



**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 [helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:helen.owen@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 ([helen.owen@walsall.gov.uk](mailto: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 £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  
FEBRUARY 2022 TO MAY 2022 (10.1.22)**

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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
61/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2021/22 and Covid-19 update</b> – To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2021 and impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326  <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	9 February 2022
85/21 (1.11.21)	<b>Corporate Plan 2022-25:</b> To agree the 2022-25 Corporate Plan which outlines the council’s future priorities and objectives and recommend Council to approve.	Cabinet  Non-key decision  Council	Stephen Gunther  <a href="mailto:Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022  Council 24 February 2022
62/21 (6.9.21)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25, incorporating the Capital Strategy; and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2022/23:</b> To recommend the final budget and Council tax for approval by Council	Cabinet  Key decision  Council	Vicky Buckley 01922 652326  <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations	Councillor Bird	Cabinet 9 February 2022  Council 24 February 2022
37/21 (7.6.21)	<b>Sale of Council land in Blakenall:</b> To seek approval to the freehold disposal of Council land in Blakenall  <i>Contains commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key decision  Private	Nick Ford, Team Leader – Asset Management  <a href="mailto:Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022

14/21 (8.3.21)	<p><b>Willenhall Framework Plan:</b> To support the Framework Plan to guide a 10 year vision for housing growth and place making in Willenhall; and to approve actions to support its delivery including the use of compulsory purchase powers in-principle and budget to fund site acquisitions.</p> <p><i>Report in two parts. Private report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i></p>	Cabinet  Key decision  Private Session	Willenhall Masterplan: Strategic Land Acquisitions.  <a href="mailto:Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk">Joel.maybury@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022
86/21 (1.11.21)	<p><b>Award of new contract(s) for Disabled Facility building works and other Housing related Works and Services:</b> To approve the award of new contracts for the period 1 march 2022 to 22 February 2027</p> <p><i>Report in two parts. Private report contains commercially sensitive information</i></p>	Cabinet  Key decision  Private session	David Lockwood <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Bill Weston <a href="mailto:William.weston@walsall.gov.uk">William.weston@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022
89/21 6.12.21	<p><b>Contractor Procurement Strategy for Connected Gateway Project:</b> to approve a procurement strategy for the project which is a £36m project, part funded by Government's Future High Street Fund, which aims to better connect Walsall rail and bus stations, providing improvements to the Saddlers Centre and transformed public spaces.</p>	Cabinet  Key decision	Peter Wright Interim Town Projects Manager. <a href="mailto:Peter.wright@walsall.gov.uk">Peter.wright@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022

1/22 (10.1.22)	<b>Black Country Collaborative Framework Contract for Minor Works 2021-2024/25:</b> To recommend that Walsall Council formally join the Black Country Collaborative Framework Contract for Minor Works 2021-2024/25	Cabinet  Key decision	Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	9 February 2022
67/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Green Space Strategy:</b> To agree an updated Green Space Strategy including a programme to improve and update/upgrade our children's playgrounds and to consider new/improved outdoor gym facilities	Cabinet  Key decision	Alan Bowley <a href="mailto:Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk">Alan.bowley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Ward Councillors	Councillor Butler	9 February 2022
90/21 (6.12.21)	<b>Fly tipping:</b> To increase capacity and provide streamlined systems to ensure that fly-tipping and littering in the borough is reduced by focusing on key hotspots, identifying and fining perpetrators	Cabinet  Key decision	<a href="mailto:Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Butler	9 February 2022
49/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Domestic Abuse services contract award:</b> To approve the contract awards for the provision of Domestic Abuse emergency accommodation and support; and support to Domestic Abuse victims and their children  <i>Report in two parts. Private report contains commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key decision  Private Session	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Isabel Vanderheeren <a href="mailto:Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk">Isabel.vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Service users external stakeholders	Councillor Andrew  Councillor Wilson	9 February 2022
2/22 (10.1.22)	<b>School Admissions Scheme:</b> Determination of the Scheme for coordinated admissions, and the Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools for the 2023/24 academic year	Cabinet  Key decision	Sharyn Duffey <a href="mailto:Sharyn.duffey@walsall.gov.uk">Sharyn.duffey@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services. No changes to previous year so no requirement to consult stakeholders.	Councillor Towe	9 February 2022

75/21 (4.10.21)	<b>General building Repair and Maintenance Contract:</b> To award the contract for the Council's general building repair and maintenance. <i>Note: Contains confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister <a href="mailto:Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February 2022
76/21 (410.21)	<b>Mechanical and Electrical Service and Maintenance Contract:</b> To approve the award of the contract award the contract for the Council's mechanical and electrical service and maintenance contract.  <i>Report in two parts. Private report contains confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.</i>	Cabinet Key decision Private Session	Ian Lister <a href="mailto:Ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	9 February 2022
88/21 (1.11.21)	<b>Corporate Plan 2021/22:</b> To note the Quarter 3 performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther <a href="mailto:Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	16 March 2022
78/21 (1.11.21)	<b>Upgrade of education IT systems:</b> Authority to procure software as a service (SaaS) cloud based education system via relevant procurement frameworks and associated costs	Cabinet Key decision	Helena Kucharczyk <a href="mailto:Helena.kucharczyk@walsall.gov.uk">Helena.kucharczyk@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	16 March 2022
3/22 (10.1.22)	<b>Walsall Council's Digital Strategy 2022-2025</b>  To approve a three-year strategic strategy for the Digital ambitions and vision for Walsall Council.	Cabinet Key decision	Luke Morgan <a href="mailto:Luke.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk">Luke.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk</a> 01922 658305	Internal Services	Councillor Bird	16 March 2022

22/21 (8.3.21)	<b>Walsall Council Housing Allocations Policy:</b> To update the policy which sets the principles for the allocation of affordable housing	Cabinet  Key decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Housing Associations, Internal Services	Councillor Andrew	16 March 2022
77/21 (4.10.21)	<b>Supported Housing Repair and Maintenance Contract:</b> To approve the award of the contract.	Cabinet	Ian Lister <a href="mailto:ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk">ian.lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Councillor Statham	16 March 2022
46/21 (2.8.21)	<b>Emotional Wellbeing and Therapeutic Support for Children and Young People in need:</b> To approve entering into an appropriate agreement with the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide therapeutic services for children and young people in need, including those who are looked after.	Cabinet  Key decision	David DeMay <a href="mailto:David.demay@walsall.gov.uk">David.demay@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Walsall CCG and Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Councillor Wilson	16 March 2022
74/21 (4.10.21)	<b>COVID Memorial Garden:</b> To consider options for a COVID Memorial Garden	Cabinet  Key decision	Dave Brown <a href="mailto:Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk">Dave.brown@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services. Stakeholders dependent upon options being developed	Councillor Perry	16 March 2022
4/22 (10.1.22)	<b>Early years funding formula:</b> To approve the Early years Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall	Cabinet	Neil Millward <a href="mailto:Neil.millward@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.millward@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Cabinet report 8 Feb 2017 & 17 March 2021; Walsall Schools Forum report 20 Sept 2016 & 9 March 2021; Gov't response to the early years consultation and fact sheet	Internal Services  Schools Forum	Councillor Towe	16 March 2022

83/21 (1.11.21)	<b>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2021:</b> To note the refresh of the updated data by Council and partner officers and to assist with identification of priorities in the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25.	Cabinet  Non-key decision  Council	Stephen Gunther <a href="mailto:Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services & Council partners through the Health and Wellbeing Board.	Councillor Craddock  Councillor Bird	Cabinet 20 April  Council 24 April
84/21 (1.11.21)	<b>Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25:</b> To agree the 2022-25 Joint Health and wellbeing Strategy which outlines agreed priority areas and how the Council and NHS will work together to improve health and reduce health inequalities in the borough; and to recommend Council to approve.	Cabinet  Non-key decision  Council	Stephen Gunther <a href="mailto:Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Integrated Care Partnership, Council partners through Health and Wellbeing Board.	Councillor Craddock  Councillor Bird	Cabinet 20 April  Council 24 April