statement reviewing treasury management activities and prudential and treasury indicator performance.</p>	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
134/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Microsoft Services Contract Award:</b></p> <p>To award a 3 year contract to a Microsoft Reseller for the supply of Microsoft Licences and Microsoft Cloud Services.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Worrall <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022



135/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Renewal of the Council's insurance arrangements from 1st April 2023:</b></p> <p>To seek delegated authority to renew the Council's insurance arrangements from 1 April 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Marc Cox <a href="mailto:Marc.Cox@walsall.gov.uk">Marc.Cox@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
132/22 (20.09.22)	<p><b>Black Country Plan Regulation 19:</b></p> <p>To approve consultation on Publication (Regulation 19) version of the Black Country Plan, and to delegate authority to submit the Publication Black Country Plan and any recommended minor modifications to the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>Council Key Decision</p>	<p>Neville Ball <a href="mailto:Neville.Ball@walsall.gov.uk">Neville.Ball@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Patrick Jervis <a href="mailto:Patrick.Jervis@walsall.gov.uk">Patrick.Jervis@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
107/22 (6.6.22)	<p><b>Procurement of Corporate Landlord Strategic Partner:</b></p> <p>To seek approval to the appointment of a strategic partner to support the programme of capital schemes related to the council's property portfolio.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022
136/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Black Country Enterprise Zone-Gasholders Site:</b></p> <p>To update on the direction of travel and seek approvals in relation to the preferred delivery approach, project funding and next steps to bring forward the site for employment generating uses.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Caroline Harper <a href="mailto:Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk">Caroline.Harper@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022

137/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Developer Partner Procurement Approach and Funding Update:</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the preferred developer partner procurement approach and funding position.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Kausar Agha  <a href="mailto:Kausar.Agha@walsall.gov.uk">Kausar.Agha@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Legal (External)	Cllr Andrew	14 December 2022
124/22 (8.8.22)	<p><b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</b></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  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	14 December 2022
138/22 (10.10.22)	<p><b>Food for Life Contract</b></p> <p>Cabinet is asked to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to enter into appropriate contractual arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, and subsequently authorise the sealing or signing of associated contracts, deeds or other related documents for the Food for Life contract.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Esther Higdon  <a href="mailto:Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk">Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Paul Nelson  <a href="mailto:Paul.Nelson@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Nelson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	14 December 2022

125/22 (8.8.22)	<b>Housing First contract award:</b>  To approve the contract award enabling the continuation of flexible support to former rough sleepers housed through the Housing First initiative	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	14 December 2022
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>	Schools Forum  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	8 February 2023
141/22 (10.10.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b>  To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Corporate Management Team and Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023
142/22 (10.10.22)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2023/24 – 2026/27, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2023/24:</b>  To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Council  Cabinet  Key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations,  Corporate Management Team and Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 202