



**Walsall Council**

## **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

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## FORWARD PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS  
NOVEMBER 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024 (02.10.2023)**

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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
26/23 (5.6.23)	<p><b>Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2027/28</b></p> <p>To provide an updated medium term financial outlook, draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28, including savings proposals, and to set out the process and timescales for setting a legally balanced budget for 2024/25.</p>	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023
32/23 (3.7.23)	<p><b>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q1 23/24</b></p> <p>To note the Quarter 1 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25</p>	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Elizabeth Connolly  <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk">Elizabeth.Connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023
27/23 (5.6.23)	<p><b>Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24</b></p> <p>To report the financial position based on 6 months to September 2023.</p>	Cabinet  Non-key Decision	Vicky Buckley  <a href="mailto:Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk">Vicky.Buckley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023

48/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Armed Forces Covenant</b> To approve the new Walsall Armed Forces Covenant.	Cabinet Non-key Decision	Katie Moreton <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	18 October 2023
40/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)</b> To seek approval for the adoption and publication of guidance on BNG, the publication of the Black Country Local Nature Recovery Map and Strategy, and its use as a working document	Cabinet Key Decision	The Black Country Local Nature Recovery Map and Strategy Sammy Pritchard <a href="mailto:Sammy.Pritchard@walsall.gov.uk">Sammy.Pritchard@walsall.gov.uk</a> David Holloway <a href="mailto:David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk">David.Holloway@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023
41/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Willenhall Framework Plan: Phase 1 Developer Partner Procurement Outcome and Award</b> To provide an update on the outcome of the developer partner procurement <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Kauser Agha <a href="mailto:Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk">Kauser.Agha@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services, Legal (external)	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023
42/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Sale of the Former Allens Centre, Hilton Road, Willenhall</b> To seek approval for the sale of the former Allens Centre in Willenhall. <i>This will be a private session report containing commercially sensitive information.</i>	Cabinet Key Decision	Nick Ford <a href="mailto:Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk">Nick.Ford@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Andrew	18 October 2023

43/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Integrated sexual and reproductive health services and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19 Section 75 Agreement Extensions</b>  To seek approval for the extension of the Section 75 agreement for the delivery of integrated sexual and reproductive health services and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Esther Higdon  <a href="mailto:Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk">Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services  Walsall Healthcare Trust	Cllr Flint	18 October 2023
33/23 (3.7.23)	<b>Winter Service Operational Plan 2023- 2028</b>  To approve the winter service operational plan.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Paul Leighton  <a href="mailto:Paul.Leighton@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Leighton@walsall.gov.uk</a>  Graham Wallis  <a href="mailto:Graham.Wallis@walsall.gov.uk">Graham.Wallis@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	18 October 2023
44/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Street Lighting Post-PFI Arrangements</b>  To approve the service delivery model for the street lighting service from April 2028.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Katie Moreton  <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk">Kathryn.Moreton@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Murphy	18 October 2023
45/23 (4.9.23)	<b>Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2023/24</b>  The Food Standards Agency (FSA) requires all local authorities to prepare an annual service delivery plan to reflect the work required of food authorities by the FSA, under the requirements of the Food Standards Act 1999 and the framework agreement on local authority	Cabinet  Council  Non-key Decision	Paul Rooney  <a href="mailto:Paul.Rooney@walsall.gov.uk">Paul.Rooney@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Perry	Cabinet 18 October 2023  Council 6 November 2023

	enforcement. In accordance with this requirement a Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2023/24 has been prepared and a decision is required from members to obtain authority to approve this plan.					
34/23 (3.7.23)	<b>Early Years Funding Formula 2023/24:</b>  That Cabinet approves changes to the Early Years Funding Formula for 2023/24 following notification of an increase in the hourly funding rates.	Cabinet  Key Decision	ESFA – Early Years funding operational guide  Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.Walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	18 October 2023
35/23 (3.7.23)	<b>Schools Mainstream Local Funding Formula 2024/25:</b>  That Cabinet approves the Mainstream Local Funding Formula, to be used for the allocation of mainstream funding to schools in Walsall.	Cabinet  Key Decision	ESFA – Schools revenue funding operation guide  Richard Walley  <a href="mailto:Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk">Richard.walley@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Schools Forum  Internal Services	Cllr M. Statham	18 October 2023
46/23 (4.9.23)	<b>SEN Place Requirement</b>  To approve finance for additional special educational needs school places.	Cabinet  Key Decision	Alex Groom  <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal services	Cllr M. Statham	18 October 2023
37/23 (7.8.23)	<b>Autumn Budget and Spending Review, and feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on draft revenue and capital budget proposals 2024/25 to 2027/28</b>  To provide an update on the impact of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review on the medium-term financial outlook, and to consider feedback from	Cabinet  Non-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	13 December 2023

	Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the draft revenue and capital budget.					
38/23 (7.8.23)	<p><b>Treasury Management Mid Year Position Statement 2023/24</b></p> <p>To note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (and in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017), the mid year report for treasury management activities 2023/24 including prudential and local indicators.</p>	Council Non-key Decision	<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>	Internal services	Cllr Ferguson	13 December 2023
49/23 (2.10.23)	<p><b>Technology Strategy 2023/24 – 2027/28</b></p> <p>To approve the Technology Strategy, which outlines the Council's approach to investing in and implementing technology, which will support the delivery of the Council Plan and enable transformation change</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Sharon Worrall</p> <p><a href="mailto:Sharon.worrall@walsall.gov.uk">Sharon.worrall@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal services	Cllr Ferguson	13 December 2023
39/23 (7.8.23)	<p><b>Strategic Leisure Review</b></p> <p>To update on the performance and impact of the four leisure facilities. To approve recommendations around the current and future facility stock.</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Stuart Webb</p> <p><a href="mailto:Stuart.Webb@walsall.gov.uk">Stuart.Webb@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal services	Cllr Flint	13 December 2023
36/23 (7.8.23)	<p><b>Healthy Eating for Children and Young People Programme</b></p> <p>To seek approval to procure a new healthy eating and weight management</p>	Cabinet Key Decision	<p>Esther Higdon</p> <p><a href="mailto:Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk">Esther.Higdon@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	Internal Services Walsall Healthcare Trust	Cllr Flint	13 December 2023

	programme for children and young people in Walsall.					
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 M. Statham	13 December 2023
50/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Corporate Financial Performance 2023/24:</b> To report the financial position based on 9 months to December 2023.	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	7 February 2024
51/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Corporate Budget Plan 2024/25 – 2027/28, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2024/25:</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,  Corporate Management Team and Internal Services	Cllr Bird	Cabinet 7 February 2024  Council 22 February 2024
52/23 (2.10.23)	<b>Council Plan 2022/25 – Q2 23/24:</b> To note the Quarter 2 2023/24 (outturn) performance against the Markers of Success in the Council Plan 2022/25.	Cabinet  Non-key decision	Elizabeth Connolly  <a href="mailto:elizabeth.connolly@walsall.gov.uk">elizabeth.connolly@walsall.gov.uk</a>	Internal Services	Cllr Bird	7 February 2024



<p>54/23 (2.10.23)</p>	<p><b>Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy 2023 - 2026</b></p> <p>To approve an interim commissioning strategy.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Nigel Imber – <a href="mailto:Nigel.Imber@Walsall.Gov.uk">Nigel.Imber@Walsall.Gov.uk</a></p> <p>Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund 2023 to 2024 - Capacity Plan</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p> <p>Walsall Wellbeing outcomes framework</p>	<p>Internal consultees</p> <p>Local and regional partners</p>	<p>Cllr Pedley</p>	<p>7 February 2024</p>
<p>53/23 (2.10.23)</p>	<p><b>Determination of the Scheme for coordinated admissions, and the Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools for the 2025/26 academic year:</b></p> <p>To determine the scheme of admissions and admission arrangements for community and voluntary-controlled primary schools for 2025-26.</p>	<p>Cabinet Key Decision</p>	<p>Alex Groom <a href="mailto:Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk">Alex.Groom@walsall.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Internal consultees</p> <p>Public</p> <p>Local Authorities</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>Faith Groups</p>	<p>Cllr M. Statham</p>	<p>7 February 2024</p>