



**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.

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MARCH 2025 TO JUNE 2025 (04.02.2025)**

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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
2/25 (6.1.25)	<b>Operational Technical Advisors (Construction Projects):</b>  To appoint operational technical advisors for building contracts. The advisors' supply operational support for technical disciplines, such as architects, quantity surveyor, mechanical and electrical engineers. They do not provide strategic advice.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	12 February 2025
66/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2025/26 – 2028/29, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2025/26:</b>  To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Cabinet  Council  Key Decision	Shaun Darcy  <a href="mailto:Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk">Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations  Internal Services	Cllr Statham	Cabinet 12 February 2025 / Council 27 February 2025
67/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2024/25:</b>  To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2024.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Shaun Darcy  <a href="mailto:Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk">Shaun.Darcy@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	12 February 2025

77/24 (2.12.24)	<b>All Age Carers Strategy 2024-2027:</b> To approve the All-Age Carers Strategy, which highlights the role of Carers and outlines plans for improving the wellbeing of Carers living in the borough.	Cabinet	Andrew Osborn <a href="mailto:Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk">Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services External Partners	Cllr Pedley Cllr Elson	12 February 2025
71/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Net-Zero 2041 Strategy:</b> To approve the draft Net-Zero 2041 Strategy and the establishment of a 'Walsall Net Zero Partnership' to deliver the borough-wide elements of the Strategy.	Cabinet Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	12 February 2025
62/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Adoption of the new Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy:</b> To approve the new Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy and establish a council-led steering group to undertake ongoing monitoring.	Cabinet Key Decision	Black Country PPOSS - Overarching Strategic Framework Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	12 February 2025
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	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Public Consultation Internal Services Housing Associations	Cllr Garcha	12 February 2025
1/25 (6.1.25)	<b>Private Rented Sector offer to landlords:</b> To approve the Council's policy detailing actions aimed at increasing	Cabinet Key Decision	Elise Hopkins <a href="mailto:Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk">Elise.Hopkins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Garcha	12 February 2025

	<p>access to private rented sector properties for homeless households.</p> <p><i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i></p>					
68/24 (7.10.24)	<p><b>Determination of School Admission Arrangements 2026-27:</b></p> <p>To set out the proposed scheme for co-ordinated secondary and primary admissions and mid-year admissions for the 2026/27 academic year and the proposed admission arrangements for primary community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2026/27 academic year.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Sharon Kelly <a href="mailto:Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services Schools Forum</p>	<p>Cllr Kaur</p>	<p>12 February 2025</p>
73/24 (4.11.24)	<p><b>Early Years Funding Formula 2025/26:</b></p> <p>To approve the proposed Early Year Funding Formula for 2025/26.</p>	<p>Cabinet Decision</p>	<p>Sharon Kelly <a href="mailto:Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services Schools Forum</p>	<p>Cllr Kaur</p>	<p>12 February 2025</p>
46/24 (5.8.24)	<p><b>Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD):</b></p> <p>To seek approval of a draft Planning Obligations SPD for consultation with key partners, stakeholders, infrastructure providers and the general public. The document will be consulted on a 6-week consultation.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>19 March 2025</p>
3/25 (6.1.25)	<p><b>West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2025/26:</b></p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Kathryn Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew</p>	<p>19 March 2025</p>

	To seek approval of the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2025/26, to support the delivery of transport capital projects including the West Midlands Local Transport Plan (LTP).					
74/24 (4.11.24)	<b>High Needs Funding Formula 2025/26:</b> To approve the proposed High Needs Funding Formula for 2025/26.	Cabinet Decision	Sharon Kelly <a href="mailto:Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.Kelly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services Schools Forum	Cllr Kaur	19 March 2025
5/25 (6.1.25)	<b>Public Sector Equality Duty Report 2024/25:</b> To note the Public Sector Equality Duty annual report which will be published in March 2025 in accordance with our obligations with the Equality Act 2010.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Keith Beech <a href="mailto:Keith.Beech@walsall.gov.uk">Keith.Beech@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services Corporate Equality Group	Cllr Lee	19 March 2025
75/24 (4.11.24)	<b>Adult Social Care and Children's Services Case Management System:</b> To approve the renewal of the contract for Mosaic. The current contract ends on 31/07/2025.	Cabinet Key Decision	Andrew Osborn <a href="mailto:Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk">Andrew.Osborn@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services External Stakeholders	Cllr Pedley Cllr Elson	19 March 2025
70/24 (7.10.24)	<b>Gasholders - Black Country Enterprise Zone:</b> To approve entering a Funding Agreement with City of Wolverhampton Council for site preparation works and the approach to progressing project delivery.	Cabinet Key Decision	Simon Tranter <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	16 April 2025

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4/25 (6.1.25)	<b>Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document:</b>  To approve the final version of the Supplementary Planning Document for adoption.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Simon Tranter  <a href="mailto:Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Tranter@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	16 April 2025
78/24 (2.12.24)	<b>Waste Management Strategy, Fryers Road Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) redevelopment:</b>  To approve the pre-tender budget for the redevelopment of a larger Fryers Road HWRC and agree to the use of the Pagabo framework (design and build stages) for the procurement of Fryers Road HWRC.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Kathryn Moreton  <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew  Cllr Murphy	16 April 2025
6/25 (6.1.25)	<b>Provision of HWRC Skips and Associated Plant Equipment:</b>  To award a contract for the provision of skips and associated equipment for the Middlemore Lane 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 April 2025