



Walsall Council

Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: **29 September 2022 AT 6.00PM**

Meeting to be held at: Council Chamber

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MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor M. Follows (Chair)
Councillor B. Allen (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor C. Creaney
Councillor A. Garcha
Councillor I. Hussain
Councillor P. Kaur
Councillor R. Larden
Councillor A. Nazir
Councillor J. Whitehouse
Councillor R. Worrall

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Councillor M. Bird – Leader of the Council
Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Councillor K. Murphy – Clean and Green
Councillor M. Statham – Education and Skills
Councillor G. Flint – Health and Wellbeing

ITEMS OF 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 meeting on 7 July 2022.	Enclosed
ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY		
6.	Local Enterprise Partnership Annual Report To receive an annual report relating to the works of the Local Enterprise Partnership.	Enclosed
7.	Cemetery Maintenance Report To receive information relating to the maintenance and security of council run cemeteries in the borough.	To follow
ITEMS FOR OVERVIEW		
8.	Areas of focus – 2021/22 To consider additions to the areas of focus for the Committee during 2022/23. Presentations will be received from the Deputy Leader (Regeneration) and Deputy Leader (Resilient Communities) on their priorities for the forthcoming year.	Presentation
9.	Forward Plans To receive the latest Forward Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet • Black Country Joint Executive Committee • West Midlands Combined Authority Board 	Enclosed

10.	Recommendation Tracker To consider progress on recommendations from the previous meeting.	Enclosed
11.	Date of next meeting To note the date of the next meeting will be 20 October 2022.	

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.

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 July 2022 at 6.00pm held at Walsall Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall, WS1 1TW.

Committee Members	Councillor M. Follows (Chair) Councillor B. Allen (Vice-Chair) Councillor C. Creaney Councillor A. Garcha Councillor R. Larden Councillor A. Nazir Councillor J. Whitehouse Councillor R. Worrall Councillor B. Bains	
Portfolio Holders	Councillor M. Bird Councillor K. Murphy Councillor T. Wilson	Leader of the Council Clean and Green Children's (attending as Petitioner Support)
Officers Present:	Simon Neilson Kathryn Moreton Alana Barlow Sian Lloyd	Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Communities Head of Highways & Transport Road Safety Manager Democratic Services Officer
Invited Attendees:	Judith Butler	Lead Petitioner

01/22 Apologies

Councillors Kaur and I. Hussain submitted an apology for their absence.

02/22 Substitution

Councillor Bains substituted for Councillor Kaur.

03/22 Declarations of Interest and Party Whip

There were no declarations of interest or party whips.

04/22 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)

There were no items to consider in private session.

05/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2022, as amended, copies having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.

06/22 Response to petition: 'Pedestrian Crossing for Birmingham Road, Aldridge, enabling the safety of school children'

The Committee considered a petition, submitted by local residents and handed in at Council by Councillor Murray, which requested the Council install a pedestrian crossing on Birmingham Road, Aldridge.

Judith Butler, the lead petitioner, introduced the petition and the reasons that she believed a crossing was important in this location, highlighting that local residents were increasingly concerned by the volume and speed of the traffic on this road. She expressed that parents often felt that they could not allow their children to cross the road alone due to the danger and it would be beneficial to them gaining independence if they could walk to school alone. It was also noted that there were several elderly people living in the area who would also benefit from having a safe crossing point as it currently took a very long time to be able to cross the road. She expressed that she believed these factors were actually encouraging more people to drive on this road and add to traffic.

Mrs Butler explained that children from 4 schools crossed this road on their way in and she had engaged with the schools who were all supportive of the petition. Aldridge School had advised that they would be keen to encourage students to walk or cycle to school if there was a safe crossing point for them. She acknowledged that the Council had committed to renewing efforts to recruit a school crossing patrol but added that several children at Aldridge School started as early as 7:30am and with after-school activities left after 4pm and so they would not benefit from the crossing patrol who would not be there at that time. She quoted recent traffic incidents on the road and the Council's responsibility to reduce collisions and make roads safer.

Councillor Wilson added his support for the petition, stating it was the only busy road in the Aldridge ward which did not currently have a dedicated crossing. He emphasised that he did not think it was acceptable to wait for a fatality to occur for action to be taken and that, should a crossing patrol be recruited, extending the hours of service should be considered. He asked whether S106 funding for Aldridge could be reviewed to see if the crossing could be funded through this means.

The Committee were informed that the requested pedestrian crossing was currently ranked 7th in the list of reserve schemes on the council's measures to encourage walking for 2022/23, and that the request would again be considered as part of the annual borough-wide road safety review for 2023/24. The Head of Highways & Transport stated that unfortunately the overall budget of £800,000 for works of this type was significantly smaller than the cost of all the works requested and advised that, because of this, priority had to be given to works on roads where there had been incidents in which a person had been killed or seriously injured, although acknowledging that this was not at all desirable. She reported that speed measurements had been conducted on Birmingham Road in 2021, in which the seven-day average speed recorded was 29.1 mph and the 85th percentile 36.1

mph, which was below the level at which the authority could request additional police enforcement.

Committee Members expressed their support for a pedestrian crossing on Birmingham Road and acknowledged that, were they to recommend that this be done immediately, this would be at the expense of other schemes higher on the list and thus would be unfair.

Following questions from Committee Members the Head of Highways & Transport stated that it was possible to consider the extension of operating hours of crossing patrols if they could be recruited and that speed data could be re-measured if needed to inform the programme. She also advised that community funding of crossings had not previously been considered as provision must be consistent across the network and this would put less affluent areas of the borough at a disadvantage.

Resolved:

That the Committee:

- 1. Notes that the requested pedestrian crossing is currently ranked 7th in the list of reserve schemes on the council's measures to encourage walking for 2022/23, and that the request will again be considered as part of the annual borough-wide road safety review for 2023/24;**
- 2. Notes that there will be a renewed effort to recruit to the vacant school crossing patrol post on Birmingham Road, Aldridge close to Tynings Lane as this would offer short term assistance at this location;**
- 3. Recommends that S106 funding schemes in Aldridge be reviewed to see if any funding could be secured for the crossing in this way.**

07/22 **Areas of focus – 2021/22**

The Committee received presentations from Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Officers on services within the remit of the Committee. It was noted that the two Deputy Leaders of the Council would provide their Portfolio Holder presentations at the next meeting of the Committee.

Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council advised the Committee of developments within his remit, in particular that some functions which were previously held by the Local Enterprise Partnership would be transferring to the Combined Authority. He discussed the work of the Association of Black Country Authorities concerning the Black Country Plan and praised the great reputation for delivery. The Leader highlighted the great measures of success enjoyed through the Future High Streets scheme which were hoped to be continued with the bidding for the Levelling Up Fund. He praised the quality of the delivery of the M6 Junction 10 works.

Portfolio Holder for Clean and Green

The Portfolio Holder for Clean and Green set out priorities within the Clean and Green portfolio, stating that she wanted to ensure that service levels are high and paid services are promoted. Key areas of focus named included fly-tipping enforcement, the new household waste recycling centre and transfer station and parking on grass verges. It was noted that there would be a pilot scheme on 3 streets within the borough to test a variety of interventions for fly-tipping as see which was the most effective.

Following questions from Members of the Committee the portfolio holder confirmed that there were no plans to close the recycling centre in Bloxwich but it would instead be updated. She also confirmed that any concerns regarding potentially dangerous trees and any plants blocking pavements could be reported to the Clean and Green team who would investigate and take appropriate action.

Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities

A high-level presentation of the Economy, Environment and Communities directorate was given by the Executive Director. He informed the Committee that roughly 680 people were employed within this directorate, which was amongst the most visible faces of the Council, dealing with issues such as planning, waste collection and tending to the environment. He advised Members of the senior management team within the directorate and gave an overview of their responsibilities, noting that some of the work conducted, such as that relating to the Community and Voluntary Sector, would fall under the remit of the Scrutiny Overview Committee. The Committee were informed that there would be various Meet the Teams events taking place throughout the year and they were invited to attend should they wish to.

The Democratic Services Officer then gave an overview of the Committee's remit and outstanding items from the previous year's work programme.

Members debated the issues and selected the following items for their work programme:

- Street Scene Strategy including tree planting and tree management
- Waste Strategy including information on the new Household Waste Recycling Centre and Transfer Station
- Derelict Properties
- Council Bonfire and Fireworks Update and Success Rates
- Town Deal
- Phoenix 10
- West Midlands Local Transport Plan
- District Town Centres
- Willenhall Framework Plan
- Partnership working with West Midlands Police regarding speed enforcement

Resolved:

- 1. That the areas of focus 2022/23 and forward plans be noted;**
- 2. That the following items be added to the work programme:**
 - a) Street Scene Strategy including tree planting and tree management**
 - b) Waste Strategy including information on the new Household Waste Recycling Centre and Transfer Station**

- c) Derelict Properties
- d) Council Bonfire and Fireworks Update and Success Rates
- e) Town Deal
- f) Phoenix 10
- g) West Midlands Local Transport Plan
- h) District Town Centres
- i) Willenhall Framework Plan
- j) Partnership working with West Midlands Police regarding speed enforcement

08/22 Recommendation Tracker

The Democratic Services Officer updated the Committee on the progress of the 3 ongoing recommendations from the last meeting of the previous municipal year. She advised that she had been in contact with all the lead officers concerned and requested updates on progress. The lead officer for bonfires had responded stating that they had considered the request for livestreaming of bonfire events but were of the opinion that the demand would not be sufficient to justify the cost of hiring a videographer to attend.

Resolved:

That the progress on recommendations from the previous meeting be noted.

09/22 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 13 September 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated 7.10pm.

Signed:
Date:

Sarah Middleton
Chief Executive
Black Country Consortium

Evidence Led Vision and Economic Intelligence

- Our Approach
- Walsall and Black Country Economic Overview

Developing Our Green Infrastructure

- Developing Our Tree Strategy
- Black Country Canal Strategy

Black Country Partnership Support

- LEP transition
- LEP Governance & Board Make Up
- LEP Investment and Activity

Capital Investments

Black Country Partnership Support - Active Black Country

Evidence Led Vision and Economic Intelligence

Strategy into Delivery – An Evidence Based Approach

Our Ambitions - Black Country Strategic Economic Plan – Black Country PMF

Annual Economic Review Report – sets out our key measures of success in the Black Country Performance Management Framework

Delivering the Ambitions

12 Strategic Programmes covering 3 themes of People, Place and Business

Thematic & Sectoral Approach – Black Country Propositions

6 priorities areas for proposition development:

- High Value Manufacturing City;
- Black Country Business Competitiveness;
- Economic Capital;
- Black Country as Garden City;
- Skills for Business, Skills for Life;
- Connected Black Country
- Sector Plans – 5 Transformational & 5 & 5 Enabling Sectors

Spatial Approach – Spatial Opportunities

In depth analysis of pipeline opportunities in 11 identified spatial zones and the areas that are outside and serving with an integrated cross boundary BC Core Strategy.

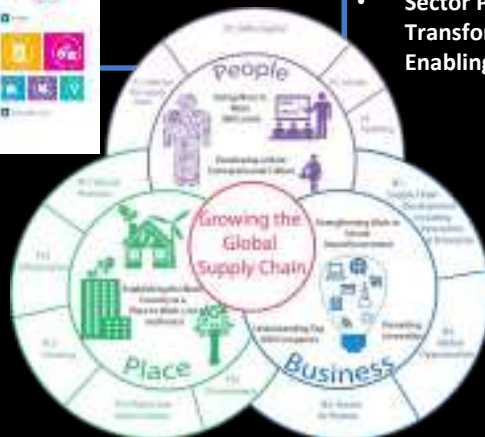
Programme Dashboards

Detailed programme dashboards including:

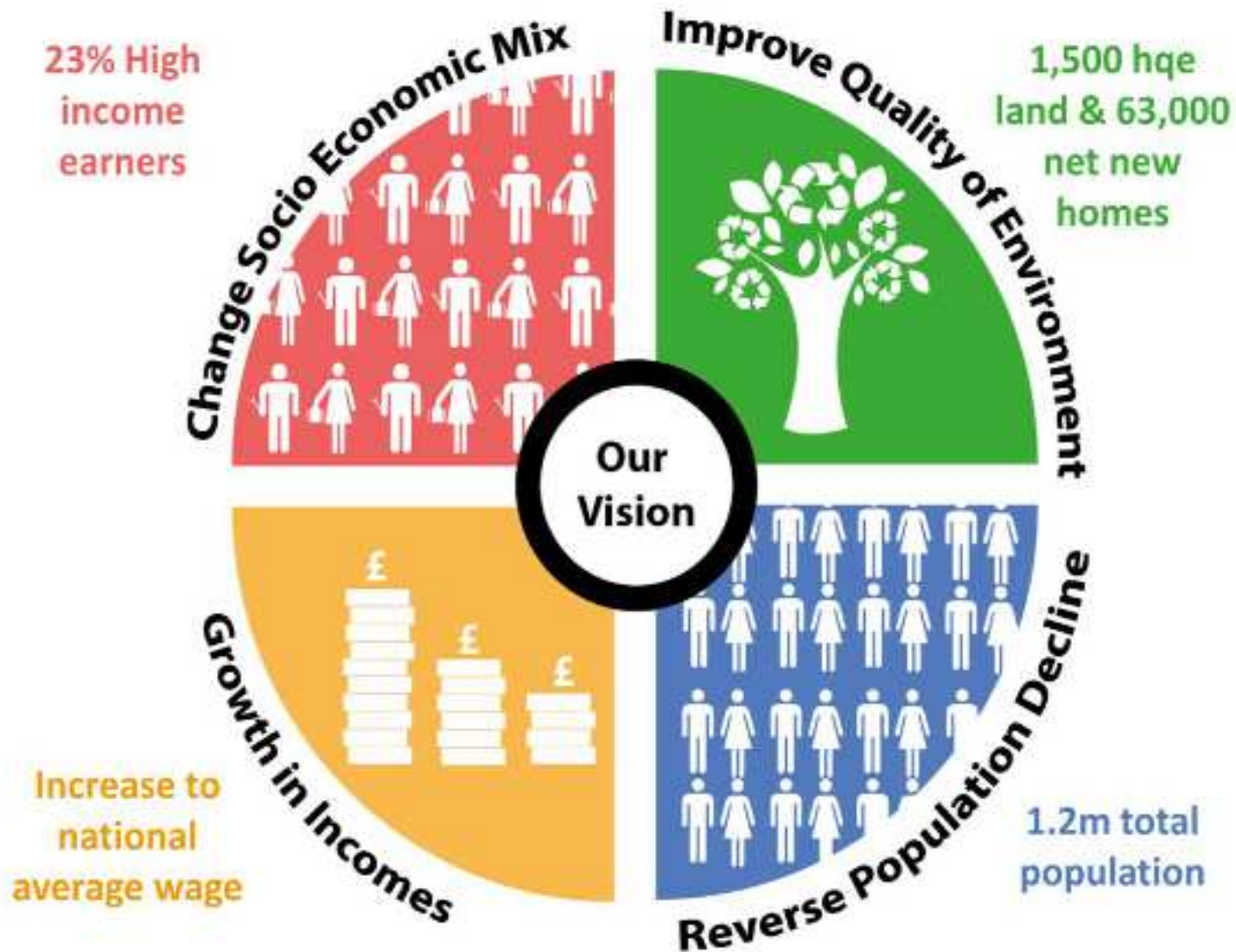
- ❖ Overall Priority Pipeline
- ❖ Growth Funds
- ❖ Land Remediation Fund (WMCA)
- ❖ Broadband

Sites Details

'Estate Agent' details are available for each of our pipeline sites, accessible via our online mapping tool, linking to Midlands Engine and WMCA Investment Prospectuses.



Black Country Objectives



Black Country Consortium Economic Intelligence Unit

Priorities

Key Achievements

Providing rigorous, “best in class”, economic analysis and place based compelling narrative

Interactive state of sub region report
Black Country Intelligence Hub



In-depth Labour Market Intelligence

Skills deep dive



Business Competitiveness – Growing our Business Base

Sector Action Plans



Green transformation

Geopark support
iTree Eco study
Canal Strategy



Black Country Economy

Walsall Economy



Resident **Wages** were £28,169 in 2021
+1.5% compared to -0.9% nationally (2020-2021)
Shortfall of £3,321 to the England average (£31,490)

Resident **Wages** were £28,515 in 2021
+2.7% compared to -0.9% nationally (2020-2021)
Shortfall of £2,975 to the England average (£31,490)



40,415 **Enterprises** in 2020
+2.7% (+1,070) compared to +0.5% nationally (2019 – 2020)

9,020 **Enterprise** in 2020
+0.7% (+60) compared to 0.5% nationally (2019 – 2020)



31.1% (227,100) of the WAP had **NVQ4+ Quals** in 2021
+6.4% compared to +0.6% nationally (2020-2021)
But 88,047 people still require **upskilling** to reach 43.1%

26.8% (46,200) of the WAP had **NVQ4+ Quals** in 2021
-4.0% compared to +0.6% nationally (2020-2021)
27,932 people still require **upskilling** to reach 43.1%



Population was over 1.2 million in 2020 – reaching the BC target 13 years early!
+0.3% compared to national rate of +0.5% since 2019
Census Day 2021: 1,213,200 residents

Population was 286,716 in 2020
+0.4% (+1,238) compared to +0.5% nationally since 2019
Census Day 2021: 284,100 residents



505,640 **Dwellings** in March 2022
+0.5% compared to +0.9% nationally since March 2021

117,330 **Dwellings** in March 2022
+0.3% compared to +0.9% nationally since March 2021

Black Country Economy

Walsall Economy



Employment Rate was 72.8% in Year to Mar 2022
-0.2pp compared to +0.3pp nationally (since Mar 2021)
+18,846 people required to reach nat. average (75.4%)

Employment Rate was 70.8% in Year to Mar 2022
1.9pp compared to +0.3pp nationally (since Mar 2021)
+8,119 people required to reach nat. average (75.4%)



GVA was £21.8bn in 2020
-2.7% (-£609m) compared to -3.1% nationally (2019–2020)

GVA was £4.6bn in 2020
-4.4% (-£213m) compared to -3.1% nationally (2019–2020)



GVA per Head was £18,156 in 2020
-3.0% (-£563) compared to -3.5% nationally (2019-2020)
With a shortfall of £11,601 to national average

GVA per Head was £16,054 in 2020
-4.8% (-£816) compared to -3.5% nationally (2019-2020)
With a shortfall of £13,703 to national average



7,740 Apprenticeship Starts in 2020/21
-5.1% (-420) compared to -0.3% nationally (2019/20–2020/21)
+15,260 to reach 23,000 apprenticeship starts target

1,740 Apprenticeship Starts in 2020/21
-4.4% (-80) compared to -0.3% nationally (2019/20–2020/21)

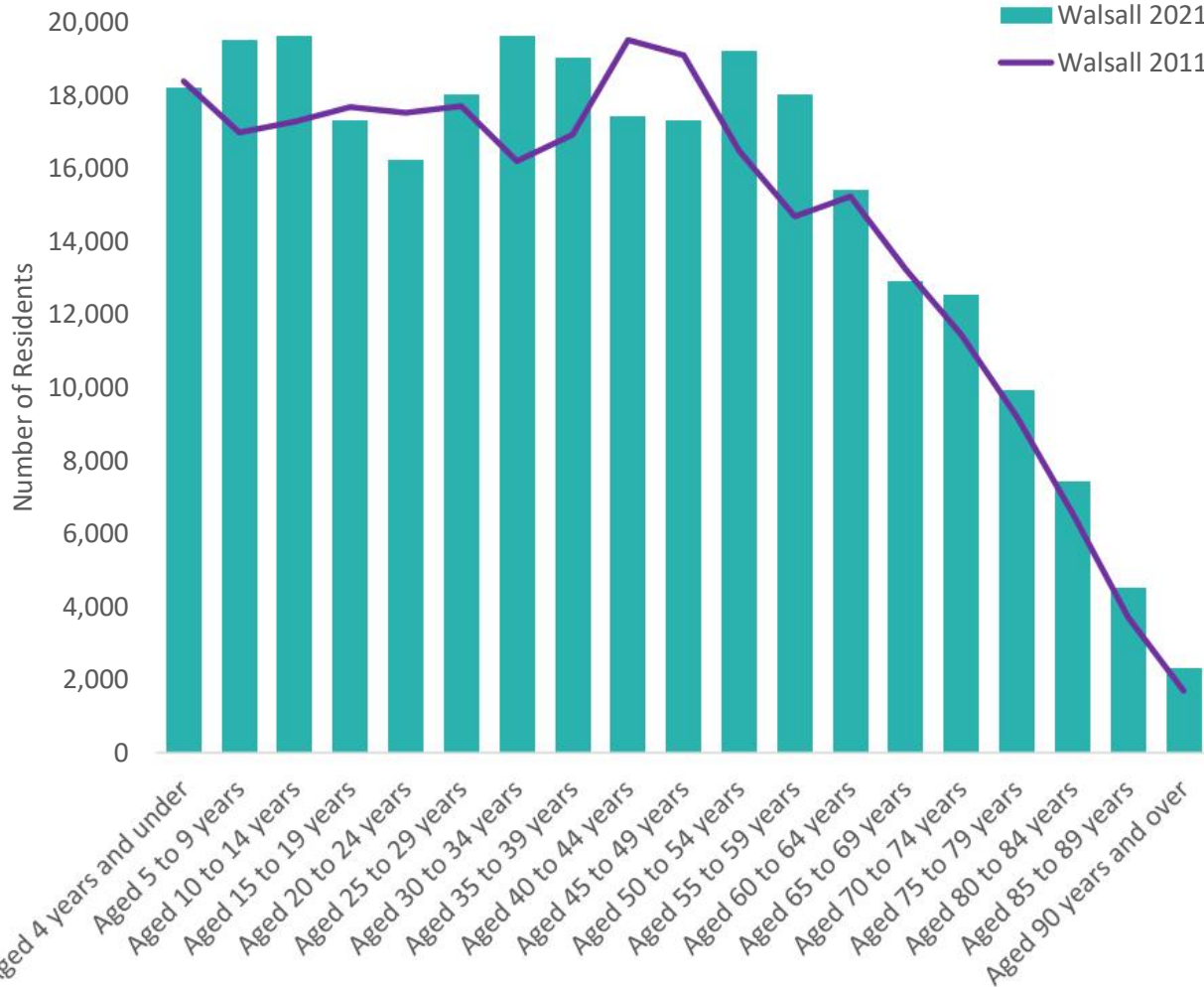


436,000 Jobs in 2020
-1.8% compared to -1.9% nationally since 2019

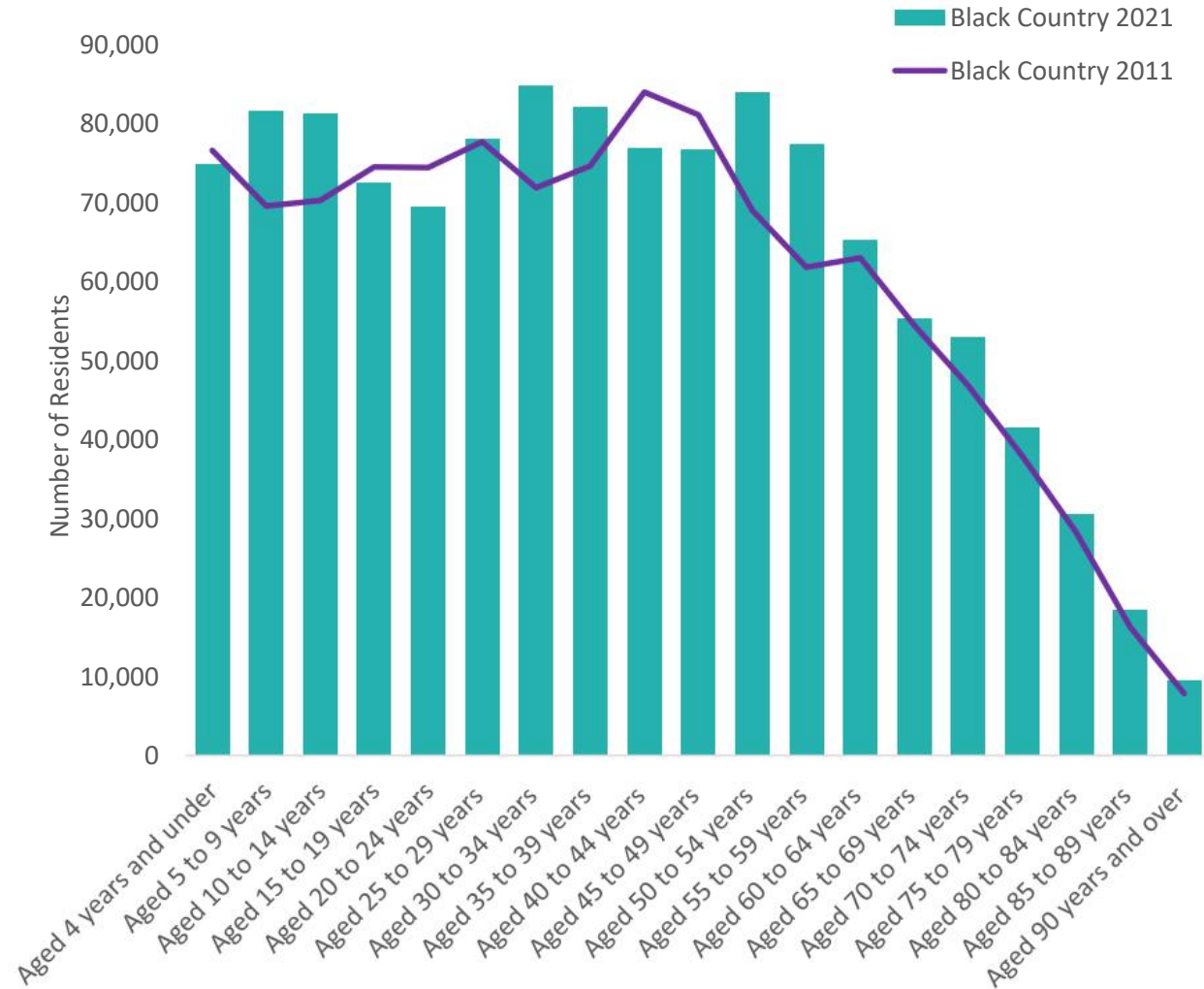
100,000 Jobs in 2020
-2.9% (-3,000) compared to -1.9% nationally since 2019

Census 2021

Walsall



Black Country



Sector Risks

JOINT RISK COVID, BREXIT and UKRAINE (OVERALL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS) – JULY 2022: BLACK COUNTRY

	Output / Order Books	Insolvency & Debt	Supply of Materials	Labour / Skills Shortages	Prices / Costs	Trade Conditions	Energy Supply / Costs	Market Shifts	Risk Management Capability	Overall Risk to Future Growth
Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Aerospace	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Metals & Materials	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	HIGH
Food & Drink	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Automotive	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Green	HIGH
Rail	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Building Technologies	Green	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Retail	Red	Red	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	HIGH
Visitor Economy	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	HIGH
Tourism	Red	Red	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Red	HIGH
Hospitality	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	HIGH
Business Services	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	LOW
Financial, Legal and Accounting	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	LOW
Creative & Digital	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Real Estate, Property & Consultancy	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	LOW
Environmental Technologies	Green	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Health & Wellbeing	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	MEDIUM
Health & Care	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	HIGH
Life Sciences	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	MEDIUM
Sports	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	LOW
Transport and Logistics	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	HIGH
Public Sector inc. Education	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	LOW

Recovery Plan



Seizing the Moment

The Black Country Plan for Green Growth and the Economy of Together

Black Country Economic Recovery Prospectus

1. Backing Black Country Businesses

2. Delivering Skills for Today and the Future

3. Nurturing Green Growth

4. Creating Vibrant, Safe and Healthy Places

5. Mobilising Devolution and Public Service Reform

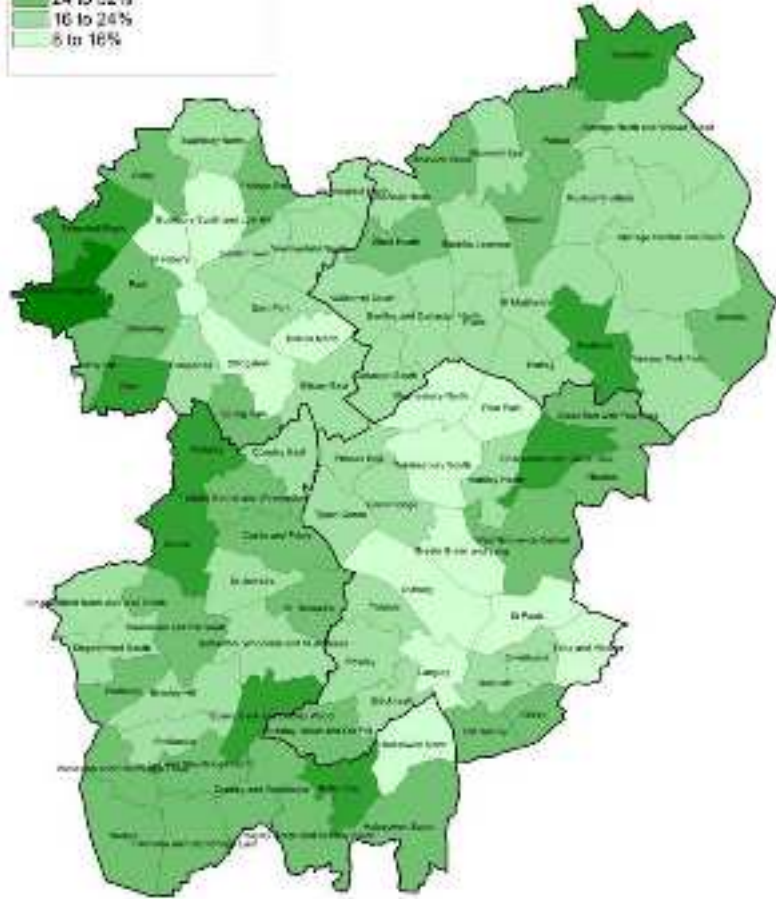
Developing Our Green Infrastructure

Developing Our Tree Strategy



Canopy Cover % per Ward

- 40 to 50%
- 32 to 40%
- 24 to 32%
- 16 to 24%
- 8 to 16%



Actual Plantable Space

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10



VALUING WALSALL'S URBAN FOREST



Most Common Tree Species:
English Oak, Silver Birch and Ash

Urban forests provide people with a range of benefits (or ecosystem services) that help make our towns and cities better places to live. Trees filter air pollution, improve our health, store carbon and reduce flooding, whilst also providing important habitat for wildlife and a multitude of other benefits.

Black Country Consortium Ltd worked in partnership with Birmingham Tree People, Barton Hyett Associates and Treconomics to survey the trees in Walsall. Using a plot sample assessment in i-Tree Eco the team quantified the structure of Walsall's urban forest and valued a range of the ecosystem services it provides to society.

Of the four districts of the Black Country, Walsall's trees provide the most ecosystem services per year, valuing **£7.4 million**

Black Country Natural Capital Valuation

Black Country Consortium Ltd

Economic Intelligence Ltd

Treconomics

Forest Research

30 trees benefiting over

- Leaf area is equivalent to 266 times the area of Pebadi North Common (57 ha!)
- Avoided runoff is equivalent to 69 olympic swimming pools of water!
- Carbon sequestration is equivalent to the annual CO₂ emissions of 14,570 cars!
- Carbon storage is equivalent to the weight of 11,000 new London double-decker buses (12.4 tonnes!)

Information Contact: walsall.gov.uk

Black Country Canal Strategy



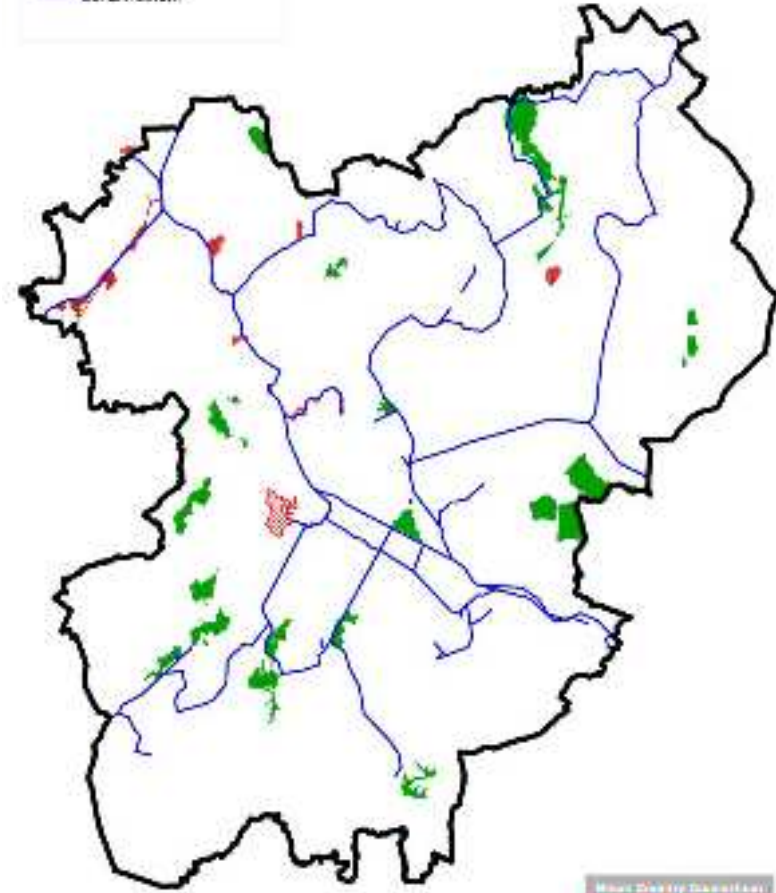
BLACK COUNTRY AS AN URBAN PARK

URBAN PARK

20 Living Landscapes

Living Landmarks

Canal network



Black Country Partnership Support

Levelling Up White Paper



LEP Board – September 2022



Tom Westley DL

Chairman Westley Group
LEP Board Chair, Enterprise Zone Board
Leeds



Lindsey Flynn

Chief Executive, WELL Associates Ltd, LEP
Board Deputy Chair, Chair of the Funding
Sub-Group
Commonwealth Games Board Lead and
Small Business Champion



**Councillor Mike Bird
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Leader of Walsall Council
Walsall Council



**Councillor Ian Brookfield
(Labour)**

Leader of Wolverhampton Council
City of Wolverhampton Council



**Councillor Kerrie Carmichael
(Labour)**

Leader of Sandwell Council
Sandwell Council



Martin Dudley

CFO
Thomas Dudley Group Limited



Kevin Davis

CFO Mine Trust Group
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Foundation



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Cherry Elliott

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GreenSquareAccord



Tim Steele

Pro Vice- Chancellor - University
of Wolverhampton,
Chair BC Employment and Skills
Board



**Councillor Patrick Harley
(Conservative)**

Leader of Dudley Council
Dudley Council



Ian Campbell

Interim Vice Chancellor,
University of Wolverhampton



Jatinder Sharma OBE

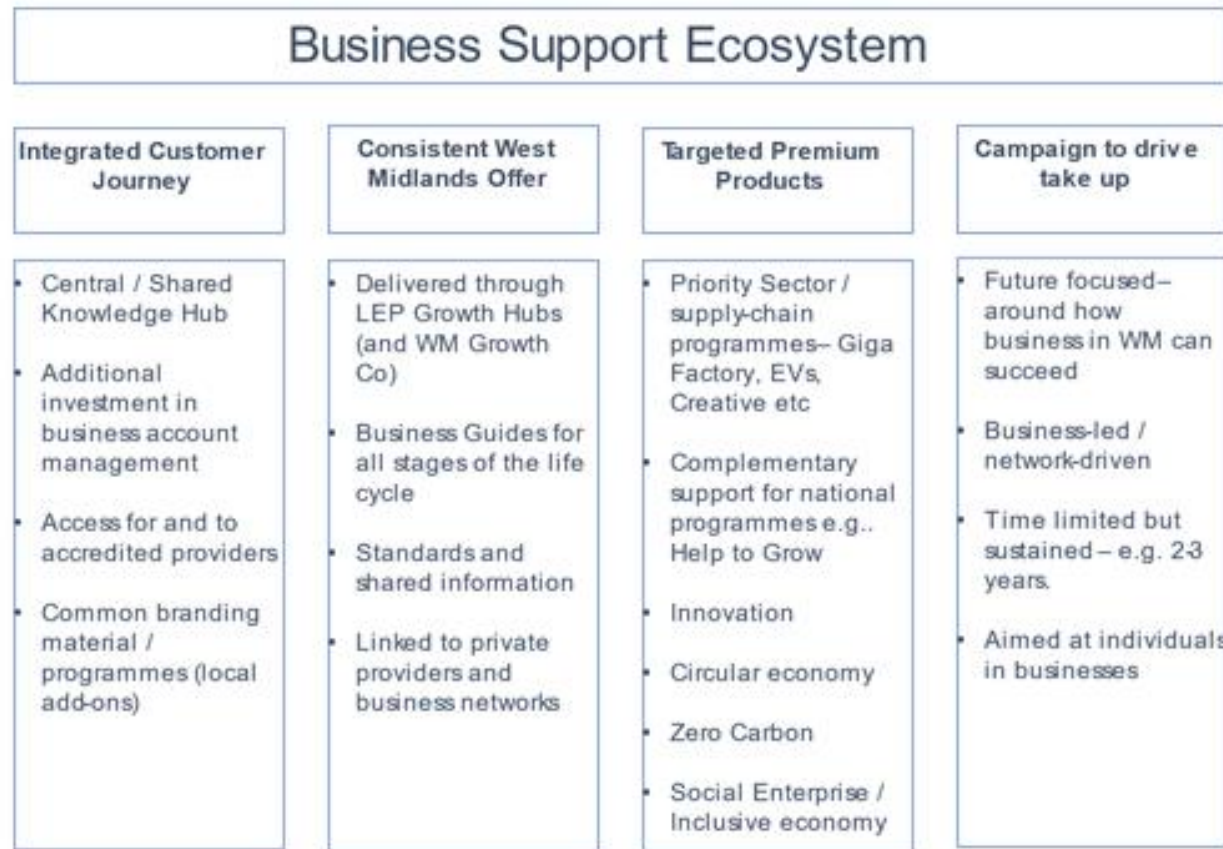
Principal & Chief Executive, Walsall
College
Education Board Lead (EP)



Amanda Tomlinson

Chief of ABC
Black Country Housing Group

Interventions – 4 pillars of the new system



Black Country Growth Hub Key Stats 2021-22:

- **1,609** Enquiries account managed by Growth Hub Staff Members (16% Walsall)
- **39** SMEs supported and enrolled onto the **Made Smarter** Pilot Programmes
- **9** SMEs received Grant Funding from **Made Smarter** (highest number in the West Midlands)
- **10** cohorts, comprising of **139** SMEs, delivered as part of the **Peer Networks** Programme
- **100+** SMEs signposted to Help to Grow Management and Digital Programmes
- **72** Individuals assisted in starting a business in the Black Country
- Combined Turnover of **£42,810,000** of businesses receiving a minimum of **12 hours** support from Growth Hub advisors
- **64** Businesses registered on “Experts in Residence” – a bespoke support programme for the Black Country delivered by the BCGH.



Repowering the Black Country

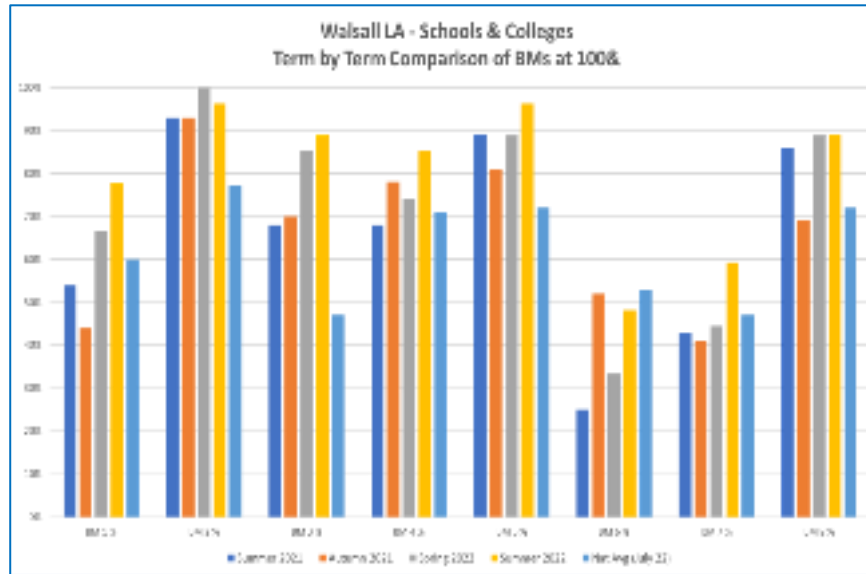


6 Business
Led Hubs

Black Country Careers Hub



100 Enterprise Advisers Volunteers matched and Active in Schools/Colleges – excluding The New Leaf Centre, in Walsall all matched.



Some of the Activities/Projects:

- ❖ Inspiring Black Country Live Event (Skills Show) in June 22: most Walsall Schools attended.
- ❖ Joseph Leckie Academy involved in the BAME Apprenticeship project.
- ❖ The Ladder and New Leaf AP Schools received an intensive year long careers programme.

SEND Work in Walsall

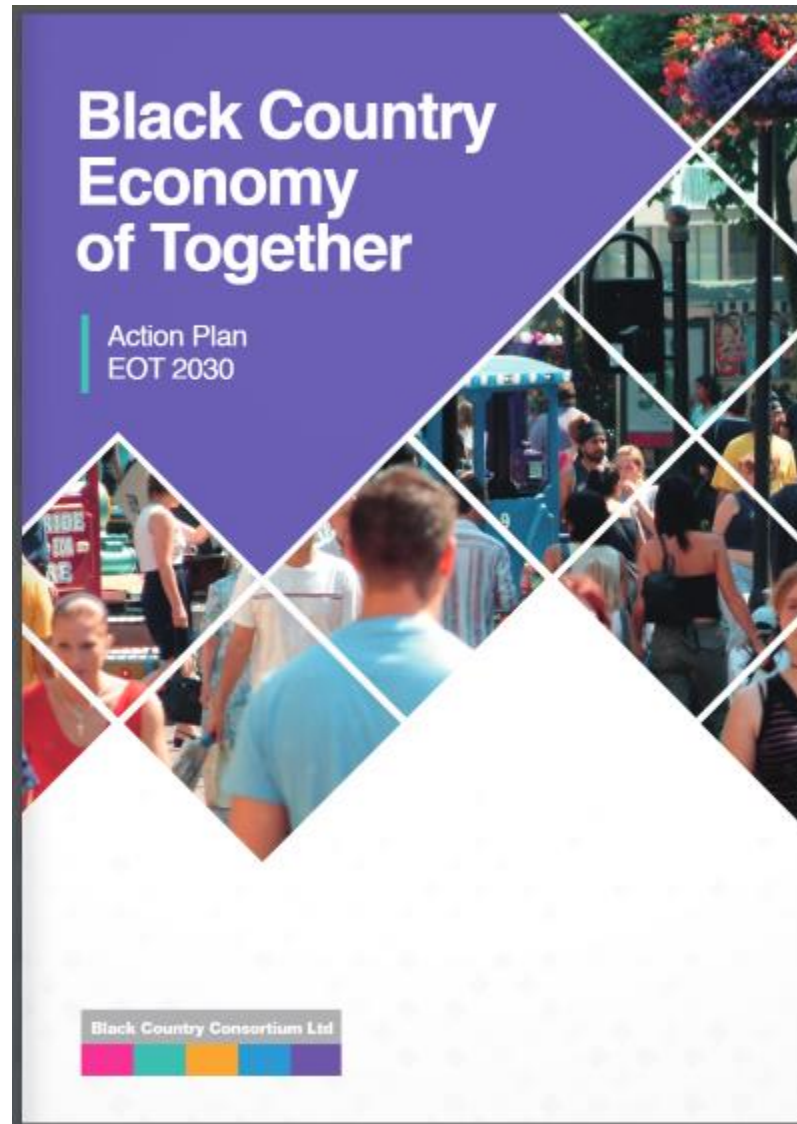
- ❖ The Careers Hub secured and facilitated a pop up shop for SEND students - 60 students from Walsall took part over 2 terms.

Transition Work

- ❖ Funding and supporting Walsall Connexions to provide intensive support to Year 11 potential NEETS from June-December 22.



Economy of Together



Recent Activities

- WM5G Project Evaluation
- Full Fibre – Private Sector Deployment
- Gain Share from BDUK
- Digital Strategy



Future Activities

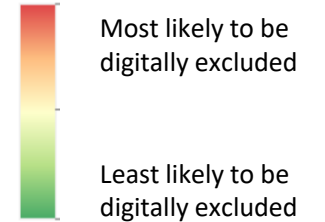
- Digital Inclusion
- Cyber Security
- Project Gigabyte
- Connected Places Agenda



GAINSHARE

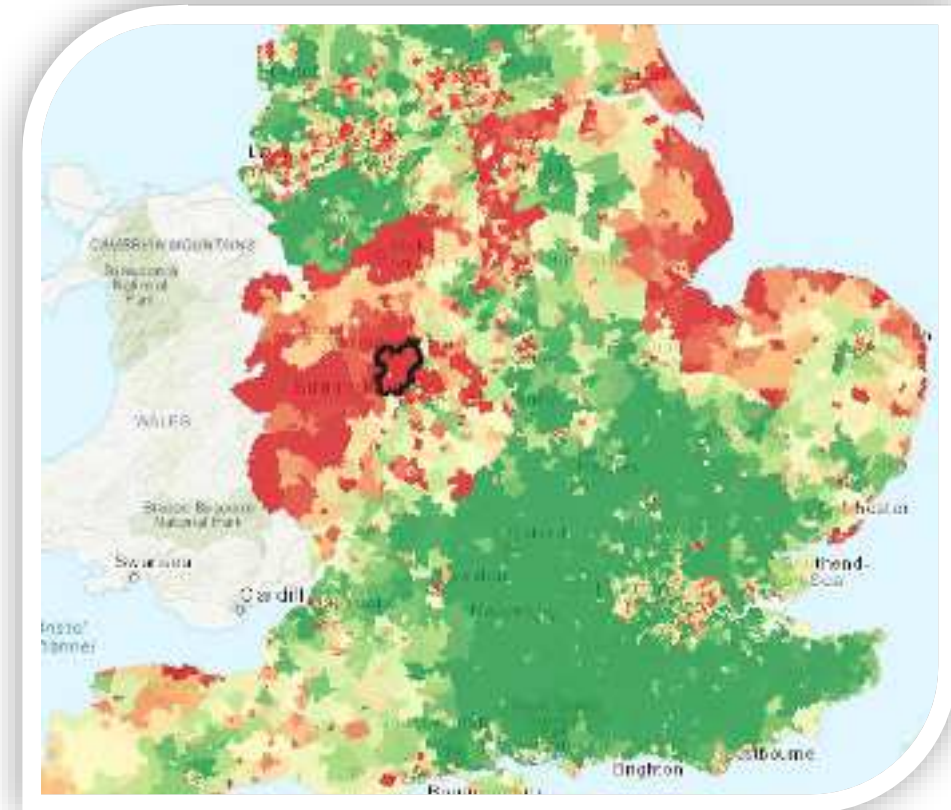
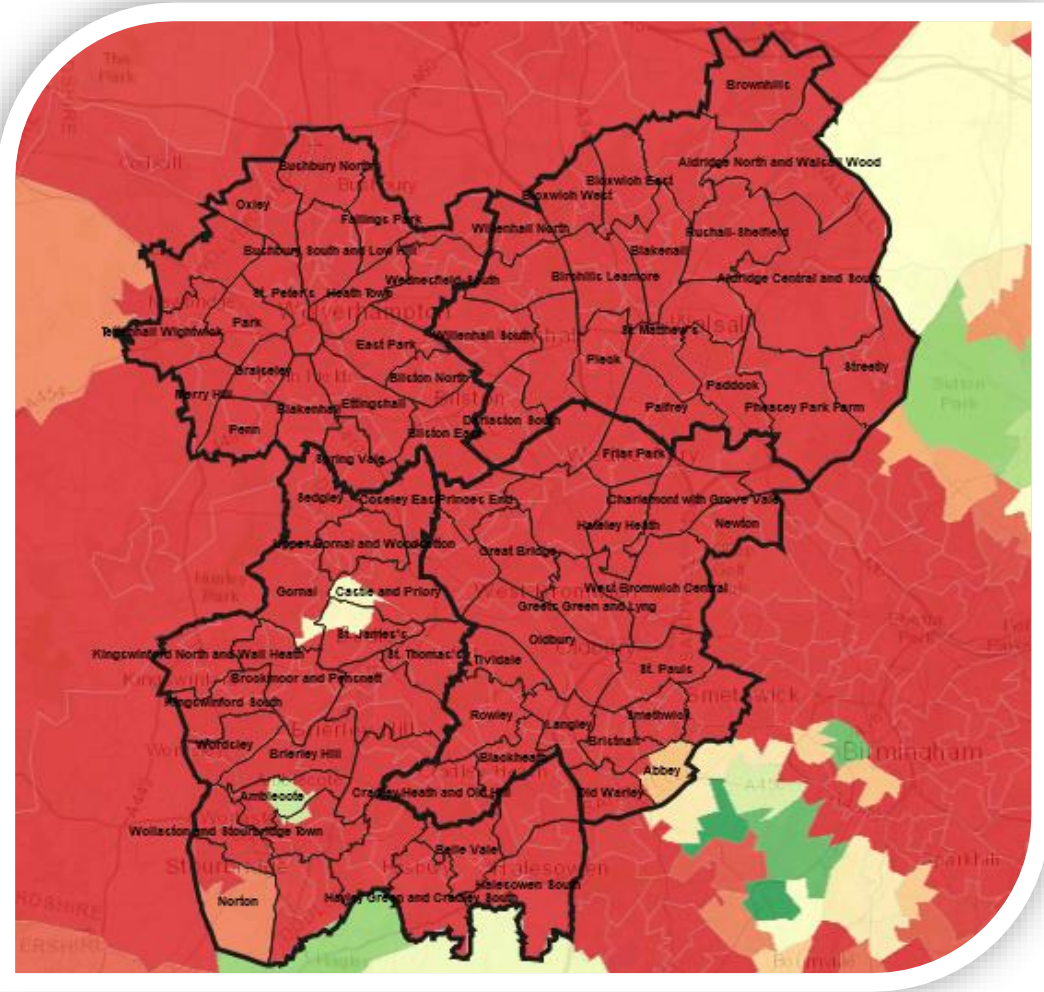


Digital Exclusion



From postcode-level data provided by CACI:

- Broadband speed
- Buying online
- Managing current accounts online
- Mobile phone ownership
- Internet usage
- People agreeing with the statement “computers confuse me, I will never get used to them”



Capital Investments

Growing Places Fund



Norit Site Infrastructure (Hatherton street phase 1) - £0.375m



Darlaston EZ Development Funding - £0.125m

Growth Deal

M6 Junction 10 - £37.27m



Goscote Lane (WHG) - £8.82m



Walsall College Digital, Engineering and Construction Expansion - £0.984m



Airfield Drive (Accord Housing) - £0.370m

Land & Property Investment Fund

Phoenix 10 – up to £35m total LEP investment



Globe House, Walsall - £0.623m



Black Country Enterprise Zone

Darlaston Builders Merchants - £0.300m



Parallel 9-10 - £3.5m



Investment Sources - LEP



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Funding Source	Funding Secured
LEP	£70,957,526
Non Listed	£59,470,223
DfT	£34,057,000
Local Authority Contribution	£26,543,490
WMCA	£20,157,500
Homes England	£10,655,000
Local authority ITP Funds	£459,000
Network Rail	£305,000
European Funds	£274,400
Total	£223,024,138

Funding Source	Leverage
Private Sector	£1,613,203,865
Public Sector	£1,250,000
Total	£1,616,453,865

- Click on a funding source in the purple table to see a breakdown of how that funding source is made up.

Project Name	Identified Need
A34 Walsall to Birmingham SPRINT - Phase 2	£50,300,000
Walsall Tower Centre Interchange - Masterplan Phase 1	£36,000,000
Walsall College	£30,000,000
Walsall Gateway Programme	£23,500,000
Abridge Station	£20,000,000
Norfolk Place, Walsall	£18,825,000
A41 / A4444 Corridor - Moxley Gyrotory (Main Scheme)	£18,000,000
Total	£525,261,540



Black Country Partnership Support - Active Black Country

Commonwealth Games

Collaboration and Foundation



Black Country 2022 Commonwealth Games Legacy Framework
September 2020
Final Draft

Active Black Country
Building a healthier, more vibrant Black Country

Black Country LEP

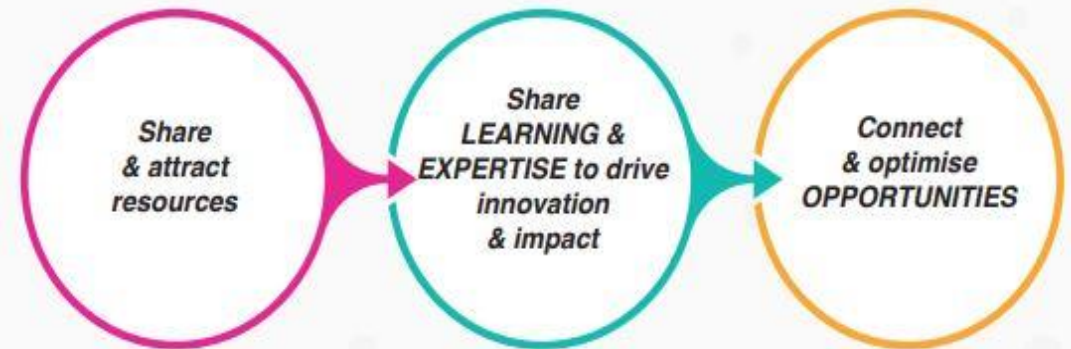
Why we are working together in the Black Country?

Purpose: Figure 1

OUR AMBITION FOR WORKING TOGETHER

We will bring partners together to **MAKE 2022 A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT**, creating a more prosperous, active and healthy future for the people of the Black Country.

WORKING TOGETHER TO...





Black Country CG Progress:

- Black Country Consortium/Active Black Country launched the Gen22 programme with DWP support to align with Kickstart opportunities.
- Commonwealth Active Communities project secured to £1.9m funding to get people active, focus on activation of parks and open spaces and connectivity through transport infrastructure. Focus on the Walsall wards - Birchills Leamore, Town Centre, Willenhall South (determined by the Sport England Active Lives data).



- Black Country Built Sport Facilities strategy work commencing – evidence base to support healthy placemaking and future Levelling Up bids.
- Black Country Canal strategy due for completion September 2022.

- In partnership with WMBC 'We Can Swim' campaign was soft launched at the Primary School Conference in May outlining intentions for the campaign to schools and the headline ambition around seeking to ensure 'Every child in the Black Country to be water safe and able to swim 25 metres by September 2024.
- Small Grants programme started in May 2022 – Improving health & wellbeing: focus on participation including those who are inactive to be active. Nearly £18,500 funding into Walsall community organisations.
- Cycling for Everyone programme due to start summer 2022 – a range of support to help people who currently don't cycle start.

Any Questions?



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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5 September 2022

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 out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Rules set

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
OCTOBER 2022 TO JANUARY 2023 (05.09.22)**

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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
110/22 (6.6.22)	<p>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2026/27:</p> <p>To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2023/24 to 2026/27, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2023/24.</p>	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Public Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022

111/22 (6.6.22)	Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23: To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Public Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
127/22 (8.8.22)	Council Plan 2022/25: To note the Quarter 1 2022/23 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25	Cabinet Non-key decision	Elizabeth Connolly (Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk) Policy & Strategy Unit (policyandstrategy@walsall.gov.uk)	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
108/22 (6.6.22)	Town Deal: To report for consideration business cases for the Town Deal.	Cabinet Key Decision	Philippa Venables Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Town Deal Board members	Cllr Andrew	19 October 2022
114/22 (4.7.22)	West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme for Buses (Variation): To approve a revised scheme to improve bus travel in the West Midlands.	Cabinet Key Decision	Matt Crowton Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	19 October 2022

107/22 (6.6.22)	<p>Procurement of Corporate Landlord Strategic Partner:</p> <p>To seek approval to the appointment of a strategic partner to support the programme of capital schemes related to the council's property portfolio.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	19 October 2022
116/22 (4.7.22)	<p>Young person homelessness accommodation and support contract awards:</p> <p>To approve the contract awards for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dispersed temporary accommodation and intensive housing management 2) Supported lodgings, and Night Stop and Day Stop facility 	Cabinet Key Decision	Rashida Hussain Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, service users, external stakeholders	Cllr Ali Cllr Wilson	19 October 2022
128/22 (5.9.22)	<p>Climate Change Action Plan:</p> <p>To provide an update on the Climate Change Action Plan and agree a new target.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Dave Brown Dave.Brown@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	19 October 2022
113/22 (20.6.22)	<p>Adult Social Care – Extension of contractual arrangements:</p> <p>To approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the extension of the interim contracts for Residential and Nursing Care Services for Older People, Complex Care and 	Cabinet Key Decision	Grace Charles Grace.Charles@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	19 October 2022

	<p>Mental Health Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24 with an option for a further 12 months should this be necessary.</p> <p>2) the extension of the current contractual arrangements for Community Based Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24 with an option for a further 12 months should this be necessary.</p>					
129/22 (5.9.22)	<p>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme</p> <p>To report back on Safer Streets activity and will recommend any adjustments/additions to the programme.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Non-key Decision</p>	<p>Paul Gordon</p> <p>Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services?</p>	<p>Cllr Perry</p>	<p>19 October 2022</p>
109/22 (6.6.22)	<p>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</p> <p>To approve a full consultation with all schools for the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Schools Forum</p> <p>ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide</p> <p>Richard Walley</p> <p>Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Schools Forum</p> <p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Cllr M. Statham</p>	<p>19 October 2022</p>

130/22 (6.9.22)	<p>Sexual Health and 0-19 Contracts</p> <p>To approve the extension of the integrated sexual health service, contract delivered by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024; and</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Public Health and Hub in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing to extend contracts on behalf of the Council and to subsequently authorise the variations to the contractual arrangements for the services should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Rules to 31 March 2024.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Tony Meadows Interim Director of Commissioning	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	19 October 2022
131/22 (6.9.22)	<p>Community Based Services (Adult and Children's) and Complex Needs (Children's)</p> <p>To approve the extension of the two current framework agreements.</p>	Cabinet Key decision	David DeMay David.Demay@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Joint report Cllr Pedley and Cllr Wilson.	19 October 2022
121/22 (8.8.22)	<p>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</p> <p>To report the financial position based on 7 months to October 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.</p>	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
122/22 (8.8.22)	<p>Autumn Budget and Spending Review, and feedback from Overview and</p>	Cabinet	Vicky Buckley	Public	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022

	<p>Scrutiny Committees on draft revenue and capital budget proposals, 2023/24 to 2026/27:</p> <p>To provide an update on the impact of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review on the medium term financial outlook, and to consider feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the draft revenue and capital budget.</p>	Non-key decision	Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services		
123/22 (8.8.22)	<p>Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2022/23:</p> <p>The council is required through regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce a mid-year position statement reviewing treasury management activities and prudential and treasury indicator performance.</p>	Cabinet Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	14 December 2022
124/22 (8.8.22)	<p>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Walsall Schools Forum report December 2022 – Proposed Schools Local Funding Formula 2023/24 ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide Richard Walley	Schools Forum Cabinet	Cllr M. Statham	14 December 2022

			Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk			
125/22 (8.8.22)	Housing First contract award: To approve the contract award enabling the continuation of flexible support to former rough sleepers housed through the Housing First initiative	Cabinet Key decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, service users, external stakeholders	Cllr Ali	14 December 2022

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OCTOBER 2022 TO JANUARY 2023 – ADDITIONAL ITEMS (20.09.22)**

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132/22 (20.09.22)	Black Country Plan Regulation 19: To approve consultation on Publication (Regulation 19) version of the Black Country Plan, and to delegate authority to submit the Publication Black Country Plan and any recommended minor modifications to the Secretary of State.	Council Key Decision	Neville Ball Neville.Ball@walsall.gov.uk Patrick Jervis Patrick.Jervis@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
108/22 (6.6.22)	Town Deal: To report for consideration business cases for the Town Deal. <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Philippa Venables Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services, Town Deal Board members	Cllr Andrew	19 October 2022
126/22 (8.8.22)	Strategic acquisition of a freehold heritage building in Walsall Town Centre: To seek approval to the freehold acquisition of a heritage property in Walsall Town Centre to support the preservation of the property.	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk Bryte Legister – Bryte.Legister@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	19 October 2022

	<i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>					
133/22 (20.09.22)	<p>Waste Management Strategy – Waste Transfer Station (WTS) and Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC):</p> <p>To seek approval for the pre-tender budget and amendment of the Capital Programme, to provide a new waste transfer station (WTS) and household waste recycling centre (HWRC).</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Stephen Johnson</p> <p>Stephen.Johnson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>19 October 2022</p>

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<u>Date created</u>	<u>Key Decision</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>	<u>Main Consultee</u>	<u>Date of meeting</u>
09/05/2022	<p>Future working arrangements of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee</p> <p>Consider the future working arrangements in light of the receipt of Government correspondence dated 31 March 2022: Integrating Local Enterprise Partnerships into local democratic institutions.</p>	<p>Sarah Middleton Sarah.Middleton@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk</p>	<p>Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC City of Wolverhampton Council</p>	19/10/2022
Black Country Enterprise Zone (EZ)				
06/06/2022	<p>Governance Principles: Enterprise Zones</p> <p>Approval of the amended Supplemental Deed of <i>Governance Principles: Enterprise Zones</i>, relating to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Walsall Council</p>	19/10/2022
Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF)				
25/08/2022	<p>Swan Lane West Bromwich</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to enter into a Grant Agreement with Green Square Accord Ltd for £3.2m, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF), funded elements of the Swan Lane West Bromwich project</p>	<p>Tony McGovern Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk</p>	<p>Sandwell Council</p>	19/10/2022

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<u>Date created</u>	<u>Key Decision</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>	<u>Main Consultee</u>	<u>Date of meeting</u>
	with delivery to commence in the 2022/23 financial year.			
Local Growth Fund (LGF)				
25/08/2022	<p>Mill Lane Bridge GRIP 3 Study & Aldridge Line Aqueduct GRIP 3 Study</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Walsall Council, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Mill Lane Bridge GRIP 3 Study & Aldridge Line Aqueduct GRIP 3 Study project.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in match funding.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Walsall Council	19/10/2022
Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme changes				
06/04/2021	<p>Dudley Advanced Construction Centre</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley College, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Dudley Advanced Construction Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Helen Martin Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	Dudley Council	01/02/2023

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	Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.			
06/09/2021	<p>Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills (ECMS) project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>	Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk	Wolverhampton City Council	01/02/2023

WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY FORWARD PLAN: SEPTEMBER 2022 - MARCH 2023

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
Meeting September 2022					
Independent Remuneration Panel	<p>Purpose: To consider the recommendations arising out of the independent review of members allowances.</p> <p>Recommendation(s): To consider the recommendations.</p>	n/a	Satish Mistry	No	Governance
Trailblazer Devolution Deal Update	<p>Purpose: To provide an update on the latest work being undertaken in support of the WMCA's Trailblazer Devolution Deal.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p>	Cllr Brigid Jones	Ed Cox	No	Levelling Up
Financial Monitoring 2022/23	<p>Purpose: To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Meeting November 2022					
Transport Governance Review	<p>Purpose: To consider the recommendations arising from a review into the WMCA's transport governance arrangements.</p>	Cllr Ian Ward	Satish Mistry / Anne Shaw	No	Governance

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
	Recommendations(s): To approve the recommendations proposed to improve the WMCA's transport governance.				
Trailblazer Devolution Deal Update	Purpose: To provide an update on the latest work being undertaken in support of the WMCA's Trailblazer Devolution Deal. Recommendation(s):	Cllr Brigid Jones	Ed Cox	No	Levelling Up
WMCA Aims & Objectives Annual Review	Purpose: To review the WMCA's Aims & Objectives previously agreed in November 2021. Recommendations(s):	n/a	Laura Shoaf	No	Governance
Financial Monitoring 2022/23	Purpose: To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA. Recommendation(s):	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Mobility Hubs	Purpose: To approve the Outline Business Case for the Mobility Hubs project to provide multi-modal sustainable transport facilities. Recommendation(s): That the Outline Business Case be approved.	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
Meeting January 2023					
Draft WMCA Budget 2023/234	<p>Purpose: To approve the WMCA's draft 2023/24 budget for consultation.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Financial Monitoring 2022/23	<p>Purpose: To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
LEP Integration Plan	<p>Purpose: To approve the proposed integration plan for LEPs.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p>	Cllr Ian Brookfield	Julie Nugent	No	Economy & Innovation
Meeting February 2023					
WMCA Budget 2023/234	<p>Purpose: To approve the WMCA's 2023/24 budget.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance

Committee Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer responsible	Status	Target Completion Date	Notes
14 April 2022	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	The Committee be provided with details on number of electric vehicle owners who responded to consultation and the universality of the electric vehicle chargers.	Matt Crowton	Completed		Sent to Committee Members by email 12/07/2022
	Walsall Borough Bonfire Night – Future Proposals	Livestream options for the bonfire and firework events be explored.	Jaki Brunton-Douglas	Completed		Advised that it has been considered but the view is there would not be sufficient interest to warrant the cost of a videographer for the event.
	Willenhall Framework Plan	A further report be presented to the Committee in the next municipal year at a time to be agreed.	Philippa Venables	Completed		Agreed that this will be discussed at Feb 2023 meeting.
7 July 2022	Response to petition: 'Pedestrian Crossing for Birmingham Road, Aldridge, enabling the safety of school children'	S106 funding schemes in Aldridge to be reviewed to see if any funding could be secured for the crossing in this way.	Katie Moreton	In Progress		The Development Monitoring Officer who starts on 3 October will provide improved resource to review this matter. Unlikely that previous S106 funds can be used as each S106 specifies what works the obligations are to cover as it has to be related specifically

						to the development proposed.
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