



**Walsall Council**

## **Scrutiny Overview Committee**

Meeting to be held on: **16 June 2022 at 6.00 P.M.**

Meeting to be held via: **Council House and Microsoft Teams**

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

Chair: Councillor Murray

Vice Chair: Councillor Nawaz

Councillor P. Bott

Councillor Cooper

Councillor Ditta

Councillor Follows

Councillor Hicken

Councillor K. Hussain

Councillor Johal

Councillor Samra

Councillor Singh-Sohal

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:**

Councillor Bird

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:**

All

## ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Substitutions</b> To receive notice of any substitutions for a Member of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of interest and party whip</b> To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)</b> 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 (if applicable).	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 28 April 2022.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>A34 SPRINT - Walsall to Solihull</b> SPRINT is a bus rapid transport project that will improve connectivity between Walsall, Birmingham and Solihull, providing improved quality, quicker and more reliable journeys, supporting regeneration and improved accessibility to economic opportunities for the residents and businesses of Walsall.	<u>Presentation</u>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Areas of Focus 2022-23</b> For Members to agree their areas of focus for 2022-23.  Presentations will be received from the Leader, Deputy Leader (Resilient Communities) and Portfolio Holders for Customer and Internal Services on their priorities for the forthcoming year.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> To note that the date of the next meeting will be 4 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 an Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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.

## **SCRUTINY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**28 April 2022 AT 6.00 P.M. AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE**

**Committee Members Present** Councillor Murray (Chair)  
Councillor Nawaz (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Hicken  
Councillor K. Hussain

**Officers** Dave Brown - Director, Place and Environment  
Keith Beech – Director, Communications (Virtual)  
David Elrington – Regulatory Services Manager (Virtual)  
Stephen Gunther – Director – Public Health (Virtual)  
Emma Thomas – Public Health Intelligence Manager (Virtual)  
Matt Crowton – Transportation Major Projects and Strategy  
Manager (Virtual)  
Craig Goodall – Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Edward Cook – Assistant Democratic Services Officer

**Others in attendance** Geraint Griffiths-Dale – Managing Director, NHS Walsall  
(Virtual)  
Jason Griffin – Head of Sprint Delivery, Transport for  
West Midlands (Virtual)  
Angela Hosford – Head of Sprint Development,  
Transport for West Midlands (Virtual)

**Portfolio Holders** Councillor Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration  
Councillor Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient  
Communities  
Councillor M. Statham – Internal Services  
Councillor Towe – Education and Skills  
Councillor Craddock – Health and Wellbeing  
Councillor Butler – Clean and Green

### **390/21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors P. Bott, Harrison, Jeavons, Rasab, Samra and Singh-Sohal.

### **391/21 SUBSTITUTIONS**

No substitutions received

### **392/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of interest or party whip identified at this meeting.

393/21 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 (AS AMENDED)**

There were no items in private session.

394/21 **MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2022, a copy having previously been circulated, be approved.**

395/21 **COVID-19 INFECTION AND VACCINATION RATES UPDATE**

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing introduced the update on Covid-19 infection and vaccination rates in the Borough, explaining that the Covid-19 rates continue to fall. Three points were highlighted, that: this week is world Immunisation Week, encouraging vaccination not only against Covid-19 but other diseases too; children aged 5-11 are now eligible for two doses of the Pfizer vaccination through 119 or online booking. The vaccination walk-in site has moved from the Saddler Centre to the former urgent care centre on Bridgeman Street, with staff there especially trained for work with this younger cohort; and, the over-75s and eligible clinically vulnerable younger people can now get their spring booster vaccination.

The Public Health Intelligence Manager introduced the report and highlighted the salient points (annexed). An overview of the current situation was provided, the Committee was informed that cases have fallen by 34% in the previous week, but that cases remain high and that there will be other unknown cases due to limitations in testing. The vaccination uptake in Walsall remained higher than regional level with a similar level of booster uptake, but some areas especially in South Walsall do have lower uptakes. The number of Covid-19 inpatients stood at 92, and 2 Covid-19 patients in ITU. Most hospitalisation cases continue to be in unvaccinated people. The majority of the 10 recent outbreaks have been within care homes. Additional Key Performance Indicators have been added to the Covid-19 Barometer, including monitoring of variants and including some model data from the ONS, to ensure it remains meaningful for understanding the level of risk from Covid-19 locally.

The Authority has worked with the National Surge Rapid Response Team and partners from the CCG and Health and Social care, to encourage the uptake of vaccination in the Blakenall, Birchills and Leamore wards. Lessons learnt from this include the additional resources available and the importance of stakeholder action and engagement.

The Director of Communication highlighted the use of targeted communication, such as through using social media data and analytics to time engagements to when users are most active. There is an increased challenge to be noticed as focuses have shifted in line with changing Government policy, but information is still being distributed and behaviours encouraged. The role of Covid-19 champions was acknowledged and the use of those who have benefitted from vaccinations in promoting vaccine campaigns.

The Managing Director NHS Walsall added that there has been an expanded vaccination offer through GPs and this enables more flexibility, offering vaccinations when residents attend for other issues. Combined with specific area targeting, this is helping address the issue of falling and low uptake in certain areas. The area is seeing a rise in non-Covid-19 hospital activity, but is coping and has capacity, with waiting times for planned care the most improved in the West Midlands and hoped to be a maximum of 78 weeks by March 2023.

Responding to a Member's question, the Director (Public Health) explained that the current advice on testing is that people should test if they think they may have Covid-19 and if they cannot afford to buy testing kits, they should stay at home and take precautionary measures. Lateral Flow Testing kits are still available to people in certain vulnerable environments such as care homes, and for vulnerable individuals. The Member expressed concern that this was a regressive step from central Government and would exacerbate health inequalities.

Regarding engaging with groups with lower vaccination uptake rates, the Director (Public Health) identified that the national support team on Service vaccination Protocols had identified Walsall as being good at using data insights and communication, and also networking with others in the region, including through inter-Director conversations, to share knowledge and insights. Local voices and 'Covid Champions' are also important in this regard.

The Committee was assured by the Director (Public Health) that through the protocols now in place including testing, support and the Local Outbreak Management Plan, that at this time, no Covid-19 positive individuals are being sent into care homes.

#### **Resolved:**

- 1) That the report be noted;**
- 2) That the COVID-19 Infection and Vaccination Rates Update report should be presented to this Committee at every other meeting in the new Municipal Year, with the option to return to updates at every meeting should circumstances change;**
- 3) That thanks be given to Councillor Craddock for his work with regards to this Committee.**

#### **396/21 A34 SPRINT – Walsall to Solihull**

The overall position update on the A34 Sprint project was introduced by the Head of Sprint Development, TfWM. There have been systemic issues with NEC contracts, but they are working hard to ensure public finances are protected. Works are set to be completed by early June 2022, subject to the rectification of any defects. Some delays have been caused by external bodies. The Transportation Major Projects and Strategy Manager expressed concerns and dissatisfaction with contractors at the Queens Road section, but added that lessons are being learnt.

The Committee voiced their dissatisfactions and concerns with regards to the project and how it has been undertaken. Concerns were raised with regards to highways

safety at the Ablewell Street and Town Hill sections, due to poor signposting and advertisement of road layout changes, and dangerous parking by contractors causing side blinds. Traffic is regularly brought to a standstill in many areas because of works, but these concerns have not been addressed. Safety concerns and points around messaging were noted by the Transportation Major Projects and Strategy Manager and will be taken on board.

The effect of the works on businesses have been severe, with several closing down because of falling trade caused by a lack of accessibility. Loading bays have also been obstructed or removed. Responding to questions about the possibility of compensation for affected businesses, the Head of Sprint Development, TfWM, stated that the policy here was that Highways rules applied, so the direct payment of compensation was not possible. Should businesses seek some form of compensation, their best option would be to claim back business rates. Members expressed dissatisfaction at this and were of the opinion that compensation should be the responsibility of contractors, not the people of Walsall.

The following Motion was **moved** by Councillor Nawaz and seconded by Councillor K. Hussain:

That:

*That Transport for West Midlands consider how local businesses could make supported requests for compensation, excluding funds from the Walsall tax payer, for the disruption caused by the roadworks required to deliver the Sprint scheme.*

A discussion on the Motion followed.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the report and update is noted by the Committee;**
- 2) That a further update and report be brought before the Committee in July 2022;**
- 3) That Transport for West Midlands consider how local businesses could make supported requests for compensation, excluding funds from the Walsall tax payer, for the disruption caused by the roadworks required to deliver the Sprint scheme**

## 397/21 **FEEDBACK FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

The Committee noted the reports of the Chairs of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees on meetings of their Committees.

An update was received regarding the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Work is slightly behind schedule on the redevelopment of the Bloxwich Hospital at a new site in Pleck Ward. Planning applications are expected in May or June 2022 with a target for completion in June 2024. The new site will have state of



the art facilities for mental health patients. The new development will be closer to Walsall Manor Hospital and other services, enabling better partnership working.

There is a re-shaping of the service offer across Goscote all age hub to better improve day opportunities. Consultation with lots of service providers was received and this will help improve day opportunities for vulnerable people.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**398/21 RECOMMENDATION TRACKER**

Following a question from a Member the Principal Democratic Services Officer advised that working groups established in this municipal year would require re-establishing in the new municipal year.

**Resolved:**

**That the recommendation tracker be noted.**

**399/21 AREAS OF FOCUS**

The Committee considered its work programme and the Forward Plans of Walsall Council and the Black Country Joint Executive Committee.

The question was raised as to why the West Midlands Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee was on the to be scheduled list, which was explained.

A discussion took place on which committee could scrutinise the Black Country Plan and housing. The Principal Democratic Services Officer advised that the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee had this item on their work programme. Housing could be scrutinised by the Scrutiny Overview Committee or Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Resolved:**

- 1. That the areas of focus and forward plans be noted.**
- 2. An update on the establishment of working groups is provided to the Committee.**

**400/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be agreed at Annual Council in May 2022.

The meeting terminated at 7.37 p.m.

Chair: .....

Date: .....

## Scrutiny Overview Committee

Agenda  
Item No. 7

16 June 2022

### Areas of focus for 2022/23

Ward(s) All

**Portfolios:** Cllr. M. Bird - Leader  
Cllr Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities  
Cllr Ali - Customer  
Cllr Ferguson – Internal Services

### Report

The purpose of this item is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Committee's areas of focus can be agreed for 2022/23.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remit and which of these they could consider during the year.

When agreeing items, it is important that consideration is given to the level of value the Committee could add taking into account the tools and performance measures available to support them in their work.

### Remit

Following Annual Council, the remit of the Committee has been agreed as follows:

*All aspects and general services related to Council resources and transformation.*

*The Scrutiny Overview Committee shall:*

*Take an overarching view on strategic plans and services, including:*

- *Delivery of the Council Plan and its priorities*
- *The Council transformation programme*
- *Corporate finances*

*The scrutinising of performance in relation to the achievement of the Council Plan vision and the following priorities:*

- *Internal focus – Council services are customer focussed, effective, efficient and equitable.*
- *Communities – empower our communities so that they feel they are connected and belong in Walsall, creating safe and healthy places whilst building a strong sense of community.*

*Scrutiny of the responsible authorities in terms of how they are tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local communities (no less than once a year) as required by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which came into force for local authorities in England on 30 April 2009;*

*The Scrutiny Overview Committee shall:*

- *Lead on the planning and co-ordination of the programme of activities and in depth studies of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees;*
- *Hold discussions with Portfolio holders over matters such as pre-decision Scrutiny and the programme of policy reviews;*
- *Act as a vehicle of mutual learning.*

### **Presentations from Leader and Portfolio Holders on their priorities**

The Scrutiny-Cabinet Protocol encourages dialogue and communication between Scrutiny Committees and the Cabinet at all times; but especially with selecting items to scrutinise during the ensuing year. To assist with this presentations on priorities within their respective portfolios will be received at this meeting from:

Cllr. M. Bird – Leader

Cllr Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities

Cllr Ali - Customer

Cllr Ferguson – Internal Services

### **Presentation on services within the remit of the Committee**

A presentation will be provided at the meeting providing more detail about the Committee's services that fall within the committee's remit.

### **Items recommended from previous year**

The following items were recommended for consideration by the committee in the last municipal year:

SPRINT

Review effectiveness of scrutiny recommendation tracker

Review approach to scrutiny of budget setting

### **Incomplete items from previous year**

School gate parking working group

Equalities working group

Affordable housing

Covid Memorial Garden

## **Budget scrutiny**

Monitoring the financial performance of the Council is a valuable and important task that Scrutiny Committees are ideally placed to perform. It assists Members in identifying areas of operation that are underperforming that may require scrutiny.

It is suggested that all Scrutiny Committees consider the quarter 2 updates at a formal meeting. It is also suggested that the financial outturn for the previous year, quarter 1 and quarter 3 updates be circulated to Members outside of a formal meeting for information. Subject to the caveat that Members can request the reports to come to a Committee meeting if they wish, and that any significant budget pressures or changes will be raised with the Chair, to discuss the issue being formally reported to a Committee meeting.

## **Council performance**

The Council Plan, as agreed by the Council, sets the strategic direction for the authority by reference to five priorities. Each priority has a number of measures allocated to it. Scrutiny committees may wish to consider monitoring progress against the measures that sit within their remit. It is the role of the Scrutiny Overview Committee to take an overarching view of performance against all measures included in the Council Plan.

## **Pre-scrutiny**

A copy of the Forward Plans of key decisions from Walsall Council's Cabinet and the Black Country Joint Executive Committee are attached at Appendix 2 to this report. Updates of these will be provided to Committees at subsequent meetings. Members should consider the forthcoming decisions and consider if there are any issues that they may wish to review and seek to influence prior to the Cabinet making a decision on these matters.

## **Working Groups**

A working group is an effective method for Members of Scrutiny Committees to consider an issue in depth over a number of months and to produce a final report and recommendations to the Committee. In due course the report and recommendations can be considered by the Cabinet and/or Council. The challenge for Members is selecting the right topic at the right time and to provide the working group with an achievable brief.

In terms of resourcing working groups Democratic Services are expected to continue to have reduced capacity during the municipal year.

## **Prioritisation**

The remit of the Committee is very broad and the range of issues that could be considered during the year is vast. The challenge that Members face is in

prioritising those issues that are the most important whilst still leaving sufficient capacity to address other issues that may arise during the year. To assist Members to manage the broad topics available, it is important that alternative methods of being informed and updated, away from Committee meetings, are used effectively. For example, Members could request briefing notes on particular topics thereby helping to create additional capacity for more substantial items at Committee meetings.

In terms of scheduling items, it is important that an agenda includes a manageable amount of business to enable the Committee to focus on topics in depth rather than to carry out superficial treatment that may require the Committee to revisit the topic at a later date.

### **Recommendations:**


**That Members consider the range of issues within this report and formulate and agree a work programme for the year.**

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**Walsall Council**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

**Council House,  
Lichfield Street,  
Walsall, WS1 1TW**  
[www.walsall.gov.uk](http://www.walsall.gov.uk)

**6 June 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](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  
JULY 2022 TO OCTOBER 2022 (6.6.22)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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
97/22 (7.3.22)	<b>Corporate Plan 2021/22:</b>  To note the Quarter 4 (outturn) performance against the Measures of Success in the Corporate Plan 2021/22	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Stephen Gunther  <a href="mailto:Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022
99/22 (4.4.22)	<b>Corporate Performance Management Framework:</b>  To present the refreshed framework which is part of the Council's governance arrangements along with feedback from Audit Committee following its consideration of the robustness of the framework.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Helen Dudson  <a href="mailto:Helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk">Helen.dudson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022
100/22 (4.4.22)	<b>Pre-Audit Outturn 2021/22 and Covid-19 Update:</b>  To receive the pre-audit revenue and capital financial outturn position for 2021/22 and approve recommended carry forwards, and financial and treasury indicators for 2021/22, along with an updated assessment of Covid-19 funding allocations to address cost pressures and income losses	Cabinet  Key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 June 2022



<p>106/22 (24.5.22)</p>	<p><b>Local Development Scheme:</b></p> <p>An amendment to the timetable is required to accommodate the proposed additional Black Country Plan Regulation 18 consultation and delegated authority. Approval is also sought for delegated authority to make factual changes to the document.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Stuart Crossen</p> <p><a href="mailto:stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>22 June 2022</p>
<p>101/22 (4.4.22)</p>	<p><b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23, approach to Budget Setting for 2023/24, and changes to the council's Tax Strategy:</b></p> <p>To report the financial position based on 2 months to May 2022, including the impact of Covid-19, and to set out our approach and timeline for the 2023/24 budget process and amendments to the Tax Strategy.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Vicky Buckley</p> <p><a href="mailto:Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>20 July 2022</p>
<p>106/22 (6.6.22)</p>	<p><b>Treasury Management Annual Report:</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 annual report for treasury management activities 2021/22 including prudential and local indicators.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Non-Key Decision</p>	<p>Treasury Management Code of Practice.</p> <p>Richard Walley</p> <p><a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Bird</p>	<p>7 September 2022</p>

110/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2026/27:</b>  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.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
111/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b>  To report the financial position based on 5 months to August 2022, including the impact of Covid-19.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 October 2022
102/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Housing Renewal Assistance Policy 2022-25:</b>  To approve an updated policy governing delivery of capital housing funds.	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Lockwood  <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public, Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
103/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation:</b>  To consider options for mitigation strategies in response to the requirement that all developments that would have Likely Significant Effects on the SAC need to provide mitigation for their impacts.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Stuart Crossen  <a href="mailto:Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a>  John Raine  <a href="mailto:John.raine@walsall.gov.uk">John.raine@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022

104/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Black Country Plan:</b>  To approve additional draft Black Country Plan regulation 18 consultation for additional suitable development sites.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Stuart Crossen  <a href="mailto:Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.crossen@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
105/22 (9.5.22)	<b>Housing Retro-fit 2022/23 schemes- Appointment of contractors:</b>  To approve appointment of contractors to deliver grant funded works to home in the borough to ensure that the council can use time-limited Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LADS) and Home Upgrade Grant (HUGs) funding to improve the energy efficiency of dwellings in the borough and help tackle fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and domestic carbon emissions	Cabinet  Key Decision	David Lockwood  <a href="mailto:David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk">David.lockwood@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Mark England  <a href="mailto:Mark.england@walsall.gov.uk">Mark.england@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 June 2022
107/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Procurement of Corporate Landlord Strategic Partner:</b>  To seek approval to the appointment of a strategic partner to support the programme of capital schemes related to the council's property portfolio.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Nick Ford  <a href="mailto:Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 July 2022

108/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Town Deal:</b> To agree submission of business cases for Town Deal projects to secure funding.	Cabinet Key Decision	Philippa Venables <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Town Deal Board members	Cllr Andrew	20 July 2022
94/22 (6.2.22)	<b>Adult Social Care Charging Policy:</b> To consider and approve the revised Charging Policy, within ASC, following completion of the Public Consultation.	Cabinet Key decision	Anne Doyle <a href="mailto:Anne.doyle@walsall.gov.uk">Anne.doyle@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	22 June 2022
98/22 (7.3.22)	<b>Statutory Advocacy Services:</b> To receive an update on the recommissioning of these services and delegate authority to accept and award a contract	Cabinet Key decision	Tracy Simcox <a href="mailto:Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk">Tracy.simcox@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	20 July 2022
109/22 (6.6.22)	<b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</b> That Cabinet approves 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	Cabinet	Schools Forum ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide  Richard Walley <a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Cabinet	Cllr M. Statham	19 October 2022

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09/05/2022	<p><b>Constitution and Timetable of meetings 2022/23</b></p> <p>Approve the timetable of meetings for 2022/23. Approve any amendments to the BCJC Constitution, Terms of Reference and Working Protocols.</p>	Dr Helen Paterson ChiefExecutive@walsall.gov.uk	Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC City of Wolverhampton Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p><b>Future working arrangements of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee</b></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>	Sarah Middleton Sarah_Middleton@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk	Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC City of Wolverhampton Council	27/07/2022
<b>Growing Places Fund</b>				
07/02/2022	<p><b>Black Country Digital Strategy</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the Black Country Consortium Ltd, to increase its funding allocation in 2022/23 to further develop the Black Country Digital Strategy, funded from the Growing Places revenue budget.</p>	Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

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Local Growth Fund (LGF)		Programme changes		
06/04/2021	<p><b>Dudley Advanced Construction Centre</b></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. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>	<p>Helen Martin  <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a></p>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022
06/09/2021	<p><b>Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills</b></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. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence  <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a></p>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022

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	Local Growth Fund (LGF)	Year End changes		
09/05/2022	<p><b>Growth Deal Year end changes</b></p> <p>Approval for the current position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, this includes changes to outputs and match funding profiles.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p><b>Wolverhampton Interchange</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Wolverhampton Interchange project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a></p>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022

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Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF)		Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<p><b>Land and Property Investment Fund Year End Changes</b></p> <p>Approval for the current position of the Land and Property Investment Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the Land and Property Investment Fund Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2021/22 allocation.</p> <p>Approval of the individual change requests for projects that have exceeded the 10% threshold summarised within the report and detailed within the change request attachments.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson  <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p><b>Phoenix 10</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Walsall Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the Phoenix 10 project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson  <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022



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09/05/2022	<p><b>i54 Western Extension</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the i54 Western Extension project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence  <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Wolverhampton City Council</p>	<p>27/07/2022</p>
09/05/2022	<p><b>Sandwell Housing Gap Funding</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council, to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the Sandwell Housing Gap Funding project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Tony McGovern  <a href="mailto:Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk">Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Sandwell Council</p>	<p>27/07/2022</p>

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	Growing Places Fund (GPF)	Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<p><b>Growing Places Fund Year End changes</b></p> <p>Approval for the current position of the Growing Places Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, and to maximise the 2021/22 Growing Places Fund allocated expenditure.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson  <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p><b>Very Light Rail Test track</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Walsall Council, to deliver the Growing Places Fund (GPF) funded elements of the Very Light Rail Test Track project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Helen Martin  <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a></p>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022

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09/05/2022	<p><b>Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Walsall Council, to deliver the Growing Places Fund (GPF) funded elements of the Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Helen Martin  <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Dudley Council</p>	<p>27/07/2022</p>
09/05/2022	<p><b>Spring Road, Wolverhampton</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to enter into a Grant Agreement with KMN Investments Limited, to deliver the Growing Places Fund (GPF), funded elements of the Spring Road Wolverhampton project with delivery to commence in the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>This project will require a financial contribution from the Land &amp; Property Investment Fund.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence  <a href="mailto:Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Wolverhampton City Council</p>	<p>27/07/2022</p>

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Getting Building Fund (GBF)		Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<p><b>Getting Building Fund Year End Changes</b></p> <p>Approval for the current position of the Getting Building Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, and to maximise the 2021/22 Getting Building Fund allocated expenditure.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson  <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
	<p>Approval for the <b>Very Light Rail Test Track</b> expenditure of £319,040 in 2021/22 (currently funded from Growing Places Fund) is charged to the Getting Building Fund, to utilise unspent 2021/22 budgets allocated to the National Brownfield Institute project.</p>	<p>Helen Martin  <a href="mailto:Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk">Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</a></p>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022
Black Country Enterprise Zone (EZ)		Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<p><b>Black Country Enterprise Zone Year End Changes</b></p> <p>Approval for the current position of the Black Country Enterprise Zone Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout the year, and to maximise the 2021/22 Enterprise Zone allocated expenditure.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson  <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

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09/05/2022	<p><b>Parallel 9-10</b></p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Black Country Enterprise zone (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Cayborn Ltd, to deliver the Black Country Enterprise Zone (BCEZ) funded elements of the Parallel 9-10 project with delivery to continue in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson  <a href="mailto:Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022