



## **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  
APRIL 2024 TO JULY 2024 (04.03.2024)**

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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<br>(All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall) | Date item to be considered |
| 20/24<br>(4.3.24)                         | <p><b>Walsall Proud Programme: Next Stages of Transformation</b></p> <p>This report details the key outcomes, achievements and progress of the Council's Proud transformation journey and outlines the approach to service transformation going forward.</p> | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key decision | Caroline Brom<br><br><a href="mailto:Caroline.Brom@walsall.gov.uk">Caroline.Brom@walsall.gov.uk</a>             | Internal Services | Cllr Bird  | 20 March 2024              |
| 18/24<br>(4.3.24)                         | <p><b>Public Sector Equality Duty:</b></p> <p>To note the Public Sector Equality Duty annual report which will be published in March 2024 in accordance with our obligations with the Equality Act 2010.</p>   | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key Decision | Karen Griffiths<br><br><a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>       | Internal Services | Cllr Bird  | 20 March 2024              |
| 7/24<br>(5.2.24)                          | <p><b>Darlaston Long Term Plan for Towns:</b></p> <p>To authorise the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to act as</p>   | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Philippa Venables<br><br><a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew  | 20 March 2024              |

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|                   | Accountable Body for the Darlaston Long Term Plan for Towns.   |                             |   |                   |             |               |
| 8/24<br>(5.2.24)  | <p><b>Fixed Penalty Notices:</b></p> <p>Cabinet to consider law changes allowing the increase of penalties for litter, fly tipping and duty of care and approving the new penalty limits in Walsall.</p>   | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | David Elrington<br><br><a href="mailto:David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk">David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services | Cllr Perry  | 20 March 2024 |
| 9/24<br>(5.2.24)  | <p><b>West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2024/25:</b></p> <p>To approve the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2024/25.</p>  | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Matt Crowton<br><br><a href="mailto:Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk">Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>          | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 20 March 2024 |
| 2/24<br>(8.1.24)  | <p><b>Acquisition of a Strategic Town Centre Development Site:</b></p> <p>To approve the acquisition of a strategic town centre development site.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p> | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Nick Ford<br><br><a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>                   | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 20 March 2024 |
| 15/24<br>(5.2.24) | <p><b>Acquisition of a Town Centre Property for Strategic Regeneration:</b></p> <p>To approve the acquisition of a town centre property for strategic development.</p>   | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Nick Ford<br><br><a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>                   | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 20 March 2024 |

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| 11/24<br>(5.2.24)   | <p><b>Connected Gateway:</b></p> <p>To approve delegations to enable continued delivery of the external grant funded programmes/ projects in line with the agreed governance and assurance framework.</p> <p><i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p> | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Simon Tranter<br><br><a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>                      | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 20 March 2024 |
| 14/24<br>(5.2.24)   | <p><b>Healthy Levelling Up Partnership:</b></p> <p>To agree to the Healthy LUP proposal and agree delegations to bring forward proposals for funding under the scheme.</p>  | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Simon Tranter<br><br><a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>                      | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 20 March 2024 |
| 17/24<br>(4.3.24)   | <p><b>Strategic Acquisition in Pheasey:</b></p> <p>To approve the use of Compulsory Purchase powers to bring forward the development of a derelict site.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>   | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key decision | Nick Ford<br><br><a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>                                  | Internal Services | Cllr Andrew | 20 March 2024 |
| 16/24<br>(14.02.24) | <p><b>Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy:</b></p> <p>To adopt a new strategy and establish a council led steering group to</p>   | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Jaki Brunton-Douglas<br><br><a href="mailto:Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk">Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services | Cllr Flint  | 20 March 2024 |

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|                    | undertake ongoing monitoring and annual update.   |                                | Black Country PPOSS -<br>Overarching Strategic<br>Framework<br><br>Walsall PPOSS -<br>Assessment Report  |                                     |                    |                  |
| 65/23<br>(4.12.23) | <b>Contract for Multiple Recyclable Materials:</b><br><br>To award off-take and processing contracts for multiple recyclable materials.<br><br><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>                            | Cabinet<br><br>Key<br>Decision | Katie Moreton<br><br><a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a><br><br>Alan Bowley<br><br><a href="mailto:Alan.Bowley@walsall.gov.uk">Alan.Bowley@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services                   | Cllr<br>Murphy     | 20 March<br>2024 |
| 6/24<br>(8.1.24)   | <b>Alternative Provision Contract:</b><br><br>To approve the award contracts for the provision of Alternative Education.<br><br><i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>                                      | Cabinet<br><br>Key<br>Decision | Laura Wood<br><br><a href="mailto:Laura.Wood@walsall.gov.uk">Laura.Wood@walsall.gov.uk</a>   | Internal Services                   | Cllr M.<br>Statham | 20 March<br>2024 |
| 58/23<br>(6.11.23) | <b>High Needs Funding Formula 2024/25:</b><br><br>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 2024/25 financial year. | Cabinet<br><br>Key<br>Decision | Richard Walley<br><br><a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>   | Schools Forum,<br>Internal Services | Cllr M.<br>Statham | 20 March<br>2024 |

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| 59/23<br>(6.11.23) | <b>Early Years Funding Formula 2024/25:</b><br><br>To Cabinet approve the Early Years Funding Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used as the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall.  | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Richard Walley<br><br><a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>   | Schools Forum,<br>Internal Services | Cllr M. Statham                | 20 March 2024 |
| 46/23<br>(4.9.23)  | <b>SEN Place Requirement:</b><br><br>To approve finance for additional special educational needs school places.  | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision | Alex Groom<br><br><a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>   | Internal Services                   | Cllr M. Statham                | 20 March 2024 |
| 14/23<br>(6.2.23)  | <b>Growth Funding for Schools:</b><br><br>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<br><br>Key Decision | Alex Groom<br><br><a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>   | Internal Services,<br>Schools Forum | Cllr M. Statham                | 20 March 2024 |
| 66/23<br>(4.12.23) | <b>Waste Management Strategy Update - Fryers Road Household Waste Recycling Centre redevelopment (HWRC):</b><br><br>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<br><br>Key Decision | Katie Moreton<br><br><a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a><br><br>Stephen Johnson<br><br><a href="mailto:Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services                   | Cllr Andrew<br><br>Cllr Murphy | 17 April 2024 |

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| 67/23<br>(4.12.23) | <b>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q3 23/24:</b><br><br>To note the Quarter 3 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25.  | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key<br>Decision | Elizabeth Connolly<br><br><a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services | Cllr Bird        | 17 April 2024 |
| 20/24<br>(4.3.24)  | <b>Protective Characteristics for Care Leavers:</b><br><br>To agree that ‘care experience’ be treated as if it were a Protected Characteristic under the Equalities Act 2010, so that decisions on future services and policies made and adopted by the council consider the impact on people with care experience. | Cabinet<br><br>Key<br>Decision     | Zoe Morgan<br><br><a href="mailto:Zoe.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk">Zoe.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk</a>                         | Internal Services | Cllr Elson       | 17 April 2024 |
| 13/24<br>(5.2.24)  | <b>Multifunctional Devices leasing contract:</b><br><br>To consider the award of a 5-year contract for the leasing of multifunctional devices (MFDs) and production print devices.<br><br><i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>                          | Cabinet<br><br>Key<br>Decision     | Sharon Worrall<br><br><a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>             | Internal Services | Cllr<br>Ferguson | 17 April 2024 |
| 19/24<br>(4.3.24)  | <b>Compact Sweeper Hire Contract:</b><br><br>Award of contract for 5 hired compact sweepers (plus a spare) for 6 years. Street Cleaning – Clean & Green.  | Cabinet<br><br>Key<br>Decision     | Den Edwards<br><br><a href="mailto:Den.Edwards@walsall.gov.uk">Den.Edwards@walsall.gov.uk</a>                      | Internal services | Cllr<br>Murphy   | 17 April 2024 |



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| 21/24<br>(4.3.24)  | <b>Healthwatch Contract Extension:</b><br><br>For Cabinet approval to extend the current contractual arrangements for Healthwatch under Reg 72 to allow for full design, tendering and implementation.                              | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Grace Charles<br><br><a href="mailto:Grace.Charles@walsall.gov.uk">Grace.Charles@walsall.gov.uk</a>       | Internal Services                          | Cllr Pedley | 17 April 2024 |
| 10/24<br>(5.2.24)  | <b>Surveillance and Access to Communications Data:</b><br><br>To review the authority's performance as regards directed surveillance and to approve an updated policy for surveillance and the interception of communications data. | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | David Elrington<br><br><a href="mailto:David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk">David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Internal Services                          | Cllr Perry  | 17 April 2024 |
| 12/24<br>(5.2.24)  | <b>Walsall Safer Streets – Palfrey Big Local and General Update:</b><br><br>To cover the work of Palfrey Big Local, their resident led approach and the outcomes they have achieved.  | Cabinet<br><br>Non-key Decision | Paul Gordon<br><br><a href="mailto:Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>             | Internal Services<br><br>Palfrey Big Local | Cllr Perry  | 17 April 2024 |
| 57/23<br>(6.11.23) | <b>Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Climate Strategy:</b><br><br>To approve the Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Strategy.  | Cabinet<br><br>Key Decision     | Katie Moreton<br><br><a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>   | Internal Services                          | Cllr Flint  | July 2024     |