



Walsall Council

Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: **6 October AT 6.00PM**

Meeting to be held virtually via: **Microsoft Teams**

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MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor L. Harrison (Chair)
Councillor A. Hicken (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor C. Creaney
Councillor M. Follows
Councillor S. Johal
Councillor P. Kaur
Councillor A. Nazir
Councillor G. Singh Sohal
Councillor I. Shires
Councillor M. Ward

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor O. Butler – Clean and Green
Councillor G. Perry – Community, Leisure and Culture
Councillor C. Towe – Education and Skills

ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
2.	Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
3.	Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	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.	
5.	Minutes of the previous meeting To approve the minutes of the meetings that took place on 20 February 2020.	<u>Enclosed</u>
ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY		
6.	M6 Junction 10 Update To provide the Committee with an update on works being carried out at M6 Junction 10.	<u>Presentation</u>
ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW		
7.	Quarter 1 Financial Outturn 2020/21 To provide the budget monitoring position for Quarter 1 Period 4 2020/21.	<u>Report</u>
8.	Areas of focus – 2020/21 To consider the areas of focus for the Committee during 2020/21. The report includes the Forward Plans of Walsall Council, Black Country Joint Executive Committee and Forward Plan of West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Board.	<u>Enclosed</u>
9.	Date of next meeting To note the next scheduled meeting due to take place on 19 November 2020.	

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 a Scrutiny and Performance Panel 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.

Apologies

Substitutions

Declarations of Interest and Party Whip

Local Government Act 1985 (as amended)

**Minutes of the
previous meeting
20 February 2020**

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 February 2020 at 6.00pm at the Council House, Walsall

Committee Members Present:	Councillor L. Harrison (Chair) Councillor A. Hicken (Vice-Chair) Councillor S. Johal Councillor P. Kaur Councillor A. Nazir Councillor G. Singh Sohal Councillor I. Shires Councillor M. Statham Councillor R. Worrall	
Portfolio Holders Present:	Councillor M. Bird Councillor A. Andrew Councillor G. Perry Councillor C. Towe	Leader of the Council Deputy Leader and Regeneration Community, Leisure and Culture Education and Skills
Officers Present:	Lorraine Boothman Jaki Brunton-Douglas Matt Crowton Paul Gordon Joe Holding Liz Stuffins Matt Powis	Regulatory Services Manager PHP Marketing and Funding Manager Transportation Major Projects and Strategy Manager Head of Business Change Senior Programme Development and Commissioning Manager PHP Service Development Manager Democratic Services Officer
Other Attendees Present:	Steve McAleavy Adrian Jones Abiline McShane	Director of Customer Experience at Transport for West Midlands National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups

45/19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Bott, Creaney, Follows, Mazhar and Ward.

46/19 Substitution

Councillor M. Statham substituted for Councillor M. Follows and Councillor Worrall substituted for Councillor M. Ward.

47/19 **Declarations of Interest and Party Whip**

There were no declarations of interest or party whips.

48/19 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to consider in private session.

49/19 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

In reference to Minute No. 40/19 M6 Junction 10 Major Transport Scheme, bullet point 13 be amended to read 'A Member welcomed the retention of B4464 Bus Lane and sought clarification on whether there were any proposals for a park and ride scheme in Walsall to encourage public transportation uptake.'

A Member requested information on the proposed meeting dates for the Driving Culture and Vehicle Idling Working Group. In response, the Democratic Services Officer confirmed that meeting dates would be circulated to relevant Members.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019, as amended, copies having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.

50/19 **SPRINT – A34 Walsall to Birmingham Presentation**

The Committee received a presentation from Transportation Major Projects and Strategy Manager and Director of Customer Experience at Transport for West Midlands on SPRINT about Vision for Bus and SPRINT.

The Director of Customer Experience informed the Committee that public transport was an essential part of the transportation infrastructure with 4 out of 5 journeys taken by bus in the West Midlands. However, the bus network faced a number of challenges including reliability, accessibility and levels of investment.

The Committee were informed of TfWM's key objectives and opportunities:

- To deliver an integrated transport system encompassing Metro, Rail and Bus networks;
- Delivering SPRINT Routes across the West Midlands with an anticipation of the Commonwealth Games 2021;
- Commencing rollout of zero emission buses;
- Introducing simple, easy, value for money fares and payments;
- Access bus delivery options from the Bus Service Act 2017 powers such as local franchising;
- Monitor, manage and improve bus performance;

- Coordinate an approach for safer travel with Police Partnership options.

In reference to the Bus Services Act 2017, it was highlighted that local authorities had the capability to establish enhanced partnerships (EP) which aimed to improve bus services in the local area. TfWM had developed an EP for the region and proposed schemes for the A34 (North) and A45 (Lode Lane Corridors) to Solihull and Birmingham Airport. It was hoped that with the success of this arrangement, future funding could be secured from central government to further enhance the partnerships.

To strengthen the public offer with transportation, the West Midlands Bus Alliance was established. This alliance was the first of its kind in the UK as it established a joined up approach with the following partners:

- Local bus operators;
- Local authorities including Walsall Council;
- Transport Focus;
- Confederation for passenger transport;
- Police forces,
- Department for Transport;
- TfWM.

In respect to low emission bus fleets, it was noted that all buses within the West Midlands would be at a Euro 6 standard by April 2021. However, new electric bus corridors were planned for Birmingham to Solihull and Coventry City Centre to the University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire in 2020.

TfWM were working with operators to support the Swift system to provide easy contactless payments with account based ticketing and best value capping. In addition, work had commenced on a new phone app which incorporates journey planning, ticket finding, across transport payments, parking, car share and car hire options.

It was noted that an investment funding package of £28m was announced by Government to alleviate congestion hotspots in the region.

A question and answer session took place and following on, the principal points from the ensuing discussion:-

- A Member highlighted that the SPRINT route to Walsall through the Paddock Ward would not benefit the local area, increase local parking issues and remove vital greenspaces.
- A Member circulated a copy of the SPRINT – A34 Walsall to Birmingham Full business case report which was presented at the WMCA Board on 14 February 2020. He highlighted that the report outlines that the SPRINT buses would be significantly more reliable than existing X57 buses which operate in the area. In addition, the service would be a shorter service which would give Walsall increased prioritisation for transport infrastructure in future.

- A Member welcomed SPRINT proposals and specifically the route into Walsall Town Centre. However, he expressed concerns over the proposed route's traffic pinch points and whether consideration had been given to bendy buses. In response, it was confirmed that TfWM were investigating the use and implementation of bendy buses.
- There was a discussion on the original proposals for Sprint (Phase 1), a Member expressed his disappointment that the final business case did not meet original expectations for the project.
- The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration empathised with resident concerns regarding the project as local road infrastructure was not designed to accommodate proposals. He highlighted that the project would not have come to fruition without the Commonwealth Games in 2022 in Birmingham.
- The Leader of the Council concurred with the Deputy Leader regarding existing road infrastructure and that issues remain routing SPRINT into Walsall Town Centre. However, he expressed concerns that existing transportation strategies focus too heavily on public transportation and do not consider existing car usage. In addition, he highlighted that removal of the Perry Barr flyover and the Clean Air Zone in Birmingham would result in disruption across the West Midland transport network impacting Walsall.
- There was a discussion on proposals for a park and ride scheme to connect with the SPRINT Network. Some Members felt that park and ride proposals would take away vital footfall from Walsall Town Centre to Birmingham.
- A Member sought clarification on the SPRINT incentives for Walsall residents. In response, the Director of Customer Experience confirmed that Walsall had benefited from a low fair zone since 2017 and the swift system was making ticketing easier and cheaper for customers. He highlighted that SPRINT would provide substantial benefits to the residents of Walsall with a predictable and quicker service.
- A Member sought clarification on how WASPI women apply for concessionary fares. In response, the Director of Customer Experience confirmed that whilst WASPI women were not included in the national concessionary schemes however, there was a local arrangement in place for the West Midlands WASPI women. He confirmed that a response regarding the application process would be circulated to Members of the Committee.

The Committee thanked Transportation Major Projects and Strategy Manager and Director of Customer Experience for their attendance.

Resolved:

- 1. That, the SPRINT A34 Walsall to Birmingham Presentation be noted;**
- 2. WASPI women application process be circulated to Members of the Committee.**

51/19 Council Firework and Bonfire Displays

The Committee considered a report on Council run bonfire and firework events which was presented by the Senior Programme Development and Commissioning Manager and the Healthy Spaces Service Development Manager in Public Health.

It was highlighted that since 2005, the Council had operated bonfire and firework displays across the Borough. However, in recent years the cost and strength of fireworks had increased significantly.

Since 2016, the Council organised displays at a financial loss. In 2019/20, the Council undertook a restructure and established a Healthy Spaces Team under Public Health which was created from mergers from Sport and Leisure Development and Environmental Improvement services. The team was responsible for the delivery of the events for 2019 and was given an 11 week timetable for bonfire night preparations.

Advanced online ticketing was utilised for all bonfire events combined with arrangements for cash ticket sales at the Active Living and Leisure Centres and Box Office outlets for non-advanced ticket sales. It was noted that the Healthy Spaces Team developed and delivered four professionally run bonfire and firework events with 94% positive feedback received regarding the ticketing process. However, attendance was poor compared to previous years across all Council organised displays due to heavy rain, competing events, late marketing and comments on social media.

The Committee noted that there were 76 events which were delivered across the Borough with majority of events taking place in the summer period.. Future proposals included the establishment of an outdoor cinema, community cycling, sports taster days and big day out experiences.

A question and answer session took place and following on, the principal points from the ensuing discussion:-

- All bonfire and firework locations in Walsall introduced a cashless policy.
- A Member requested a breakdown of staff numbers and associated costs including the cost of time off in lieu and sought clarification on why costs had increased so dramatically for the reported years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Members were informed that a response would be provided in writing.
- Member sought clarification on the number of customers who were turned away due to a policy on cashless entry. In addition, he also requested information on the booking fee for online transactions. Members were informed that responses would be provided in writing.
- The Leader of the Council informed the Committee that the Borough had a long tradition of running successful bonfire fires and firework displays. He noted that due to seasonal factors and a boycott campaign on social media, attendance at events was lacklustre however, he stressed the importance of an organised event which was safe and appropriately managed. He

highlighted that Public Health had insufficient time to prepare for scheduled bonfire and firework events.

- There was a view that the events represent more than just monetary value and represent a chance to bring together communities.
- A Member highlighted that many communities suffered with firework nuisance outside of prohibited times as defined under the relevant legislation.
- The Vice-Chair asked whether staff members were actively sabotaging Council run events. In response, the Senior Programme Development and Commissioning Manager denied that staff members within the Healthy Spaces team were sabotaging events and confirmed that all members of staff deliver events to the best of their abilities. As Public Health only took responsibility for the 2019 he could not comment on what had occurred for previous events.
- Members expressed concerns about the lack of project documentation for events.
- The Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration informed the Committee that the Council was not the sole provider of bonfire and firework events. Community groups across the Borough hold successful events without any costs associated to the Council.

The Chair determined that further information was required for the Committee to alleviate their concerns. Therefore, it was requested that a report be presented at the next meeting of the Committee on 9 April 2020 with the relevant Portfolio Holders and Senior Officers invited to attend.

Resolved:

- 1. That, the Council firework and bonfire displays report be rescheduled for 9 April 2020;**
- 2. In connection with (1) above, the relevant Portfolio Holders and Senior Officers be invited to attend.**

52/19 Unauthorised Encampments Final Report

The Committee considered the final report and recommendations of the Unauthorised Encampments Working Group (UEWG).

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report which investigated the reasons for UE increases in the Borough and requested the establishment of a long-term strategy for GRT Communities.

Members of the Gypsy Traveller Liaison Groups welcomed the final report and the recommendations as it demonstrated that the Council had listened to concerns of the community. The Liaison Group gave an overview of the struggles that Members of the GRT Communities face when accessing pitches, medical care and school places.

A debate ensued about the role of negotiated stopping. Following a lengthy discussion on the Council's legal position and responses from the Portfolio Holders, the Committee resolved to make the following amendment to the working group's recommendations 'that, the Council's approach on negotiated stopping be commended'.

Resolved:

That, the final report of the Unauthorised Encampments Working Group be approved and forwarded as amended to Cabinet for deliberation.

53/19 Areas of focus – 2019/20

The Committee considered its areas of focus and the forward plans of Walsall Council, the Black Country Joint Executive Committee and West Midlands.

The Chair advised that a Professor Gatrad from the group, Walsall Against Single Use Plastic (WASUP) wished to address the Committee on single-use plastics. A discussion ensued on this topic and it was resolved that this presentation be scheduled at 5.50p.m before commencement of the Committee at 6.00p.m.

A Member requested that a report on the Black Country Transport Team Collaboration Agreement be presented to the next meeting of the Committee on 9 April 2020.

Resolved:

- 1. That, areas of focus 2019/20 and forward plans be noted.**

54/19 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 9 April 2020.

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated 7.55p.m.

Signed:

Date:

**M6 Junction 10
Update
(Presentation)**

Quarter 1 Financial Outturn 2020/21

06 OCTOBER 2020

CORPORATE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE – QUARTER 1 (Period 4 – July 2020) FINANCIAL MONITORING POSITION FOR 2020/21

Ward(s):

Portfolios:

Councillor Adrian Andrew – Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Perry – Community, Leisure and Culture
Councillor Butler – Clean and Green

1. Aim

To provide the budget monitoring position for period 4 2020/21. The Chair requested that this item be considered by the Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the revenue and capital forecast for the financial year end 20/21 for the services under the remit of the committee
- 2.2 To note the actions being taken to address the overspend

3. Report detail – know

3.1 The current net revenue forecast position, after the net use of reserves and prior to any mitigating action, would be an over spend of £0.802m, which results from delayed delivery of savings, unachieved income and areas of spend increases as a result of demand. After mitigating actions of (£0.240m) the forecast position is an over spend of £0.562m. Forecast use of reserves total £9.362m including a one-off £5.784m relating directly to implications of COVID-19 restrictions.

3.2 Reasons for current overspend are:

- £0.059m - agency staff costs within waste collection, grounds, trees & street cleansing ;
- £0.611m – transitional costs in relation to the revised management structure for which an action plan is being identified;
- £0.015m - non-achievement of planning income (non Covid-19 related);
- £0.317m relating to delay in implementation of planning redesign;
- £0.030m - a pressure due to the cessation of shared emergency planning service with Sandwell MBC;

- Ongoing shortfall of £0.082m in active living income and £0.028m in libraries from previous year's savings, which have been exacerbated by closures due to Covid-19;
- £0.100m - Additional maintenance costs for the Active living Centres;
- The above is offset by underspends within Clean and Green, Programme Management, Bereavement Services, Directorate Support and the New Art gallery totalling (£0.680m);

The Executive Director for E, E & C is working with his Directors and Heads of service to review the forecast and implement an action plan that will mitigate this overspend by year-end.

3.3 Forecast Revenue outturn by service:

Table 1 – Forecast Revenue Outturn 2020/21					
Service	Annual Budget	Net Forecast	Planned Use of Reserves	Action Plan	Variance after Action Plan
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Clean and Green Services	18.802	18.751	(1.962)	0.000	(0.051)
Economy Environment & Communities Management	0.177	0.360	0.000	0.000	0.184
Leisure Culture & Operations	2.538	2.518	(2.575)	(0.240)	(0.020)
Planning, Engineering & Transportation	8.954	9.338	(1.790)	0.000	0.384
Programme Management (to Resources & Transformation wef 01.09.2020)	1.761	1.813	(0.111)	0.000	0.051
Resilient Communities	1.986	1.999	(0.533)	0.000	0.013
Regeneration & Development	1.449	1.555	(0.772)	0.000	0.106
Communities & Partnerships	2.856	2.751	(1.619)	0.000	(0.105)
Total Economy, Environment & Communities	38.523	39.085	(9.362)	(0.240)	0.562

3.4 Reserves

The total allocated earmarked reserves for Economy, Environment & Communities Directorate in 2020/21 are £36.072m, and £9.362m (25.95%) has been used or committed to date.

The table below details the current net use of reverses used within the service.

Reserve Details	Allocated reserve	Use of reserve	Transfer to reserve	Balance of reserve
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Clean and Green Services	3.255	(1.962)	0.000	1.293
Economy & Environment Management	0.013	0	0.000	0.013
Leisure, Culture & Operations	3.486	(2.596)	0.021	0.911
Planning, Engineering & Transportation	22.865	(1.790)	0.000	21.074
Programme Management (to Resources & Transformation wef 01.09.2020)	1.569	(0.111)	0.000	1.458
Regeneration & Development	2.209	(0.772)	0.000	1.438
Resilient Communities	2.675	(2.152)	0.000	0.523
Total Reserves	36.072	(9.383)	0.021	26.710

3.4 Savings 2020/21

E, E & C Directorate has approved total savings for 2020/21 of £2.282m which were agreed as part of the 2020/21 budget process. To date 0% has been achieved, 54% should be achieved by 31.03.2021 and 46% is unachievable and has been mitigated in the main by use of the street lighting and COVID reserves.

Savings that are not forecast to be achieved in year (red), are included in the current forecast position and service managers are required to identify alternative options to mitigate these.

BRAG Status	Amount (£m)	% of Total Savings	Comment
High risk of non-delivery	1.043	46	Includes £0.450m relating to SL PFI unachieved savings b fwd from 2019/20 funded by the SL reserve and a one-off £0.593m funded from COVID reserve
Low risk of non-delivery	1.078	47	
To be delivered by 31/03/20	0.161	7	Savings on re-contracted waste disposal contracts
Delivered in full	0.000	0	
Total	2.282	100	

The savings identified as unachievable or as having a high risk of not being achieved are:

Service Area	Savings 20/21 (£m)	Unachieved Savings inc in forecast (£m)	Reasons and Actions
Street Lighting	0.450	0.450	Funded from SL PFI reserve
Planning redesign	0.476	0.160	One-off funding from the corporate COVID reserve
Directorate Wide – fees and charges	0.249	0.118	£0.062m one-off funding from the corporate COVID reserve, £0.056m non COVID to be mitigated elsewhere but included in the current forecast
LCOPS – change of name deed	0.011	0.003	One-off funding from the corporate COVID reserve
Resilient Communities redesign	0.935	0.312	One-off funding from the corporate COVID reserve
TOTAL	2.121	1.043	

3.5 - Risks

The total risk for the directorate is currently £1.035m of which £0.947m relates to high risks.

Risk	Value (£m)	Ongoing	One Off	Actions to manage risk
High	0.947	0.895	0.052	
Medium	0.038	0.038	0.000	
Low	0.050	0.050	0.000	
Total	1.035	0.983	0.052	

The main high risks (Red risks) that could negatively impact the current forecast position if they occur are:

- £0.150m – Increased costs due to increased tonnages/fluctuating gate fees/contract prices in clean and green.
- £0.054m – Increased fuel costs due to price rises
- £0.052m – C&G – Mayrise system replacement
- £0.171m - additional loss of planning application and land charges income above that assumed, relating to covid 19.
- £0.509m - Additional loss of active living income
- £0.011m – other items below £0.050m individually

3.6 Capital Summary

The total capital programme for the directorate is £47.514m with the current forecast position being an overspend of £0.085m relating to Oak Park car park project. It is expected that this overspend will be funded from underspend of other capital schemes when identified at Q2. The projected carry forward into 2021/22 is (£0.469m). A summary by service area is detailed in the table below:

Table 5 – Forecast Capital Outturn 2020/21					
Service	Annual Budget £m	Actual Year to Date £m	Forecast £m	Year End Variance £m	Proposed carry forward to 2021/22 £m
Council funded					
Clean & Green	0.143	0.000	0.051	(0.092)	(0.092)
Leisure, Culture & Operations	1.473	0.323	1.557	0.085	0.000
Planning, Engineering & Transportation	4.791	0.384	4.791	0.000	0.000
Regeneration & Development	6.118	0.021	6.118	0.000	0.000
Communities & Partnerships	0.435	0.000	0.435	0.000	0.000
SUB-TOTAL	12.959	0.728	12.952	(0.007)	(0.092)
Externally funded					
Clean & Green	0.502	0.001	0.125	(0.377)	(0.377)
Leisure, Culture & Operations	0.300	0.000	0.300	0.000	0.000
Planning, Engineering & Transportation	3.419	1.240	3.419	0.000	0.000
Regeneration & Development	26.417	4.656	26.417	0.000	0.000
SUB-TOTAL	30.639	5.897	30.262	(0.377)	(0.377)
Prudential Borrowing					
Regeneration & Development	0.468	0.000	0.468	0.000	0.000
Clean & Green	2.782	0.056	2.782	0.000	0.000
SUB-TOTAL	3.251	0.056	3.251	0.000	0.000
TOTAL - E&E	47.514	6.681	47.130	(0.384)	(0.469)

Details of proposed capital carry forwards are detailed in the table overleaf:

Table 6 - Proposed Capital Carry Forwards to 2021/22		
Capital Schemes	Amount to be c/f (£m)	Comments
Clean and Green - Broadway West playing fields – Council funded	0.092	Budget to match external funding
Clean & Green - Broadway West playing fields – Externally Funded	0.150	The Broadway West Sports Association who we are working with the Council on this project have not been able to progress the funding application to Big Local to obtain feasibility funding for the project so everything is delayed as a result. The COVID 19 pandemic is largely responsible for this delay.
Clean & Green - Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant	0.227	Awaiting outcome of new HWRC proposals

3.7 Capital risks

There are currently no capital risks identified for the directorate

4. Financial information

4.1 The financial implications are as set out in the main body of this report. The council has a statutory responsibility to set a balanced budget and to ensure it has an adequate level of reserves. The council will take a medium term policy led approach to all decisions on resource allocation.

5. Reducing Inequalities

5.1 Services consider and respond to equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures, the Council must fulfil equal opportunities obligations

6. Decide

6.1 To approve the recommendations as set out in this report.

7. Respond

7.1 The Executive Director for E, E & C will be working with his Directors and Heads of service to review the forecast and implement an action plan that will mitigate this overspend by year-end.

8. Review

- 8.1 Regular monitoring reports are presented to Cabinet to inform them of the impact of Covid-19 and the financial forecast for 2020/21, including an update on risks and impact on the budget for 2021/22 and beyond.

Background papers: Various financial working papers


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Areas of focus 2020/21

Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Area of Focus – 2020/21

Committee responsible for all aspects and general services related to the economy and environment including:

Responsibility of scrutiny of flood risk management functions which may affect the Local Authority's area as required by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010

Agenda Items				
Theme	6 October 2020	19 Nov 2020	21 Jan 2021	25 March 2021
Economy			Black Country Consortium Presentation.	
Environment		Council run events (Bonfires/Fireworks) Cycling in Walsall Update Petition: Road Safety at Doe Bank Park		
Cross cutting both Economy and Environment	M6 Junction 10 Update. Quarter 1 Financial Outturn 2020/21*	Scrutiny discussion on the Cabinet agenda items: Black Country Transport Team Collaboration A34 Walsall to Birmingham SPRINT West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme	Quarter 2 2020/21 Budget setting	Quarter 3 Financial Outturn 2020/21*

Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Area of Focus – 2020/21

*Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 Financial reports will be circulated via e-mail to Members of the Committee and will not form part of the Committee's Agenda.

Items to be scheduled:

1. Employment, Growth and Skills;
2. District Town Centres Update;
3. The Council's Waste Strategy.



Walsall Council

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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7 September 2020

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 helen.owen@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.

Cabinet responsibilities are as follows

- Leader of the Council – Councillor Bird
- Deputy Leader and Regeneration – Councillor Andrew
- Adult social care – Councillor Martin
- Children’s – Councillor Wilson
- Clean and green – Councillor Butler
- Community, leisure and culture – Councillor Perry
- Education and skills – Councillor Towe
- Health and wellbeing – Councillor Craddock
- Personnel and business support – Councillor Chattha

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 (helen.owen@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 £250,000.
- (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.

Dates of meetings

2020 21 October
9 December

2021 10 February
17 March
21 April

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OCTOBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2021 (7.9.20)

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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
42/20 (7.9.20)	Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2023/24: To provide an outline budget plan and options for consultation, and update to Capital Strategy	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020
43/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Financial Performance and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2020 and impact on Covid-19	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020
33/20 (7.9.20)	Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement: To enter into the Supplementary Deed of Variation to the BCJC Collaboration Agreement	Cabinet (Key decision)	Kelly Valente 07768 387580 kelly.valente@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020
34/20 (7.9.20)	Customer Relationship Management Business and Integration Services: To approve delegated authority to enter into the contract	Cabinet (Key decision)	Carol Williams carol.williams@walsall.gov.uk Elise Hopkins Sharon Wright	Internal	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020
27/20 (3.8.20)	Carbon neutral Council: To consider measures through which the Council can become carbon neutral, in line with the Council resolution of 16 September 2020	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Kaye Davies 07908 161384 kaye.davies@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020

28/20 (3.8.90)	Extension of the Impact (Youth Employment Initiative) Programme: To approve acceptance of the offer of additional EU and government funding to continue and extend the programme through to December 2023 delegating authority to negotiate and enter into the necessary agreements or contracts.	Cabinet (Key decision)	Mark Lavender 07951 620333 mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020
29/20 (3.8.20)	Inclusive Economic Growth Programme: To note the outcomes achieved so far in support of the Councils Corporate Plan and approve its continuation through to 2023, by utilising existing resources to support the continued development of Walsall's economy and its people.	Cabinet (Key decision)	Mark Lavender 07951 620333 mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020
3/20 (6.1.20)	Strategic development at Moxley Road, Darlaston Private session: Report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person	Cabinet (Key decision)	Joanne Nugent 01922 654752 joanne.nugent@walsall.gov.uk Joel Maybury 01922 654748	Internal	Councillor Andrew	21 October 2020
8/20 (3.2.20)	Black Country Transport Team Collaboration Agreement: To approve the agreement to facilitate the delivery of a strategic transportation function across the four Black Country local authorities	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	21 October 2020
27/19 (8.7.9)	A34 Walsall to Birmingham SPRINT (Bus Rapid Transit) scheme – Phase 1: To approve the sprint scheme	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	21 October 2020

68/19 (2.12.19)	West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme: To approve a plan to improve bus travel in the A34 Walsall to Birmingham corridor through delivery of a new SPRINT service.	Cabinet (Key decision)	Matt Crowton 01922 654358 matt.crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	21 October September 2020
43/18 (8.10.18)	Lighting Invest to Save: To consider proposals for a major investment in the highway lighting infrastructure by replacing all existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting	Cabinet (Key decision)	Paul Leighton 07831 120871 paul.leighton@walsall.gov.uk	Public, Walsall Public Lighting Ltd., industry companies, internal	Councillor Andrew	21 October September 2020
39/20 (7.9.20)	Walsall Revised Local Development Scheme: Proposed amendments to the Local Development Scheme as a means of notifying the intent to change to the current Local Development Plan	Cabinet (Key decision)	Jo Nugent 07538 937167 joanne.nugent@walsall.gov.uk Mike Smith mike.e.smith@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	21 October 2020
35/20 (7.9.20)	Preparing for Adulthood policy: To approve a new policy to deliver timely and robust plans for young people preparing for adulthood	Cabinet (Key decision)	Jeanette Knapper jeanette/knapper@walsall.gov.uk	Internal, SEND Improvement Board, Health operational partners and CCG	Councillor Martin	21 October 2020
37/20 (7.9.20)	Resilient Communities: Response to the report and recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Paul Gordon paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Perry	21 October 2020
31/20 (3.8.20)	Mainstream Schools Funding Formula: To approve the school funding formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding mainstream schools for 2021/22	Cabinet (Key decision)	Mohammed Irfan 01922 652330 mohammed.irfan@walsall.gov.uk	Schools Forum	Councillor Towe	21 October 2020

40/20 (7.9.20)	High Needs Funding Formula: To advise on the principles of and to request approval for commencing consultation about the recommended changes to the High Needs Funding Formula to be used for the allocation of High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant funding for the 2021/22 academic	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Andy Crabtree andy.crabtree@walsall.gov.uk	Schools Forum	Councillor Towe	21 October 2020
38/20 (7.9.20)	Covid-19: Response to the report and recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Stephen Gunther stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Craddock	21 October 2020
26/20 (3.8.20)	Information Governance Framework policy: To approve the framework policy which has been updated throughout the Covid-19 lockdown to include the changes required for mobile working alongside the Council's technology changes.	Cabinet (Key decision)	Paul Withers paul.withers@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Chattha	21 October 2020
44/20 (7.9.20)	Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2023/24 – To provide an updated outline budget plan and options for further consultation, and update on consultation to date	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, Business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	21 October 2020
32/20 (3.8.20)	Treasury Management mid-year position statement: To note and forward to Council the mid-year position statement for treasury management activities 2020/21, including prudential and local indicators	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Richard Walley 07500 819796 richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020
36/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Plan delivery Quarter 2: To report performance monitoring information relating to the priorities and outcomes included in the Corporate Plan	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Helen Dudson helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	9 December 2020

30/20 (3.8.20)	Town Deal bids: To approve the submission of bids for both Walsall and Bloxwich towns and the eligible surrounding areas, as defined by Government and delegating authority to negotiate and enter into the necessary agreements and contracts	Cabinet (Key decision)	Mark Lavender 07951 620333 mark.lavender@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Andrew	9 December 2020
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45/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Financial Performance and Covid-19 update – To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2020 and impact on Covid-19	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	10 February 2021
46/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Budget Plan 2020/21 – 2023/24, and Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2021/2022: To approve the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet (Key decision)	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326 vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Council tax payers, Business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	10 February 2021
47/20 (7.9.20)	Corporate Plan delivery – Quarter 3 monitoring: To report performance monitoring information relating to the priorities and outcomes included in the Corporate Plan	Cabinet (Non key decision)	Helen Dudson helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal	Councillor Bird	10 February 2021

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06/07/2020	Constitution and timetable of meetings 2020/21	Approve the timetable of meetings for 2020/21. Approve the amendments to the BCJC Constitution and Terms of Reference. Approve the amendments to the BCJC Working Protocols.	Helen Paterson Chief.Executive@walsall.gov.uk	Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC Wolverhampton CC	30/09/2020
06/07/2020	Growth Hub Additional Funding - Grant Agreement amendment approval	Approval for the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to amend the existing grant agreement with the Black Country Consortium Ltd for the additional award of £134,000 from Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to fund the Black Country Growth Hub from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	30/09/2020
06/07/2020	Wolverhampton Interchange Change Request	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Wolverhampton Interchange Project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.	Papers TBC – Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk	Wolverhampton City Council	30/09/2020
06/07/2020	Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track project Additional Funding Request	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track project with delivery to continue in the 2020/21 financial year.	Papers TBC – Helen Martin helen.martin@dudley.gov.uk	Dudley Council	30/09/2020

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	<p>PRIVATE SESSION - Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act1972 (as amended)</p>				
06/07/2020	<p>Advanced Science, Engineering & Technology Centre Change Request</p>	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Halesowen College to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Advanced Science, Engineering & Technology Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2020/21 financial year.</p>	<p>Papers TBC – Helen Martin helen.martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	<p>Dudley Council</p>	<p>30/09/2020</p>
03/08/2020	<p>Get Britain Building Fund – Programme approval PRIVATE SESSION - Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act1972 (as amended)</p>	<p>Approval for the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to manage the Get Britain Building Fund and all associated elements of this fund, on behalf of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.</p>	<p>Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Walsall Council</p>	<p>30/09/2020</p>

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03/08/2020	Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre PRIVATE SESSION - Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act1972 (as amended)	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Get Britain Building Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Get Britain Building Fund (GBBF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.	Papers TBC – Helen Martin helen.martin@dudley.gov.uk	Dudley Council	30/09/2020
03/08/2020	National Brownfield Institute Phase 2 – Construction and Delivery PRIVATE SESSION - Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act1972 (as amended)	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Get Britain Building Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council to deliver the Get Britain Building Fund (GBBF) funded elements of the National Brownfield Institute Phase 2 – Construction and Delivery project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.	Papers TBC – Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk	Wolverhampton City Council	30/09/2020

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06/07/2020	Birchley Island Site Assembly PRIVATE SESSION - Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act1972 (as amended)	Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Birchley Island Site Assembly project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.	Papers TBC – Alison Knight alison.knight@sandwell.gov.uk	Sandwell Council	09/12/2020
07/09/2020	Black Country Enterprise Zone - Approval Historic Revenue costs PRIVATE SESSION - Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act1972 (as amended)	Approve that Dudley Council actual historic revenue costs of £571,207 are recovered in the year that they were incurred. Approve that Single Accountable Body (SAB) actual revenue costs of £41,665 are recovered in the year that they were incurred. Approve that historic revenue costs of Walsall Council (£1,470,316) and Wolverhampton Council (£967,694) are recovered over a 10-year period, from 2020/21 to 2029/30.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	09/12/2020
07/09/2020	Black Country Enterprise Zone - Approval Future Revenue costs	Approve that each Local Authority may claim up to a maximum of £250,000 per annum from 2020/21 to 2024/25 development funding. This is a maximum of £1,250,000 per local authority over the five years and £5,000,000 in total. Approve that the SAB may claim up to a maximum of £100,000	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	09/12/2020

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	<p>PRIVATE SESSION - Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act1972 (as amended)</p>	<p>per annum from 2020/21 to 2024/25 for programme management costs. This is a maximum of £500,000 over the five years.</p> <p>Approve that the PMO may claim up to a maximum of £34,000 per annum from 2020/21 to 2024/25 for programme management costs. This is maximum of £170,000 over the five years.</p> <p>Approve that from 2025/26 onwards each Local Authority, the SAB and the PMO (the “entities”) may claim a reduced maximum of £10,000 per annum to the end of the relevant EZs to cover monitoring and compliance costs. This will end at 31 March 2038 for Walsall Council, Wolverhampton Council and Sandwell Council, and end at 31 March 2042 for Dudley Council, the SAB and the PMO.</p> <p>Approve that from 2021/22 to 2024/25, Wolverhampton Council can claim up to £125,000 per annum towards the Transport Director costs, on behalf of all Local Authorities.</p>			

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07/09/2020	Supplemental Deed of Variation to the Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement	Approve the Supplemental Deed of Variation Relating to the Collaboration Agreement in Relation to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee City Deal and Growth Deal dated the 7 May 2014, and in doing so approve the Governance Principles: Enterprise Zones.	Papers TBC – Simon Neilson simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	09/12/2020

WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY FORWARD PLAN: NOVEMBER 2020 - MARCH 2021

Title of Report	Description of Purpose	Date of Meeting	Key Decision (Y/N)	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
Financial Monitoring Report 2020/21	To consider the latest financial position.	13 November 2020	No	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Regional Health Impacts of COVID-19	To provide further information on this issue.	13 November 2020	No	Cllr Izzi Seccombe	Ed Cox	No	Wellbeing
Road Safety	To consider an update on this issue.	13 November 2020	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport
West Midlands Rail Governance	To approve a change the Articles of Association of WMR Ltd.	13 November 2020	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport
Perry Barr Station Full Business Case	To approve the full business case for this project.	13 November 2020	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	In part	Transport

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West Midlands Growth Company	To consider a funding request for inward investment and tourism activity.	13 November 2020	Yes	Cllr Ian Brookfield	Ian Martin	No	Economy & Regeneration
Bus Byelaws	To consider an update on this issue.	13 November 2020	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport
Reviewing the West Midlands Local Transport Plan	To consider the latest developments with reviewing the Local Transport Plan.	13 November 2020	No	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport
WMCA Draft Budget 2021/22	To approve in draft the WMCA budget for 2021/22.	15 January 2021	Yes	Cllr Bob Sleight	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Financial Monitoring Report 2020/21	To consider the latest financial position.	15 January 2021	No	Cllr Bob Sleight	Linda Horne	No	Finance

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Rail - Package 1 Full Business Case	To consider an update on this issue.	15 January 2021	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	In part	Transport
Rail - Package 2 Full Business Case	To consider an update on this issue.	15 January 2021	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	In part	Transport
Buy Before You Board - Byelaws Penalties	To consider proposals on this issue.	15 January 2021	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport
WMCA Final Budget 2021/22	To approve the final WMCA budget for 2021/22.	12 February 2021	Yes	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Financial Monitoring Report 2020/21	To consider the latest financial position.	19 March 2021	No	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance



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Adult Education Budget	To provide an update on the allocation process and outcomes of the AEB.	19 March 2021	Yes	Cllr George Duggins	Julie Nugent	No	Productivity & Skills

**Date of next meeting
19 November 2020**