



**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 [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  
OCTOBER 2024 TO JANUARY 2025  
(02.09.2024)**

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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
42/24 (2.7.24)	<p><b>Article 4 direction for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs):</b></p> <p>To approve the making of a borough-wide, non-immediate Article 4 direction to remove permitted development rights for the change of use from dwellinghouses to smaller HMOs.</p> <p>To issue public notice of the Article 4 direction for a period of at least 6 weeks to allow for representations.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Holloway  <a href="mailto:David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk">David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 September 2024
44/24 (5.8.24)	<p><b>Walsall Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Strategy:</b></p> <p>To approve the Walsall Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Strategy.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Nicola Byrne  <a href="mailto:Nicola.Byrne@walsall.gov.uk">Nicola.Byrne@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Matt Crowton  <a href="mailto:Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk">Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	11 September 2024

23/24 (18.3.24)	<b>Commercial Strategy:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Michele.McPherson@walsall.gov.uk">Michele.McPherson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	11 September 2024
33/24 (4.6.24)	<b>West Midlands Children's Residential Homes Framework:</b> To agree call off contracts with Residential Children's Homes providers under the West Midlands Regional Framework.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sally Gamston <a href="mailto:Sally.Gamston@walsall.gov.uk">Sally.Gamston@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services Regional stakeholders (during tender development)	Cllr Elson	11 September 2024
45/24 (5.8.24)	<b>Walsall Youth Justice Strategic Plan 22/25 Annual Update Report:</b> To receive and recommend to Council for approval, the annual youth justice plan and update report.	Cabinet Council Non-key Decision	Phil Rutherford <a href="mailto:Philip.Rutherford@walsall.gov.uk">Philip.Rutherford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Elson	11 September 2024
50/24 (5.8.24)	<b>Black Country Family Drugs and Alcohol Court (FDAC) Partnership contract:</b> To approve a variation to the Black Country Family Drugs and Alcohol Court (FDAC) Partnership contract, to further extend the original term by 12 months.	Cabinet Key Decision	Paula Wilman <a href="mailto:Paula.Wilman@walsall.gov.uk">Paula.Wilman@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Elson	11 September 2024
34/24 (4.6.24)	<b>Temporary Accommodation Regulator Registration:</b> To approve registration with the Regulator of Social Housing for the purpose of providing additional	Cabinet Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Garcha	11 September 2024

	Temporary Accommodation for homeless people.					
43/24 (2.7.24)	<p><b>Secondary School Sufficiency:</b></p> <p>To consider the expansions of secondary schools in Walsall to support the requirement for additional school places to meet the Local Authorities statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient school places available across the borough for all Walsall residents.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Alex Groom <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Kaur	11 September 2024
51/24 (12.8.24)	<p><b>Community Reablement Service Procurement:</b></p> <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Adult Social Care to award a contract for the provision of support to the community reablement service.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Andrew Osborn <a href="mailto:Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk">Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services Community Providers	Cllr Pedley	11 September
32/24 (4.6.24)	<p><b>Appointment of Contractor for Civic Centre and Council House Decarbonisation Works:</b></p> <p>To appoint a contractor for decarbonisation works at the Civic Centre and Council House.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	16 October 2024

46/24 (5.8.24)	<b>Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD):</b>  To approve a draft SPD for consultation.	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Holloway  <a href="mailto:David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk">David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	16 October 2024
52/24 (2.9.24)	<b>Disposal of Links to Work Building, Stephenson Avenue, Beechdale, Walsall, WS2 7HF</b>  To approve the disposal of the Links to Work Building.  <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Ian Jeavons  <a href="mailto:Ian.Jeavons@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Jeavons@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	16 October 2024
40/24 (1.7.24)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2028/29:</b>  To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29, including savings proposals.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Ross Hutchinson  <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations,  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	16 October 2024
41/24 (1.7.24)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2024/25:</b>  To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2024.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Ross Hutchinson  <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	16 October 2024
53/24 (2.9.24)	<b>Children and Young People Strategy:</b>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Isobel Vanderheeren  <a href="mailto:Isobel.Vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk">Isobel.Vanderheeren@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Children and young people	Cllr Elson	16 October 2024

	To approve the Children and Young People 2040 Strategy.					
35/24 (4.6.24)	<b>Walsall Housing Allocations Policy:</b> To approve Walsall's Housing Allocations Policy which details how the Council will prioritise applicants for nomination to housing association properties.	Cabinet Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead <a href="mailto:Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public Consultation  Internal Services  Housing Associations	Cllr Garcha	16 October 2024
54/24 (2.9.24)	<b>Local Area Network (LAN) contract award:</b> To award a contract for provision and support of the Council's Local Area Network (LAN).	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Worrall <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Lee	16 October 2024
55/24 (2.9.24)	<b>Service Channel Management Platform contract award:</b> To award a contract for the continued provision the Councils Service Channel Management Platform.	Cabinet Key Decision	Sharon Worrall <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Lee	16 October 2024
56/24 (2.9.24)	<b>Middlemore Lane Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) &amp; Waste Treatment Service Operational Arrangements:</b> To approve a short-term service contract for the operational management of the new waste facility at Middlemore Lane and the existing HWRC at Fryers Road and approve a new finance lease agreement for the operational equipment, HWRC	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy.	16 October 2024.

	containers, and other physical resources at Middlemore Lane.					
47/24 (5.8.24)	<p><b>Council Plan 2025-2029:</b></p> <p>To consider the final version of the Council Plan following consultation and recommend this to Council for approval.</p>		<p>Karen Griffiths  <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Elizabeth Connolly  <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services, external stakeholders, other interested parties (via Public Consultation exercise)	Cllr Perry	11 December 2024
48/24 (5.8.24)	<p><b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2028/29 – Update:</b></p> <p>To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29, including update to savings proposals, impact of Autumn Statement, and progress on budget consultation to date including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the draft revenue and capital budget.</p>		<p>Ross Hutchinson  <a href="mailto:Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk">Ross.Hutchinson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Cllr Perry	11 December 2024
49/24 (5.8.24)	<p><b>Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2024/25:</b></p> <p>To note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017), the mid year report for treasury management activities 2024/25</p>	Cabinet Council Non-key Decision	<p>Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	11 December 2024



	including prudential and local indicators.					
39/24 (1.7.24)	<p><b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029:</b></p> <p>To approve the final version of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy following consultation.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Karen Griffiths <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Elizabeth Connolly <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services, external stakeholders, other interested parties (via Public Consultation exercise)	Cllr Lee	11 December 2024
57/24 (2.9.24)	<p><b>IT Goods, Software and Associated Services contract awards:</b></p> <p>To award a contract for the provision of IT Goods, Software and Associated Services.</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	<p>Sharon Worrall <a href="mailto:Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services	Cllr Lee	11 December 2024