



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 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 out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Rules set

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
AUGUST 2023 TO NOVEMBER 2023 (03.07.2023)**

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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
19/23 (3.4.23)	<p>Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24, approach to Budget Setting for 2024/25, and changes to the council’s Tax Strategy:</p> <p>To report the financial position based on 3 months to June 2023, and to set out our approach and timeline for the 2024/25 budget process and amendments to the Tax Strategy.</p>	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 July 2023

30/23 (3.7.23)	Council Plan 2022/25 – Q4 22/23 To note the Quarter 4 2022/23 (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	19 July 2023
24/23 (5.6.23)	Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Moat Street and Villiers Street project update and strategic land acquisition (use of the Council’s compulsory purchase powers): To provide an update on project progress and seek approval to the use of the Council’s compulsory purchase powers to acquire the outstanding land interests required to facilitate the delivery of the Phase 1 scheme.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kauser Agha Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	19 July 2023
25/23 (5.6.23)	Household Support Fund 4 Approval of proposals for distribution of funds through the Household Support Fund 4.	Cabinet Key Decision	Mark Fearn Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk	Previous recipients, External partners, Internal services	Cllr Ali	19 July 2023
6/23 (9.1.23)	Borough Playing Pitch Strategy: To adopt and publish the Walsall Playing pitches strategy and the Black Country strategic framework	Cabinet Key Decision	Liz Stuffins Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	19 July 2023

28/23 (5.6.23)	Walsall Wellbeing Service Contract Award: To award the contract for provision of Walsall Wellbeing Service to the successful tenderer. This will be for an initial term of 5 years (with an option to a extend).	Cabinet Key Decision	Paulette Myers Paulette.Myers@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	19 July 2023
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	Legal Finance	Councillor Bird	6 September 2023
129/22 (5.9.22)	Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme: To report back on Safer Streets activity and recommend any adjustments/additions to the programme.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Paul Gordon Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	6 September 2023
14/23 (6.2.23)	Growth Funding for Schools: 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 Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, Schools Forum	Cllr Statham	6 September 2023

26/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2027/28</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Cabinet Non-key decision</p>	<p>Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>
32/23 (3.7.23)	<p>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q1 23/24</p> <p>To note the Quarter 1 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25</p>	<p>Cabinet Non-key decision</p>	<p>Elizabeth Connolly elizabeth.connolly@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>
27/23 (5.6.23)	<p>Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24</p> <p>To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2023.</p>	<p>Cabinet Non-key decision</p>	<p>Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>
33/23 (3.7.23)	<p>Winter Service Operational Plan 2023- 2028</p> <p>To approve the winter service operational plan.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Paul Leighton Paul.leighton@walsall.gov.uk Graham Wallis</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Councillor Murphy</p>	<p>18 October 2023</p>

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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	<p>ESFA – Early Years funding operational guide</p> <p>Richard Walley</p> <p>Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	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	<p>ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide</p> <p>Richard Walley</p> <p>Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Schools Forum Internal Services	Cllr Statham	18 October 2023