



## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan sets out decisions that are termed as “key decisions” at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken by the Executive (Cabinet). Also included on the plan are other decisions to be taken by the Cabinet (“non-key decisions”). Preparation of the forward plan helps the Council to programme its work. The purpose of the forward plan is to give plenty of notice and an opportunity for consultation on the issues to be discussed. The plan is updated each month with the period of the plan being rolled forward by one month and republished. Copies of the plan can be obtained from Democratic Services, Walsall MBC, Council House, Walsall, WS1 1TW [craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk) and can also be accessed from the Council’s website at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://www.walsall.gov.uk). The Cabinet is allowed to make urgent decisions which do not appear in the forward plan, however, a notice will be included on the agenda for the relevant Cabinet meeting which explains the reasons why.

Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change. Please contact the above addressee if you wish to check the date for a particular item.

The Cabinet agenda and reports are available for inspection by the public 7 days prior to the meeting of the Cabinet on the Council’s website. Background papers are listed on each report submitted to the Cabinet and members of the public are entitled to see these documents unless they are confidential. The report also contains the name and telephone number of a contact officer. These details can also be found in the forward plan.

Meetings of the Cabinet are open to the public. Occasionally there are items included on the agenda which are confidential and for those items the public will be asked to leave the meeting. The forward plan will show where this is intended and the reason why the reports are confidential. Enquiries regarding these reasons should be directed to Democratic Services ([craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk)).

“Key decisions” are those decisions which have a significant effect within the community or which involve considerable expenditure or savings. With regard to key decisions the Council’s Constitution states:

- (1) A key decision is:
  - (i) any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant, having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
  - (ii) any decision that is likely to have significant impact on two or more wards within the borough.
- (2) The threshold for “significant” expenditure/savings is £500,000.
- (3) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS  
MARCH 2023 TO JUNE 2023 (06.02.23)**

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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
141/22 (10.10.22)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23:</b>  To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 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>	Corporate Management Team and Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023
142/22 (10.10.22)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2023/24 – 2026/27, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2023/24:</b>  To recommend the final budget and council tax for approval by Council.	Cabinet  Council  Key decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Council tax payers, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations  Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023  Council 23 February 2023
150/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Payments Project Contract Award:</b>  To award a contract to Capita/Pay360 Ltd (soon to be Access Group Ltd) for the provision of Pay 360 Licences and Capita/Pay360 Ltd services.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Janice Freeman-Phillips  <a href="mailto:Janice.Freeman-Phillips@walsall.gov.uk">Janice.Freeman-Phillips@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023

7/23 (9.1.23)	<b>TUPE transfer of Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Economic Intelligence Team:</b>  To consider the transfer of the Black Country LEP Economic Intelligence Team to Walsall Council.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Stephen Gunther  <a href="mailto:Stephen.Gunther@walsall.gov.uk">Stephen.Gunther@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	8 February 2023
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	8 February 2023
1/23 (9.1.23)	<b>Derelict Sites Intervention:</b>  That various key derelict sites be appraised and prioritised for intervention and that authority be delegated to pursue Compulsory Purchase Orders where appropriate.  <i>This will be a private report containing exempt information.</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Philippa Venables  <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	8 February 2023
9/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Changes to the council's bus lane provision:</b>  To agree the council's approach to responding to a request to grant access to bus lanes for private hire vehicles.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Dave Brown  <a href="mailto:Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk">Dave.Brown@Walsall.gov.uk</a>  Background paper: Council meeting minutes 07 January 23	Internal services  Transport for West Midlands  Enhanced Partnership reference group	Cllr Andrew	8 February 2023

8/23 (9.1.22)	<b>We Are Walsall 2040:</b> To consider the draft We are Walsall 2040 strategy and consultation framework.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Karen Griffiths <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	8 February 2023
151/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Introduction of Council Tax Premium on unoccupied but furnished properties:</b> Levy the premium on properties that are unoccupied and unfurnished for more than 12 months. Effective from 1 April 24	Cabinet Council Key Decision	Mark Fearn <a href="mailto:Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk">Mark.Fearn@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Part of budget consultation	Cllr Ali	8 February 2023  Council 23 February 2023
156/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Healthy Lifestyles Contract and Smoking Cessation Contract Extensions:</b> To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing. This will allow them to extend contracts on behalf of the Council and to subsequently authorise the variations to the contractual arrangements for the services should this be required at any time during the term, in line with Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Rules.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Joe Holding <a href="mailto:Joe.Holding@walsall.gov.uk">Joe.Holding@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	8 February 2023
2/23 (9.1.23)	<b>Adult Social Care Market Sustainability Plan:</b> 1. To consider the outputs of Phase 2 Fair Cost of Care Exercise in Walsall and note the potential implications for	Cabinet  Key Decision	Tony Meadows <a href="mailto:Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk">Tony.Meadows@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Adult Social Care service providers  Internal Services	Cllr Pedley	8 February 2023

	<p>Adult Social Care fee rate setting and budgets.</p> <p>2. To note the content of the final Market Sustainability Plan briefing paper.</p> <p>3. To seek delegated authority for the Portfolio holder, Adult Social Care and the Executive Director, Adult Social Care to approve the final Market Sustainability Plan submission to Department for Health and Social Care.</p>			Local Integrated Care Board		
3/23 (9.1.23)	<p><b>Determination of the Scheme for coordinated admissions, and the Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools for the 2022/23 academic year</b></p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Alex Groom  <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Statham	8 February 2023
152/22 (7.11.22)	<p><b>Renewal of the Council's Oracle Cloud Licenses:</b></p> <p>To renew the Council's Oracle cloud Licenses required for the operation of the Council's One Source system for HR, Payroll, Finance and Procurement from May 2023</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Ian Tuft  <a href="mailto:Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Tuft@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird Cllr Ferguson	22 March 2023
162/22 (5.12.22)	<p><b>Approval of the Black Country Joint Committee Collaboration Agreement:</b></p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Resources and</p>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Kelly Valente  <a href="mailto:Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk">Kelly.Valente@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Bird	22 March 2023

	Transformation to enter into legal agreements with WMCA relating to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Legacy funds.					
10/23 (6.2.23)	<b>LGA Corporate Peer Challenge – Action Plan:</b>  To approve the Action Plan produced in response to the report by the Local Government Association following the January 2023 Corporate Peer Challenge.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Karen Griffiths <a href="mailto:Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk">Karen.Griffiths@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Elizabeth Connolly <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	22 March 2023
145/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Town Centre Theatre Project:</b>  To agree next steps for the Town Deal Theatre project, setting out funding implications and options.  <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet  Key Decision	Philippa Venables <a href="mailto:Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk">Philippa.Venables@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Andrew	22 March 2023
4/23 (9.1.23)	<b>West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2023/24:</b>  To approve West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2023/24.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Matt Crowton <a href="mailto:Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk">Matt.Crowton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 March 2023
5/23 (9.1.23)	<b>Sandwell Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation:</b>  To approve Walsall's response to the Sandwell Local Plan consultation.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Neville Ball <a href="mailto:neville.ball@walsall.gov.uk">neville.ball@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	22 March 2023

153/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Walsall's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2022 to 2027:</b>  To approve Walsall's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, 2022 to 2027.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Neil Hollyhead  <a href="mailto:Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk">Neil.HollyHead@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, service users, external stakeholders	Cllr Ali	22 March 2023
11/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Walsall Civic Centre and Council House improvement works</b>  To approve Council House improvement works including heating and ventilation replacement; fire alarm replacement; Civic Centre window replacement; Civic Centre ground floor refurbishment.	Cabinet Key Decision	Ian Lister  <a href="mailto:Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk">Ian.Lister@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Ferguson	22 March 2023
6/23 (9.1.23)	<b>Borough Playing Pitch Strategy:</b>  To adopt and publish the Walsall Playing pitches strategy and the Black Country strategic framework	Cabinet  Key Decision	Liz Stuffins  <a href="mailto:Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk">Liz.Stuffins@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Flint	22 March 2023
12/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Street Scene Strategy:</b>  To approve the councils 5-year plan for residential streets	Cabinet  Key decision	Kathryn Moreton  <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@Walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr Murphy	22 March 2023
13/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Trading Standards Letting Agents Enforcement Policy</b>  To approve Walsall Council's Trading Standards policy on the enforcement and determination of financial penalties in circumstances where persons engaged in letting agency work and property management business fail to comply with legislative requirements.	Cabinet  Key decision	David Elrington  <a href="mailto:David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk">David.Elrington@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	22 March 2023



129/22 (5.9.22)	<b>Update on Resilient Communities Safer Streets Programme:</b>  To report back on Safer Streets activity and recommend any adjustments/additions to the programme.	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Paul Gordon  <a href="mailto:Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Gordon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	22 March 2023
140/22 (10.10.22)	<b>High Needs Funding Formula:</b>  To approve changes to the High Needs Funding Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant – High Needs Block to schools in Walsall for the 2023/24 financial year	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services, Schools Forum	Cllr M. Statham	22 March 2023
154/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Early Years Funding Formula:</b>  That Cabinet approves the Early Years Formula, as agreed by Schools Forum, to be used for the allocation of funding to early years providers in Walsall	Cabinet  Key Decision	Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	22 March 2023
14/23 (6.2.23)	<b>Growth Funding for Schools:</b>  To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its duty to secure sufficient primary and secondary school places, through the adoption of a policy for the application of revenue funding for school growth.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Alex Groom  <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Schools Forum	Cllr Statham	22 March 2023
155/22 (7.11.22)	<b>Council Plan: Review of Achievements 2021/22:</b>  To note the Review of Achievements for 2021/22, highlighting successes and	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Meresh Kumari  <a href="mailto:Meresh.Kumari@walsall.gov.uk">Meresh.Kumari@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	19 April 2023

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