



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at www.walsall.gov.uk. The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change. Please contact the above addressee if you wish to check the date for a particular item.

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet on the Council’s website. Background papers are listed on each report submitted to the Cabinet and members of the public are entitled to see these documents unless they are confidential. The report also contains the name and telephone number of a contact officer. These details can also be found in the forward plan.

Meetings of the Cabinet are open to the public. Occasionally there are items included on the agenda which are confidential and for those items the public will be asked to leave the meeting. The forward plan will show where this is intended and the reason why the reports are confidential. Enquiries regarding these reasons should be directed to Democratic Services (craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk).

“Key decisions” are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) A key decision is:
 - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
 - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £500,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

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MAY 2024 TO AUGUST 2024 (08.04.2024)**

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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
67/23 (4.12.23)	Council Plan 2022/25 – Q3 23/24: 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 Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	17 April 2024
22/24 (18.3.24)	Acquisition of a Property in Pelsall for Operational Purposes: To approve the acquisition of a property for operational purposes. <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	17 April 2024
20/24 (4.3.24)	Protective Characteristics for Care Leavers: 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	Cabinet Key Decision	Zoe Morgan Zoe.Morgan@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Elson	17 April 2024

	adopted by the council consider the impact on people with care experience.					
13/24 (5.2.24)	<p>Multifunctional Devices leasing contract:</p> <p>To consider the award of a 5-year contract for the leasing of multifunctional devices (MFDs) and production print devices.</p> <p><i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Worrall Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	17 April 2024
19/24 (4.3.24)	<p>Compact Sweeper Hire Contract:</p> <p>Award of contract for 5 hired compact sweepers (plus a spare) for 6 years. Street Cleaning – Clean & Green.</p> <p><i>This will include a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Den Edwards Den.Edwards@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services	Cllr Murphy	17 April 2024
21/24 (4.3.24)	<p>Healthwatch Contract Extension:</p> <p>For Cabinet approval to extend the current contractual arrangements for Healthwatch under Reg 72 to allow for full design, tendering and implementation.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Grace Charles Grace.charles@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	17 April 2024
10/24 (5.2.24)	<p>Surveillance and Access to Communications Data:</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	David Elrington David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	17 April 2024

	To review the authority's performance as regards directed surveillance and to approve an updated policy for surveillance and the interception of communications data.					
12/24 (5.2.24)	Walsall Safer Streets – Palfrey Big Local and General Update: To cover the work of Palfrey Big Local, their resident led approach and the outcomes they have achieved.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Paul Gordon Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services Palfrey Big Local	Cllr Perry	17 April 2024
23/24 (18.3.24)	Commercial Strategy: To agree the strategic approach to generating income, reducing costs, fostering an entrepreneurial culture, forming partnerships, and investing in businesses to support local economies and social objectives	Cabinet Key Decision	Michele McPherson Michele.McPherson@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	June 2024
24/24 (8.4.24)	Interim provision of street lighting services: To ensure the provision of street lighting between the end of the PFI and the start of the next term contract.	Cabinet Key Decision	Katie Moreton Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	June 2024
16/24 (14.02.24)	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy: To adopt a new strategy and establish a council led steering group to undertake ongoing monitoring and annual update.	Cabinet Key Decision	Jaki Brunton-Douglas Jaki.Brunton-Douglas@walsall.gov.uk Black Country PPOSS - Overarching Strategic Framework	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	June 2024

			Walsall PPOSS - Assessment Report			
57/23 (6.11.23)	<p>Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Climate Strategy:</p> <p>To approve the Walsall Net-Zero 2041 Strategy.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Katie Moreton</p> <p>Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	July 2024
66/23 (4.12.23)	<p>Waste Management Strategy Update - Fryers Road Household Waste Recycling Centre redevelopment (HWRC):</p> <p>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.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Katie Moreton</p> <p>Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</p> <p>Stephen Johnson</p> <p>Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Internal Services	<p>Cllr Andrew</p> <p>Cllr Murphy</p>	July 2024