



## **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 (All Members can be written to at Civic Centre, Walsall)	Date item to be considered
20/24 (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  Non-key decision	Caroline Brom  <a href="mailto:Caroline.Brom@walsall.gov.uk">Caroline.Brom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	20 March 2024
18/24 (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  Non-key Decision	Karen Griffiths  <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	20 March 2024
7/24 (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  Key Decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 March 2024

	Accountable Body for the Darlaston Long Term Plan for Towns.					
8/24 (5.2.24)	<b>Fixed Penalty Notices:</b>  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.	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Elrington  <a href="mailto:David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk">David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	20 March 2024
9/24 (5.2.24)	<b>West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2024/25:</b>  To approve the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2024/25.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Matt Crowton  <a href="mailto:Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk">Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 March 2024
2/24 (8.1.24)	<b>Acquisition of a Strategic Town Centre Development Site:</b>  To approve the acquisition of a strategic town centre development site.  <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Nick Ford  <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 March 2024
15/24 (5.2.24)	<b>Acquisition of a Town Centre Property for Strategic Regeneration:</b>  To approve the acquisition of a town centre property for strategic development.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Nick Ford  <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 (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  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 March 2024
14/24 (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  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 March 2024
17/24 (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  Non-key decision	Nick Ford  <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 March 2024
16/24 (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  Key Decision	Jaki Brunton-Douglas  <a href="mailto:Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk">Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	20 March 2024

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

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

67/23 (4.12.23)	<b>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q3 23/24:</b>  To note the Quarter 3 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Elizabeth Connolly  <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	17 April 2024
20/24 (4.3.24)	<b>Protective Characteristics for Care Leavers:</b>  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  Key Decision	Zoe Morgan  <a href="mailto:Zoe.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk">Zoe.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Elson	17 April 2024
13/24 (5.2.24)	<b>Multifunctional Devices leasing contract:</b>  To consider the award of a 5-year contract for the leasing of multifunctional devices (MFDs) and production print devices.  <i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Sharon Worrall  <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	17 April 2024
19/24 (4.3.24)	<b>Compact Sweeper Hire Contract:</b>  Award of contract for 5 hired compact sweepers (plus a spare) for 6 years. Street Cleaning – Clean & Green.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Den Edwards  <a href="mailto:Den.Edwards@walsall.gov.uk">Den.Edwards@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Murphy	17 April 2024



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