



Social Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on: Thursday 14 July 2022 at 6.00 P.M.

Meeting to be held: Walsall Council House

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MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Hussain (Chair)
Councillor Waters (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Clarke
Councillor Cooper
Councillor Elson
Councillor R.K. Mehmi
Councillor Rasab
Councillor Rattigan
Councillor Sears
Councillor Smith
Councillor Worrall

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Health and Wellbeing Councillor G. Flint
Adult Social Care Councillor Pedley

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AGENDA

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 (if applicable).	
5.	Minutes of the previous meeting To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on 21 April 2022.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<u>Scrutiny</u>		
6.	Introduction to the Health and Care system in Walsall To describe the commissioning and provision of health and social care.	<u>To follow</u>
7.	Areas of Focus 2022-23 For Members to agree their areas of focus for 2022-23.	<u>Enclosed</u>
<u>Overview</u>		
8.	Date of next meeting To note that the date of the next meeting will be 15 September 2022.	

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>

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.

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 21 April 2022 at. 6.00 p.m.

Walsall Town Hall, Walsall Council.

Committee Members Present

Councillor Hussain (Chair)
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Robertson
Councillor Sears
Councillor Waters

Portfolio Holders Present

Councillor K. Pedley Adult Social Care
Councillor S. Craddock Health and Wellbeing

Officers

K. Allward	Executive Director Social Care for Adults
D. Hamilton	Interim Director Adult Social Care
Jeanette Knapper	Group Manager – Adult Social Care
Marsha Foster	Acting Chief Executive Black Country Healthcare Trust
Deborah Cooper	Divisional Director – mental health and older peoples' services
Dr Usman Khalid – N. Gough	Clinical Director, Older Peoples' services Democratic Services Officer, Walsall Council

82/21

Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Ditta, Councillor Gandham and Councillor Johal.

83/21

Substitutions

There were no substitutions for the duration of the meeting.

84/21

Declarations of Interest and party whip

There were no declarations of interest or party whip.

85/21

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 3 March 2022 were discussed.

Resolved

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

86/21

Bloxwich Hospital Redevelopment

The Acting Chief Executive spoke to the presentation and highlighted the salient points (annexed). The presentation updated the Committee on previous proposals presented to Members, which detailed the redevelopment of Bloxwich Hospital (Older Peoples psychiatric services) which had been planned for a number of years.

The reasons for the redevelopment were due to the current buildings physical limitations, and inpatient facilities were not fit for purpose, which meant it was difficult to meet clinical standards, and the maintenance of the building was costly. This proposal was supported by partners and the CQC regulator. The capital outlay was described, which had been accessed through national funding specifically for eliminating dormitory wards in this type of facility.

The Divisional Director described the benefits of the new building, including a purpose built building for patients with functional illnesses and individuals with a diagnosis of cognitive illness and dementia. The scheme would take 18 months with a planned end date of December 2023 - January 2024. All patients would remain in Bloxwich Hospital receiving a service until the new build was functional.

A Member suggested that any facilities from the old building should be sent to needy causes in other parts of the world. It was questioned what the building would be used for. The Acting Chief Executive stated that the Trust were keen to work with local partners to ensure the building benefited the local community. The Clinical Director stated that it was unlikely that this building would be used for clinical services as it was not suitable.

A Member questioned if assurance could be provided that there would be enough capacity to meet demand. The Divisional Director stated that this had been carefully considered and additional beds had been planned in addition to predicted requirements. Community resource was described and there was confidence that the provision would meet community demand. The Clinical Director informed the Committee that there would be increased flexibility in the way that beds could be used compared to current provision.

A Member questioned the timetable, and if this was likely to be met. The Acting Chief Executive stated that work was currently on track and the challenge faced by the trust related to inflationary pressures.

The Trust were asked for detail on parking on the proposed site, the Divisional Director stated that additional capacity had been included and there was confidence that it was adequate. Further to this a Member asked if electric car charging would be included in the new build, the Trust representatives confirmed that this was the case.

In response to Member questions, the Trust confirmed that the use of assistive technology would be used.

Resolved

That the presentation be noted.

87/21

Re-shaping of Service Offer across Goscote All Age Hub

The Director presented the report and highlighted the salient points (annexed). The report updated the Committee in relation to the meaningful day opportunities agenda. Consultation for meaningful day opportunities went live in October 2021, and sought the views of external and internal stakeholders.

The Group Manager stated that Goscote was a traditional day care service, and it was redesigned as an all age hub. This model fitted in with the transformation agenda, and had achieved efficiency savings for the Council whilst not reducing services provided to vulnerable residents. Over time more opportunities had developed from the site, an example of this was the Goscote allotments. It was noted that traditional day services were good for some people but not everyone however the realignment of services allowed greater flexibility. Day care was offered for 15 individuals a day at Goscote, with people having a greater choice of services and further detail was provided on support provided to individuals.

It was stressed that staff did not wish to revert back to a traditional model of working, and worked closely with children's services to plan for the future.

The Director stated that the way the service had responded to Covid had been exceptional and led to changes in the way the service worked. She put her thanks on record to staff for their excellent work during this period.

A Member questioned if local schools were involved with the service. The Group Manager stated that Head teacher forums had been engaged, this included feeder schools, and opportunities had been provided for young people to attend Goscote to gain independent living skills. Careers Officers were based at Goscote and there were several examples of stories of difference.

A Member stated that it was important that the needs of this group of residents were listened to, and asked for assurance that those that needed the day centre were able to access it. Officers confirmed that this had been retained for individuals with complex needs, although individuals were encouraged to move on from this provision.

The financial benefits to individuals and to the Local Authority were described.

Resolved

That the re-shaping of service offer across Goscote all age hub report be noted.

88/21

Areas of Focus

Members reviewed the areas of focus proposed for the committee.

Resolved

The areas of focus was agreed.

89/21

Date of the next meeting: to be confirmed at annual council.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.10 p.m.

Chair:

Date:.....

14 July 2022

Areas of focus for 2022/23

Ward(s) All

Portfolios:

Councillor. K. Pedley – Adult Social Care
Councillor. G. Flint – Health and Wellbeing

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 social care/health service matters including health partnership matters and the public health agenda as conferred under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 within the functions set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (as amended).

The scrutinising of performance in relation to the following Council Plan priority:

- Encourage our residents to lead more active, fulfilling and independent lives to maintain or improve their health and wellbeing.

Health Scrutiny Powers

Health Scrutiny Committees have additional powers in comparison to other scrutiny committees, which are enshrined in legislation/regulations.

In summary the powers of the Health Scrutiny Committee are:

- To summon officers of health trusts to committee meetings.
- Require information from NHS bodies on the planning and provision of health services.
- Be consulted by health trusts about significant changes to service provision.
- Report to the Secretary of State for Health where:
 - the committee is concerned that consultation on substantial variations or developments of services has been inadequate.
 - the committee considers that the proposal is not in the interests of the health service.

The Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a positive relationship with local Health Partners, and receives excellent engagement with the scrutiny process.

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 the next meeting from:

Councillor K. Pedley – Adult Social Care
Councillor G. Flint – Health and Wellbeing

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 considered in the 2021-22 municipal year

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

Walsall Council

- The Adult Social Care budget
- Review of home care capacity and demand in Walsall
- Re-shaping of service Offer across Goscote all age hub
- Adult Social Care Peer challenge outcome
- The impact of resilient communities (on ASC)

Walsall CCG

- Primary Care Access

Walsall Health Care Trust

- Assurance report - CQC inspection report
- Urology services

Mental Health Services

- Older Adult Mental Health in patient provision (including decision from regulator)

Potential Items for scrutiny for 2022/23 municipal year

- The Audit Committee have recommended that there is more scrutiny of 'Proud' activity, the 'Proud' work stream relevant to this Committee is 'Adults'.
- The reset of Primary Care Access (following the pandemic).
- The revised CQC inspection regime.
- Ambulance service response times.
- Dentistry and children's dental care (issue raised by CPB).

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.

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 1 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. Due to these challenges the Scrutiny Overview Committee, at its meeting on the 16 June 2022, agreed to establish a single working group this 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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Black Country Executive Joint Committee
Forward Plan of Key Decisions **Published up to November 2022**

Date created	Key Decision	Contact Officer	Main Consultees	Date of meeting
09/05/2022	<p>Constitution and Timetable of meetings 2022/23</p> <p>Approve the timetable of meetings for 2022/23. Approve any amendments to the BCJC Constitution, Terms of Reference and Working Protocols.</p>	<p>Dr Helen Paterson ChiefExecutive@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Dudley MBC Sandwell MBC Walsall MBC City of Wolverhampton Council</p>	27/07/2022
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>	27/07/2022
Growing Places Fund				
07/02/2022	<p>Black Country Digital Strategy</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>	<p>Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Walsall Council</p>	27/07/2022

	Local Growth Fund (LGF)	Year End changes		
09/05/2022	<p>Growth Deal Year end changes</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 Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p>Wolverhampton Interchange</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 Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</p>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022
Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF)		Programme changes		

09/05/2022	<p>Land and Property Investment Fund Year End Changes</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>	Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p>Phoenix 10</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>	Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

09/05/2022	<p>i54 Western Extension</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 Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</p>	Wolverhampton City Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p>Sandwell Housing Gap Funding</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 Tony.McGovern@sandwell.gov.uk</p>	Sandwell Council	27/07/2022
	Growing Places Fund (GPF)	Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<p>Growing Places Fund Year End changes</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 Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

09/05/2022	<p>Very Light Rail Test track</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 Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022
09/05/2022	<p>Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre</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 Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022

09/05/2022	<p>Spring Road, Wolverhampton</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>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to enter into a Grant Agreement with KMN Investments Limited for the remaining grant requirement to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF), funded elements of the Spring Road Wolverhampton project with delivery to commence in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</p>	<p>Wolverhampton City Council</p>	<p>27/07/2022</p>
06/06/2022	<p>Dudley Zoo Visitor and Education Centre Development Phase</p> <p>The approval for the Accountable Body for the Black Country Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Dudley and West Midlands Zoological Society Ltd for £65,000, to deliver the Growing Places Fund (GPF), funded elements of the Dudley Zoo Visitor and Education Centre Development Phase project with delivery to commence in the 2022/23 financial year.</p>	<p>Helen Martin Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	<p>Dudley Council</p>	<p>27/07/2022</p>

	This project is to be funded from the Growing Places Fund revenue budget that has been allocated to pipeline activity.			
Getting Building Fund (GBF)		Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<p>Getting Building Fund Year End Changes</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 Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
	<p>Approval for the Very Light Rail Test Track expenditure of £319,040 in 2021/22 (currently funded from Growing Places Fund) to be reallocated to the Getting Building Fund, to utilise unspent 2021/22 budgets allocated to the National Brownfield Institute project. Note that this is subject to the West Midland Combined Authority's approval.</p>	<p>Helen Martin Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	Dudley Council	27/07/2022

Black Country Enterprise Zone (EZ)		Programme changes		
09/05/2022	<p>Black Country Enterprise Zone Year End Changes</p> <p>Parallel 9-10</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>There is also a change in the profile of output delivery for this project.</p> <p>Note that the financial position of the BC EZ projects and development funding will be confirmed in August 2022 when the final claims will be processed and verified.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson Simon.neilson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022
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>	Walsall Council	27/07/2022

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. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>	<p>Helen Martin Helen.Martin@dudley.gov.uk</p>	Dudley Council	07/09/2022
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. Note that change request relates to a change in outputs.</p>	<p>Richard Lawrence Richard.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk</p>	Wolverhampton City Council	07/09/2022



Walsall Council

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

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4 July 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 Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
AUGUST 2022 TO NOVEMBER 2022 (04.07.22)**

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
101/22 (4.4.22)	<p>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23, approach to Budget Setting for 2023/24, and changes to the council's Tax Strategy:</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>	Cabinet Key Decision	Vicky Buckley Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk	Corporate Management Team and internal services	Cllr Bird	20 July 2022
112/22 (20.6.22)	<p>Accommodation Strategy and Proud Everywhere Update:</p> <p>Final appendix of the Strategic Asset Plan to be presented and agreed with an update of the works and costs to be approved in the capital programme required across the Civic Centre, Council House and wider Corporate Estate to ensure maximisation of use of assets and fit for purpose premises for staff, members and customers</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	Strategic Asset Plan and appendices Nick Ford Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	20 July 2022

<p>98/22 (7.3.22)</p>	<p>Statutory Advocacy Services:</p> <p>To receive an update on the recommissioning of these services and delegate authority to accept and award a contract.</p> <p><i>Private session report. Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Tracy Simcox Tracy.Simcox@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal Services</p>	<p>Cllr Pedley</p>	<p>20 July 2022</p>
<p>113/22 (20.6.22)</p>	<p>Adult Social Care – Extension of contractual arrangements:</p> <p>To approve:</p> <p>1) the extension of the interim contracts for Residential and Nursing Care Services for Older People, Complex Care and Mental Health Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24</p> <p>2) the extension of the current contractual arrangements for Community Based Services from 1.4.23 to 31.3.24.</p> <p>3) the extension of the current Supported Living Framework and agreement to spot purchase supported Living placements commencing from 26.1.23 to 25.1.24</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Cabinet Report 09/09/2020</p> <p>Jean Watson Jean.Watson@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal</p>	<p>Cllr Pedley</p>	<p>20 July 2022</p>

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	7 September 2022
106/22 (6.6.22)	Treasury Management Annual Report: 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.	Council Non-Key Decision	Treasury Management Code of Practice. Richard Walley Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	7 September 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	Legal, Procurement, Finance, Economy & Environment	Cllr Andrew	7 September 2022
103/22 (9.5.22)	Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation: 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 Stuart.Crossen@walsall.gov.uk John Raine John.Raine@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	7 September 2022

115/22 (4.7.22)	Refugee Resettlement support services contract award: To approve the contract awards for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement support; 2) Afghan Refugee Resettlement support; 3) UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS). 	Cabinet Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead Neil.Hollyhead@walsall.gov.uk	Internal services, service users, external stakeholders	Cllr Ali	7 September 2022
110/22 (6.6.22)	Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2026/27: 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 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
107/22 (6.6.22)	Procurement of Corporate Landlord Strategic Partner: 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 Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	19 October 2022

<p>116/22 (4.7.22)</p>	<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; 	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Rashida Hussain</p> <p>Rashida.Hussain@walsall.gov.uk</p>	<p>Internal services, service users, external stakeholders</p>	<p>Cllr Ali</p>	<p>19 October 2022</p>
<p>109/22 (6.6.22)</p>	<p>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2023/24:</p> <p>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</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>